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Spanish PM halts public duties to 'reflect' as wife faces corruption probe

Barcelona. Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez denied corruption allegations against his wife but said he will consider resigning after the launch Wednesday of a judicial investigation into accusations by a right-wing legal platform that she used her position to influence business deals. Sanchez said in a letter posted on his X account that while the allegations against his wife Begona Gomez are false, he is cancelling his public agenda until Monday, when he will announce whether he will continue or step down. "I need to stop and reflect," Sanchez wrote. "I must answer the question if it is worth it to continue, given the mud pit the right and far right have made out of our politics, if I must continue at the helm of the government or renounce that highest of honours." "I need to stop and reflect," Sanchez wrote. "I must answer the question if it is worth it to continue, given the mud pit the right and far right have made out of our politics, if I must continue at the helm of the government or renounce that highest of honours." Begona will defend her honour and collaborate with the justice system in every way that is required to clarify that these facts that appear scandalous are in fact nonexistent," Sanchez said.

Gomez, 49, does not hold public office and maintains a low political profile.

Manos Limpias, or "Clean Hands," accuses Gomez of allegedly having used her position to influence business deals. The court did not provide further information and said that the probe was under seal.

Manos Limpias describes itself as a union, but its main activity is a platform pursuing legal cases. Many have been linked to right-wing causes. It acts as the "popular prosecution," a peculiarity of Spanish law that allows individuals or entities to take part in certain criminal cases even when they haven't been directly harmed by the accused. Justice Minister Felix Bolaños called the new allegations "false." Second Deputy Prime Minister Yolanda Diaz, the leader of the junior member of Sanchez's government, publicly backed him against "this offensive by the Right." The possibility of a governmental crisis comes just weeks before important regional elections in Catalonia followed by European elections in June. Sanchez accused online news sites politically aligned with the leading opposition conservative Popular Party and the far right Vox party of spreading what he called "spurious" allegations that he said led to the judicial probe.

EU urges probe into reported mass graves at Gaza hospitals

World The European Union on Wednesday backed a United Nations demand for an independent probe into the reported discovery of mass graves at two Gaza hospitals destroyed in Israeli sieges.

"This is something that forces us to call for an independent investigation of all the suspicions and all the circumstances, because indeed it creates the impression that there might have been violations of international human rights committed," EU spokesman Peter Stano said. "That's why it's important to have independent investigation and to ensure accountability." The UN rights office said Tuesday international investigators should be involved in a probe into the discovery of the bodies. The UN rights office said it was "horrified" by the destruction of Gaza's two biggest hospitals, Al-Shifa in Gaza City and the Nasser Medical Complex in Khan Yunis.

Gaza's Civil Defence agency said Tuesday that health workers uncovered nearly 340 bodies of people allegedly killed and buried by Israeli forces at the Nasser complex. Israel's army called claims that its troops had buried bodies during its operation at Nasser "baseless and unfounded." The army has said around 200 militants were killed, and weapons stockpiles recovered, during its operation at Al-Shifa.

Around 30 bodies were reported found buried in two graves in the Al-Shifa courtyard. Hospitals, which have protection under international law, have repeatedly come under Israeli bombardment over more than six months of war in Gaza. Israel has accused Palestinian militant group Hamas of using medical facilities as command centres and to hold hostages abducted during its attack inside Israel on October 7 which set off the war. Hamas has denied the claims. The October 7 attack resulted in the deaths of around 1,170 people in Israel, according to an AFP tally of Israeli official figures.

US student protesters dig in as Israel-Hamas war grinds on

NEW YORK. Yazen has slept on Columbia University's south lawn almost every night for more than a week now, one of several dozen students living at the prestigious school's "Gaza Solidarity Encampment."

The 23-year-old Palestinian-American has been splitting his days between his medical studies at Columbia's historic Butler Library, adjacent to the smooth green lawn, and the upkeep of the colorful tents on the school's main campus, in the heart of New York City.

Since last Monday, dozens of students and alumni have come together to express solidarity with Palestinians in Gaza, where Israel is waging war against militant group Hamas. They are demanding Columbia divest from companies with ties to Israel -- and the demonstrations are spreading to other campuses around the United States. A burgeoning number of protesters now keep vigil daily at Columbia, though numbers ebb and flow from the dozens to the hundreds as students join just for the day, leave to study -- or, in Yazen's case, go home to feed his cat. "Millions of Palestinians in Gaza are sleeping out in the cold every single night without access to food and shelter," said Yazen, who did not give his surname. "We have tents, they don't have tents," he said. He's determined to stay, even after the university last week called in the police, leading to the arrest and suspension of more than 100 students. "As a Palestinian, it is my responsibility to be here and show my solidarity with the people in Gaza? Absolutely," Yazen said.

School 'made it worse'

Universities have become the focus of intense cultural debate in the United States since Hamas's October 7 attack and Israel's overwhelming military response, as a humanitarian crisis grips the Palestinian territory of Gaza. The protest at Columbia has hosted speakers and music performances, Islamic prayers and seder meals for the Jewish holiday of Passover, which began Monday.

US secretly sent long-range missiles to Ukraine to aid Russia fight: Report

Washington The United States in recent weeks secretly shipped long-range missiles to Ukraine for use in its battle to fight off Russian invaders, and Ukraine has now used them twice, a US official said on Wednesday. The missiles were contained in a \$300 million military aid package for Ukraine that US President Joe Biden approved on March 12, said the US official, speaking on condition of anonymity. The official would not say how many of the missiles were sent. White House national security adviser Jake Sullivan, at a briefing for reporters, confirmed that a "significant number" of the missiles had been sent to Ukraine and said "we will send more." He said Ukraine has committed to only use the weapons inside Ukraine, not in Russia. Some of the missiles were contained in a \$1 billion weapons package for Ukraine that President Joe Biden approved on Wednesday, Sullivan said. The missiles were used for the first time in the early hours of April 17, launched against a Russian airfield in Crimea that was about 165 km (103 miles) from the Ukrainian front lines, the official said. The official said Ukraine used the weapon a second time overnight



against Russian forces in southeastern Ukraine. Whether to send the Army Tactical Missile Systems (ATACMS) with a range up to 300 km was a subject of debate within the Biden administration for months. Mid-range ATACMS were supplied last September. The Pentagon initially opposed the long-range missile deployment, fearing the loss of the missiles from the American stockpile would hurt U.S. military readiness. There were also concerns that Ukraine would

use them to attack targets deep inside Russia. Russia's use of North Korean-supplied long-range ballistic missiles against Ukraine in December and January, despite U.S. public and private warnings not to do so, led to a change in heart, the U.S. official said. Also a factor in US decision-making was Russia's targeting of Ukraine's critical infrastructure, the official said. "We warned Russia about those things," the official said. "They renewed their targeting." In late January

the US military found a way to satisfy their concerns about military readiness, which enabled the administration to move forward. They began acquiring new missiles coming off the Lockheed-Martin production line. Biden met with his national security team in mid-February and agreed to accept the unanimous recommendation of his advisers to send the missiles to Ukraine. Involved in the discussion were national security adviser Jake Sullivan, Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin, Secretary of State Antony Blinken and Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman CQ Brown. The challenge at that point was to figure out how to pay for the missiles. The United States had exhausted all of its funding options and congressional gridlock stymied further aid. An opportunity arose in March, when several Pentagon contracts came in under bid. Biden was able to use the difference to send \$300 million in assistance to Ukraine. Biden told his team to include the long-range ATACMS in this funding package, but to do so secretly in order to maintain operational security and the element of surprise for Ukraine, the official said.

Donald Trump's aide, lawyer among 18 indicted in 2020 US election case

World An Arizona grand jury has indicted former President Donald Trump's chief of staff Mark Meadows, lawyer Rudy Giuliani and 16 others for their efforts to use so-called fake electors to try to overturn Trump's loss to Joe Biden in the 2020 presidential election. The indictment released Wednesday names 11 Republicans who submitted a document to Congress falsely declaring that Trump won Arizona in 2020, including the former state party chair, a 2022 US Senate candidate and two sitting state lawmakers. They're charged with nine counts each of conspiracy, fraud and forgery. The identities of seven other defendants, including Giuliani and Meadows, were not immediately released because they had not yet been served with the charges. Trump, who is described in the indictment as an unindicted co-conspirator, has argued that he can't be prosecuted for acts he committed while serving as president. The US Supreme Court on Thursday will hear arguments on his bid to avoid federal prosecution over his efforts to

reverse his loss. With the indictments, Arizona becomes the fourth state where allies of the former president have been charged with using false or unproven claims about voter fraud related to the election. Heading into a likely November rematch with Biden, Trump continues to spread lies about the last election that are echoed by many of his supporters. "I will not allow American democracy to be undermined," Democratic state Attorney General Kris Mayes said in a video released by her office. "It's too important." The Associated Press was able to determine the identities of the unnamed defendants based on their descriptions in the document. One is an attorney "who was often identified as the Mayor" and spread false allegations of election fraud, which clearly describes Giuliani. Another is Trump's "chief of staff in 2020," which describes Meadows. Descriptions of other unnamed defendants point to Mike Roman, who was Trump's director of Election Day operations; John Eastman, a lawyer who devised a

strategy to try to persuade Congress not to certify the election; and Christina Bobb, a lawyer who worked with Giuliani. Eastman and Bobb did not respond to text messages seeking comment, nor did a lawyer who is representing Roman in a case in Georgia. George Terwilliger, a lawyer representing Meadows, said he had not yet seen the indictment but if Meadows is named, "it is a blatantly political and politicized accusation and will be contested and defeated." Giuliani's political adviser, Ted Goodman, decried what he called "the continued weaponization of our justice system." The 11 people who had been nominated to be Arizona's Republican electors met in Phoenix on Dec. 14, 2020, to sign a certificate saying they were "duly elected and qualified" electors and claiming that Trump carried the state. A one-minute video of the signing ceremony was posted on social media by the Arizona Republican Party at the time. The document was later sent to Congress and the National Archives.

Coalition vessel intercepts anti-ship ballistic missile as Houthis attack US ship

Cairo. A coalition vessel successfully engaged one anti-ship ballistic missile (ASBM) launched from the Iranian-backed Houthi "terrorist-controlled areas" in Yemen over the Gulf of Aden, the US Central Command (USCENTCOM) said on Thursday. "The ASB was likely targeting the MV Yorktown, a US-flagged, owned, and operated vessel with 18 US and four Greek crew members," USCENTCOM said in a statement. "There were no injuries or damage reported by US, coalition, or commercial ships," it added. Separately, USCENTCOM said it "successfully engaged and destroyed four airborne unmanned aerial vehicles (UAV) over Houthi-controlled areas of Yemen." The ASBM and UAVs presented an imminent threat to US, coalition, and merchant vessels in the region, it said. Iranian-backed Houthi militants in Yemen attacked the US ship Maersk Yorktown, an



American destroyer in the Gulf of Aden and Israeli ship MSC Veracruz in the Indian Ocean, Houthi military spokesperson Yahya Saree said in a televised speech on Wednesday. Yemen's Houthis have been attacking ships in the Red Sea region since November in what they say is a campaign of solidarity with Palestinians fighting Israel in Gaza. Separately, British maritime security firm Ambrey said earlier on Wednesday that it was aware of an incident southwest of the port city of Aden, an area where the Houthis often target ships they say are linked to Israel or the US. The vessel reported an explosion in the water about 72 nautical miles east-southeast of Djibouti, an updated advisory from Ambrey said. Houthi attacks have disrupted global shipping through the Suez Canal, forcing firms to re-route to longer and more expensive journeys around southern Africa. The United States and Britain have launched strikes on Houthi targets in Yemen.

Malala Yousafzai says 'No confusion about my support for Gaza' after flak

World Nobel laureate Malala Yousafzai on Thursday condemned Israel and reaffirmed her support for Palestinians in Gaza, after a backlash in her native Pakistan over a Broadway musical she co-produced with former US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton. Yousafzai, who was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2014, has been condemned by some for partnering with Clinton, an outspoken supporter of Israel's war against Hamas. The musical, titled "Suffs," depicts the American women's suffrage campaign for the right to vote in the 20th century and has been playing in New York since last week. "I want there to be no confusion about my support for the people of Gaza," Yousafzai wrote on X, the former Twitter. "We do not need to see more dead bodies, bombed schools and starving children to understand that a ceasefire is urgent and necessary." She added: "I have and will continue to

condemn the Israeli government for its violations of international law and war crimes." Pakistan has seen many fiercely emotional pro-Palestinian protests since the war in Gaza began last October. Yousafzai's "theatre collaboration with Hillary Clinton -- who stands for America's unequivocal support for genocide of Palestinians -- is a huge blow to her credibility as a human rights activist," popular Pakistani columnist Mehr Tarar wrote on social media platform X on Wednesday. "I consider it utterly tragic." Whilst Clinton has backed a military campaign to remove Hamas and rejected demands for a ceasefire, she has also explicitly called for protection for Palestinian civilians. Yousafzai has publicly condemned the civilian casualties and called for a ceasefire in Gaza. The New York Times reported the 26-year-old wore a red-and-black pin to the "Suffs" premier

last Thursday, signifying her support for a ceasefire. But author and academic Nida Kirmani said on X that Yousafzai's decision to partner with Clinton was "maddening and heartbreaking at the same time. What an utter disappointment." The war began with an unprecedented Hamas attack on Israel on October 7 that resulted in the deaths of around 1,170 people, according to an AFP tally of Israeli official figures. Hamas militants also abducted 250 people and Israel estimates 129 of them remain in Gaza, including 34 who the military says are dead. Clinton served as America's top diplomat during former president Barack Obama's administration, which oversaw a campaign of drone strikes targeting Taliban militants in Pakistan and Afghanistan's borders. Yousafzai earned her Nobel Peace Prize after being shot in the head.

Reliance Jio Overtakes China Mobile to Become World's Largest Mobile Operator

RNS I Mumbai: Reliance Jio, India's leading telecom operator, has achieved a significant milestone by surpassing China Mobile to become the world's largest mobile operator in data traffic consumption, according to media reports. In the January-March quarter, the total data traffic on the Jio network reached 40.9 Exabytes, exceeding China Mobile's 38 Exabytes, as reported by Moneycontrol citing data from global analytics firm Tefficient. Jio, the telecom arm of Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL), also boasts the world's second-largest 5G subscriber base, with 108 million subscribers. Over 28% of Jio's total wireless data traffic is attributed to 5G users, highlighting the company's rapid adoption of advanced technologies. Analysts expect Jio's market share to continue growing, with projec-



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For FY25, Jio's key priorities include expanding its home broadband segment through JioFiber and JioAirFiber subscriber bases, as well as scaling up digital services. Jio currently holds the position of India's largest wired broadband operator, with a subscriber base 43 percent larger than that of Bharti Airtel as of February 2024. The success of JioAirFiber across 5,900 towns is driving demand for home broadband, with strong engagement due to content bundling. Average daily data usage for JioAirFiber subscribers is around 13GB, 30 percent higher than that for JioFiber subscribers. Analysts suggest that Jio's focus on AirFiber will prompt Bharti Airtel to accelerate the roll-outs of Fixed Wireless Access (FWA) services, indicating a potential shift in the broadband market landscape in India.

Vedanta ESL Steel trumps competition, wins Gold Medal for Best Safety Practices

RNS I Bokaro: ESL Steel Limited, a prominent steel producer in India and part of the Vedanta Group, has been recognized for its commitment to excellence, innovation, and environmental stewardship. The company was awarded the Gold Award at the 5th CII National EHS Circle Competition, organized by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), which received 59 entries across 7 categories from organizations nationwide. The winning project, "Improving Safety with AI-enabled Camera Detection," was recognized under the category of "Best Organisation adopting exemplary Safety Practices." The project focused on using AI-enabled advanced camera detection to proactively identify and mitigate safety risks, enhancing the safety of ESL employees. The team behind this project, comprising Safety and Digital personnel led by Samir



From left to right Samir Das, Abhishek Paul, Jaweria Mazhar and K Sandeep

Das, delivered a compelling presentation that impressed the jury and showcased ESL Steel Limited's commitment to excellence and innovation in Environment, Health & Safety. Ravish Sharma, Chief Operating Officer of ESL Steel Limited, expressed pride in receiving the prestigious award, highlighting Vedanta ESL's reputation in the manufacturing industry for its exemplary

safety and environmental practices. He emphasized the company's dedication to fostering a culture of safety and sustainability. ESL Steel Limited's Business Excellence Team, led by Meenakshi Sabharwal and supported by Vinay Bhushan Kumar and Shalu Priya, actively participates in various national and international competitions to showcase the company's progress, innova-

tion, and industry best practices. Located in Siyaljori village, Bokaro district, Jharkhand, ESL Steel Limited operates a 2.5 million tonnes per annum (MTPA) greenfield integrated steel plant. The plant produces pig iron, billets, TMT bars, wire rods, and ductile iron pipes, adhering to stringent environmental standards and offering world-class products and services.

JD(U) Leader Saurabh Kumar Shot Dead in Patna

RNS I Patnas: Tragedy struck in Patna as Janata Dal (United) leader Saurabh Kumar was fatally shot late Wednesday night while returning from a function. The incident occurred around midnight, with Saurabh Kumar reportedly shot twice in the head by four assailants on bikes. Another individual, identified as Munmun, who was accompanying him, sustained three gunshot wounds and is in serious condition. Both victims were immediately taken to a hospital, where Saurabh Kumar was pronounced dead on arrival. Munmun is currently undergoing treatment for his injuries. SDPO Kanahaiya Singh confirmed the details of the incident and the victims' conditions. Expressing grief over the incident, JD(U) leader Abhishek Jha described it as "extremely unfortunate, condemnable, and sad."

He offered condolences to the bereaved family and assured that a police team has been deployed at the victim's house, with an investigation underway. In response to the murder, a special team from the Patna Police initiated an investigation at the scene. The incident led to a protest by locals, who blocked a road for several hours in anger. Misa Bharti, daughter of politician Lalu Prasad Yadav, visited Punpun upon hearing the news to meet with the victim's family. Saurabh Kumar was a youth leader associated with Nitish Kumar's party. The shooting occurred after campaigning concluded for the five Lok Sabha seats in the state, ahead of the second phase of polling scheduled for April 26. The motive behind the attack remains unclear, and investigations are ongoing.

Fatal fire erupts in Patna hotel, claiming 6 lives, injuring dozens



by Suresh Pd Nikhar

Patna: A tragic fire engulfed a hotel in Patna, Bihar, claiming the lives of several individuals and injuring many others. The fire, which began at the Pal Hotel, quickly spread to neighboring buildings before being brought under control by firefighters. The incident resulted in the death of at least six people, with several others critically injured and receiving treatment at a local hospital. Firefighters worked tirelessly for over three hours to extinguish the blaze and rescue over 20 individuals trapped in the hotel. The cause of the fire is still under investigation, and authorities are yet to determine the identities of the deceased. Senior Superintendent of Police, Rajeev Mishra, stated that the injured are being rushed to the hospital for medical attention. The fire started in Hotel Pal and later spread to Hotel Amit and other nearby buildings. Officials have confirmed the recovery of one body from Hotel Pal and the remains of a mother and daughter from Hotel Amit. Fire brigade officials deployed seven to eight fire tenders to control the blaze, which also resulted in the destruction of several vehicles in the vicinity. DIG (Fire), Mrityunjay Kumar Chaudhary, assured reporters that a thorough investigation would be conducted to determine the cause of the fire.

Chinmaya Vidyalaya Bokaro students excels in JEE Mains

108 qualifies for the JEE Advanced



RNS I Bokaro: Chinmaya Vidyalaya in Bokaro has achieved outstanding results in the JEE Mains 2023-24, with 108 students qualifying for the JEE Advanced. Animesh Rai secured the top position in the school with an impressive 99.802 percentile, followed by Ayush Kumar and Rishabh Kumar with 99.733 and 99.7211 percentiles, respectively. The school's overall performance has been exceptional, with many students showing improvement in the second session. More students are expected to qualify for the JEE Advanced as contact is established with those currently out of the city. Principal Suraj Sharma expressed his delight at the school's consistent improvement in JEE Mains and other competitive exams, anticipating even higher achievements in the future. He congratulated all successful students, their parents, and the teachers for their hard work and guidance. Several students achieved above 99 percentile, including Shubham Anand (99.6809), while 45 students scored above 95 percentile. The school's management committee, along with senior teachers, congratulated the successful students and wished them continued success. Shubham Anand, known for his exceptional talent, scored 99.223 and 99.6809 percentiles in the two phases of JEE Mains, despite being a biology student. He aspires to pursue a career in medicine and is expected to excel in NEET 2024, serving as an inspiration to his peers. Swamini, Samyukta Nanda Saraswati, (Acharya Chinmoy Mission Center Bokaro), Biswarup Mukhopadhyay (Chairman, School Management Committee), R.N. Mallick (Treasurer), and Vice Principal (Narmendra Kumar). Congratulated with wishes. On this occasion, senior teachers of the school, Shambhu Nath Jha, Chandan Kumar Singh, PK Singh, Amarendra Narayan Upadhyay, Ashok Chabe, Kumod Ranjan Singh, Ajay Kumar Singh, RL Mahato, Utpal Mitra and Subroto Gupta were congratulated and extended their best wishes to all the successful students.

DPS Chas students shines in JEE Main



RNS I Bokaro: DPS Chas students have once again demonstrated their academic excellence with outstanding performances in the Joint Entrance Examination (JEE) Main 2024 results. The students' exceptional achievements underscore their dedication and hard work, securing their places among the academic elite. Aniket Rahi led the pack with an impressive 96 percentile (General), followed by Vikas Kumar, Abhinav Singh, and Sakcham Bhadani, who achieved 95.01, 91.97, and 89.55 percentiles respectively in the OBC-NCL category. Their success not only inspires their peers but also fills DPS Chas with immense pride. Dr. Hemlata S. Mohan, the Chief Mentor of DPS Chas, congratulated the students and teachers, attributing the results to the students' untiring efforts, perseverance, and the dedicated team at DPS Chas. Officiating Principal Deepali Bhaskute and HM Sudeshna Sinha extended their best wishes to the students for a bright future. Pro Vice Chairman N Muralidharan and Secretary Suresh Agrawal also wished the students continued success in their future endeavors.

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SAIL Gua Iron Ore Mine Poised for Bright Future : S Sudhir

RNS I Gua: The future of SAIL's Gua iron ore mine shines brightly as it undergoes a transformative inspection, promising a new chapter for the facility. The inspection, overseen by Mine Safety Deputy Director S. Sudhir, featured the participation of SAIL Gua's Chief General Manager (Mining) Kamal Bhaskar and other officials. During the inspection, the production processes and facilities of the mines were thoroughly examined to ensure compliance with safety regulations and manufacturing standards. The iron ore production and safety protocols at SAIL Gua were commended, highlighting the mine's crucial role as the backbone of the steel plant's operations and its significant contribution to steel production. The inspection culminated in a meeting at the SAIL Gua HRD building, chaired by Deputy Direc-



tor of Mine Safety A. Sudhir and Kamal Bhaskar. The meeting, attended by numerous officials and workers, focused on gathering information regarding training and mining practices. Sudhir lauded the inspection of Gua Mines as a positive experience, emphasizing the importance of health, environmental, and safety standards in the mining industry. He highlighted the use of advanced machinery and systems at SAIL Gua mines, showcasing the mine's commitment to modern production practices. Additionally, the meeting

addressed key topics and issues raised at previous gatherings, providing employees with valuable insights and guidance for improvement. The Mine Safety Committee and officials present at the meeting received several recommendations aimed at enhancing production capacity and safety at the mine. Overall, the inspection and subsequent meeting at SAIL Gua underscore the mine's potential for unlimited expansion and a bright future, signaling a new era for SAIL Gua Iron Ore Mine.

DPS Bokaro Students Excel in JEE Main - II 2024

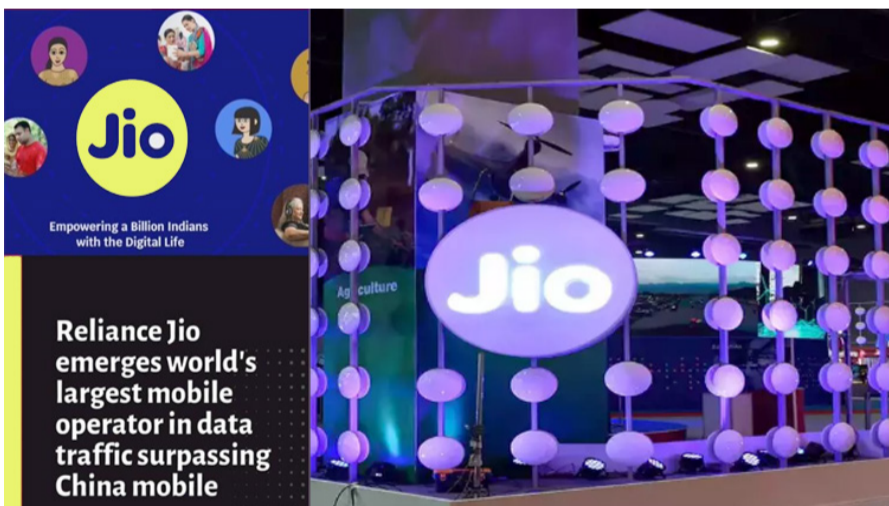
RNS I Bokaro: DPS Bokaro has once again demonstrated its academic prowess, with over 60 students achieving remarkable results in the Joint Entrance Examination (JEE) Main - II 2024. This outstanding performance is a testament to the students' exceptional talent and dedication to their studies. Setting a new standard, 15 students secured scores of over 99 percentile, while 41 students scored above 95 percentile, highlighting their unwavering commitment and hard work. Rakshit Raj emerged as the topper with an impressive 99.92 percentile, followed closely by Ryaan Singh with 99.91 percentile and Avantika Gupta with 99.84 percentile, securing the second and third positions, respectively. As per information received so far, the proud achievers who qualified for JEE Advanced 2024 are Rakshit Raj - 99.92, Ryaan Singh - 99.91, Avantika Gupta - 99.84, Vishal Mehta - 99.82, Md. Ammar - 99.80, Divyanshu Jaiswal - 99.64, Sparsh Kumar - 99.64, Sparsh Raj - 99.56, Utkarsh Kumar -



99.52, Naman Jain - 99.45, Tarun Gupta - 99.45, Rishav Kumar - 99.4, Mohit Kumar - 99.20, Aakash Mahata - 99.06, Soumyadip Mandal - 99.00, Ashutosh Singh - 98.94, Manav Raj - 98.92, Bakhtawar Jawed - 98.82, Pushpit Kishlay - 98.6, Aryan Ranjan Singh - 98.5, Janvi Kumari - 98.48, Sakshi Priya - 98.47, Anshu Raj - 97.90, Sayed Ashadullah - 97.56, Vichanshu Raj - 97.43, Vikrant Kumar - 97.38, Shreyanshu Ghosh - 96.65, Ayushman Dutta - 96.64, Rishav Kumar - 96.62, Divya Prakash Singh - 96.49, Poulam Kundu - 96.42, Qameen Fatima - 96.39, Krish Shandilya - 96.34, Ajitesh Anand - 96.32, Siddhant Vaibhav - 96.32, Aryan Raj - 95.73, Vivek Anand - 95.73, Aryan Kumar - 95.52, Harshwardhan - 95.41, Ritika Saha - 95.36, Anshul Kumar - 95.12, Adhrit Singh - 94.24, Shreya Suman - 94.09, Karthik Raj - 94.04, Silvy Srishty - 93.91, Tejas Agarwal - 93.83, Ayush Raj - 93.52, Adarsh Kumar Mishra - 93.50, Radhika Agrawal, Samar Singh, Rishabh Ranjan, Abhinav Raj etc. Dr. A.S. Gangwar, Principal, DPS Bokaro, extended his heartfelt congratulations to all the successful achievers for their exceptional performance and said that this achievement is the result of our students' and teachers' persistence, determination and continued efforts.

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JPSSM demands increase in Housing Allowance following Dearness Allowance hike

RNS I Ranchi: The Jharkhand Pradesh Sayunkt Sikshak Morcha's state convenor Vijay Bahadur Singh, Amin Ahmed, and state spokesperson Arun Kumar Das recently submitted a memorandum to the Principal Secretary of the Finance Department. The memorandum urged for an increase in housing allowance in accordance with the rules following a 50% increase in dearness allowance. As per the rules, a 10% housing

allowance is applicable for rural areas, while 20% is applicable for state employees and teachers in urban areas. The Morcha highlighted that this rule has already been issued by the Central Government. To ensure its implementation, the memorandum was submitted to the office. After an in-depth discussion with the Finance Department official, it was assured that further and appropriate action would be taken



promptly. The official mentioned that the file would be processed through the letter dealing assistant to expedite the necessary actions.

Kejriwal is the 'key conspirator' of the excise policy scam, ED tells to SC



RNS: The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has informed the Supreme Court that Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal is the "key conspirator" in the excise policy scam. The agency stated that Kejriwal orchestrated the scam in collusion with his ministers and Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) leaders. The ED also alleged that Kejriwal was involved in demanding bribes from liquor businessmen in exchange for benefits under the excise policy. In a 734-page counter affidavit, the ED stated, "National Capital Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal is the main conspirator of the Delhi Excise Policy scam. They carried out this with the connivance of government ministers, AAP leaders, and others." The agency further stated, "Arvind Kejriwal was involved in a conspiracy to frame the Excise Policy 2021-22 to benefit a select few and demanding bribes from liquor businessmen in return for the benefits given in the said policy." The ED argued that there are no separate provisions in the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002 for different standards of evidence for arresting a chief minister or a common citizen. The agency

refuted Kejriwal's contention that his arrest violated the concept of free and fair elections, stating that the arrest of a person for a factual offence cannot violate this concept. The ED justified Kejriwal's arrest, stating that it was based on bona fide grounds and not on any malicious intent. The agency also alleged that Kejriwal was involved in using the proceeds of crime in AAP's campaign during the Goa elections. The Supreme Court had issued a notice to the ED on April 15 and sought its reply on Kejriwal's petition challenging his arrest. The ED stated that Kejriwal's plea "does not have merit" and deserves to be dismissed, as the facts leading to his arrest have been examined by various courts. In response, AAP accused the ED of being a "lying machine" and alleged that it was spreading lies at the behest of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). The case pertains to alleged corruption and money laundering in the formulation and implementation of the Excise Policy of the Delhi Government for 2021-22, which was later rescinded. Kejriwal was arrested in this case on March 21 and is currently in judicial custody in Tihar Jail.

It was Deve Gowda government that implemented quota for Muslims in Karnataka

Reservation for Muslims under the OBC quota was implemented by the government of HD Deve Gowda's Janata Dal, show records.

New Delhi: As Prime Minister Narendra Modi denounced the Congress-led Karnataka government's decision to include the Muslim community in the state's OBC list, records show that this reservation was first implemented in 1995 by HD Deve Gowda's Janata Dal. Interestingly, Deve Gowda's JD(S) is now an ally of the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA). Labelling the Congress as the "biggest enemy of the OBCs", PM Modi, at a Madhya Pradesh rally, stated, "Once again, Congress has granted religious-based reservation in Karnataka by including all Muslim castes along with the OBCs through the backdoor. This move has deprived a significant portion of the reservation from the OBC community." In a quick clap back, Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah said the claim that the Congress had "transferred" the reservation from backward classes to Muslims was a "blatant lie". He also questioned whether former Prime Minister Deve Gowda still stood by his support for quotas for Muslims as he initiated the measure or "surrender to Narendra Modi". "Is Deve Gowda, who once boasted of implementing the reservation for Muslims, still committed to his stand? Or will they surrender to Narendra Modi and change their previous



stand? He should make it clear to the people of the state," Siddaramaiah said.

HISTORY OF KARNATAKA OBC RESERVATION

In 1995, the Deve Gowda government gave four per cent reservation to Muslims in Karnataka under a distinct classification, 2B, within the OBC quota. An order dated February 14, 1995, by the Karnataka government highlighted that this decision followed the considerations of the Chinnappa Reddy Commission Report and adhered to the Supreme Court's directive to cap overall reservations at 50 per cent. The Reddy Commission recommended grouping Muslims in Category 2 under the OBC list. Acting on this, the Veerappa Moily-led Congress government, through an order dated April 20 and April 25,

1994, announced a six per cent reservation in Category 2B, identified as "More Backward", for Muslims, Buddhists, and Scheduled Caste converts to Christianity. While four per cent reservation was given to Muslims, two per cent was designated for Buddhists and SCs who converted to Christianity. The reservation was scheduled to come into effect from October 24, 1994. However, the reservation was challenged in the Supreme Court. An interim order was issued on September 9, 1994, directing the Karnataka government to limit overall reservations to 50 per cent, inclusive of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, and OBCs.

The Veerappa Moily-led Congress government faced a political crisis and collapsed on December 11, 1994, before implementing the order. HD Deve Gowda became Chief Minister on December 11, 1994. On February 14, 1995, he implemented the previous government's quota decision with amendments according to the Supreme Court's interim verdict. SCs who converted to Christianity and Buddhism, who were previously categorised under 2B, were reclassified into Category 1 and 2A respectively, in the same order. Under the 2B quota, four per cent of seats in educational institutions and state government jobs were reserved for Muslims.

CURRENT RESERVATION STATUS

In 2006, a coalition government comprising JD(S) and BJP was formed, followed by a BJP government led by BS Yediyurappa in 2008. However, during both tenures, no modifications were made to this classification. In 2019, when the BJP government returned to power, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai proposed abolishing categories 3A and 3B for OBCs on March 27, 2023. Instead, new categories 2C and 2D were suggested, with 2 per cent reservations for the Vokkaliga and Lingayat communities each. The Bommai administration also proposed abolishing the 2B category for Muslims and including them in the 10 per cent quota for Economically Weaker Sections (EWS). However, this faced opposition and ran into a legal battle, leading to the proposal being shelved. The Karnataka government's decision to scrap the four per cent OBC quota for Muslims was "prima facie shaky and flawed", the Supreme Court said on April 13, 2023. The Bommai government had then said no fresh appointments or admissions would be made in terms of the contentious government order. Currently, the Supreme Court has halted the implementation of the BJP government's decision, maintaining the status quo in reservations for the backward class community.

Trinamool petitions Women's Commission against BJP's Suvendu Adhikari

Trinamool Congress urged the commission to "uphold women's dignity" by ensuring action against BJP leader Suvendu Adhikari, who is accused of using derogatory language against Mamata Banerjee.



the state assembly, Suvendu Adhikari, over "derogatory words" against West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee. State Minister and president of the Trinamool Mahila Congress Committee, Chandrima Bhattacharya, in her complaint to the commission, alleged that the BJP leader has "time and again used derogatory words and filthy remarks" against Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee. "The usage of such

words is not only disrespectful but also crass in nature. Smt. Mamata Banerjee is the only Chief Minister of the country and the usage of such words by Shri Adhikari not only defames her but also disrespects women at large," the complaint asserted.

The minister further alleged that "despite such behaviour, no action or steps have been taken" by NCW against Adhikari and "such comments simply go unchecked without any cognisance being taken by NCW authorities". "We are surprised as to how such irresponsible comments or statements can be dished out by a person against a woman leader and a Chief Minister," Bhattacharya further said in her complaint. "She urged the commission to take "immediate action against Adhikari" and "do whatever is necessary to uphold the magnanimity and dignity of women".

Tejashwi Yadav rakes up Covid, Pulwama to counter PM's 'mangalsutra' remark



New Delhi: RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav on Wednesday criticised Prime Minister Narendra Modi's recent comments about 'mangalsutras'. Yadav raked up the losses suffered during the coronavirus pandemic and the Pulwama attack, saying, "The PM should tell us who is responsible for 'mangalsutras' being snatched (a metaphor for widowhood) from so many women." PM Modi had made the mangalsutra remark during a rally in Rajasthan. He alleged the Congress planned to give people's hard-earned money and valuables to "infiltrators" and "those who have more children" and added that the party will not even leave women's mangalsutra. The remark drew a sharp reaction from the Congress leaders. Congress's ally RJD also hit out at PM Modi over the remark.

Yadav, speaking to the press, pointed out the losses suffered during the Covid-19 pandemic, the difficulties post-demonetisation, casualties in the Pulwama attack, and confrontations with Chinese troops at the border. "The PM should tell us who is responsible for 'mangalsutras' being snatched from so many women during the outbreak of Covid, after demonetisation, in the Pulwama terror attack and skirmishes with Chinese troops along the border," said Yadav. He further said that the polls should be about relevant issues and there was no point in talking about mangalsutra when most women were not able to afford gold because of soaring prices. Mangalsutra is a necklace worn by Hindu women at their wedding and afterwards, which is considered a visual marker of a married woman. A day before, Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra had recalled the sacrifices made by the women in her family to counter PM Modi's allegations. Addressing a rally in Bengaluru, Priyanka Gandhi Vadra said, "For the last two days, it is being said that Congress wants to snatch your 'mangalsutra' and gold. The country has been independent for 70 years and there has been a Congress government for 55 years. Did anyone snatch your gold, 'mangalsutra'?" "During the war, Indira Gandhi gave her gold to the country. Meri maa ka 'mangalsutra' is desh ko kurbaan hua hai (My mother's mangalsutra was sacrificed for the country)... The truth is that these (BJP) people cannot understand the struggle of women," she added.

Sonia Gandhi "Cried For Terrorists" Over Batla House Encounter: JP Nadda

The BJP president said that the Congress and its allies always stand in support of those who are anti-national and "weaken" the country.

Madhubani: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) president JP Nadda on Wednesday fired a fresh salvo at Congress leader Sonia Gandhi stating that she had shed tears for terrorists killed in Batla House encounter in 2008. While campaigning in Bihar's Madhubani ahead of the second phase of Lok Sabha elections, Mr Nadda said, "During the Batla encounter, terrorists were killed and their (Congress) leaders said that Sonia Gandhi cried. She cried for terrorists. What is your relation with traitors? What is the reason behind your sympathy? What do you like in them?" On September 19, 2008, the Delhi Police carried out an operation in the national capital to arrest Indian Mujahideen terrorists in hiding in which Delhi Police Inspector Mohan Chandra Sharma and two Indian Mujahideen terrorists Atif and Sajid were killed.



anti-national and "weaken" the country. "They (Congress) stand with those and sympathise with those who weaken the country. This is the arrogant alliance, the INDI alliance. Will you support them?" Mr Nadda said. Earlier in the day, while addressing a rally in Bihar's Khagaria, Mr Nadda said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has changed the "definition of politics" during his tenure and now elections are fought on issues of

"Vikasvaad" (development). "PM Modi has changed the history, culture and definition of politics. 10 years ago, elections used to happen based on who belonged to which caste, which area, upper class or lower class, from this bank of the Ganga or that bank, whether from the hills or the plains. There used to be vote bank politics. Elections used to happen based on caste, religion... But in the last 10 years, PM Modi finished all these things and now elections happen based on 'Vikasvaad'," Mr Nadda said.

The BJP president boasted that the way the nation prospered in the 10 years of PM Modi's tenure that all sections of society got strengthened owing to PM Modi's policies. "When we talk about 'Vikas' we can also say that the way the nation prospered in the last 10 years, the way villages, poor, depressed, oppressed, backward, women, youth, our farmers got strengthened is all due to the policies of PM Modi," Mr Nadda said.

Ashok Gehlot asked me to leak Union Minister's audio clip, his former aide alleges

Ashok Gehlot's former aide has alleged that the phone recordings of ministers and leaders were given to him by the former Rajasthan Chief Minister.

Jaipur: Lokesh Sharma, former officer on special duty (OSD) of Ashok Gehlot, levelled several accusations against the former Rajasthan Chief Minister. Sharma, who was questioned in the illegal phone tapping case, alleged that Gehlot had given him the audio clips of cabinet ministers, and he was asked to release them to the media. At a press conference in Jaipur, Lokesh Sharma said, "I was silent so far despite intense interrogation several times for 8-9 hours by the Crime Branch in Delhi in the phone tapping case. But the person who was responsible for the phone-tapping incident decided to leave me in the lurch. I was made to take the fallout."

Sharma claimed that Gehlot gave him phone recordings of Union minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat and others. Earlier, I had said that I had received the recordings through

social media, but that was not true. Ashok Gehlot had given me the audio clips of Union Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Congress leader Bhanwarlal Sharma and Sanjay Jain in a pen drive. I was asked to release it to the media." Lokesh Sharma alleged. He further claimed that the phones of Sachin Pilot and those close to him were tapped when it was learnt that they were going to the Congress high command over problems with Ashok Gehlot's leadership. "It is wrong to say that the BJP was behind the attempt to topple Ashok Gehlot's government. Sachin Pilot wanted to convey his feelings about the state leadership to the party high command. When he and people close to him were planning to go to meet High command, their phones were put on tapping," Sharma added. During the press conference, Sharma played a purported recording

of his conversation with Ashok Gehlot where he (Gehlot) asked him about phone recordings. In the purported recording, Gehlot asked Sharma whether the phone through which recordings were sent to the media had been destroyed or not, and Sharma mentioned to Ashok Gehlot that he had told the media that he had received the audio recordings through social media. "He (Gehlot) felt that I had not destroyed the phone. On November 26, 2021, an SOG raid was conducted on my office. This is the truth of our former Chief Minister, how he uses people for his benefit and then leaves them alone. I had no involvement in the recording. Whether it was legal or illegal, former Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot got the recording done and gave it to me in a pen drive," Sharma said. Sharma claimed Ashok Gehlot was behind the



attempt to sabotage the chances of Sachin Pilot becoming the Chief Minister of Rajasthan. "It is the stubbornness of Ashok Gehlot in Rajasthan who thinks that no one other than him should become Chief Minister of the state. Ashok Gehlot even cheated the Congress high command who had supported him. Ashok Gehlot had gone to Jaisalmer to the Tanot Mata temple. He called me asking me to ensure that news is shown that MLAs who have gathered

at Shanti Dhariwal's residence want any of them to be the Chief Minister but not Sachin Pilot," Sharma said.

Sharma also played another phone recording, this one about a purported conversation between Gehlot and Sharma regarding the Rajasthan paper leak. "Ashok Gehlot was very apprehensive about taking action in the paper leak matter. There was an attempt to somehow subvert action against accused DP Jaroli," Lokesh Sharma alleged. "I am ready to share the evidence I have with the current government. People in the state should know the two faces of the (former) government, one in the open and one behind the scenes," Sharma said. Lokesh Sharma further claimed massive corruption took place during the Congress regime when Ashok Gehlot was at the helm.

N-shadow over Iran-Israel conflict

WITH the US, Israel and Iran maintaining silence over Israel's supposedly symbolic counter-strike on Iran, it is difficult to figure out just what exactly is happening. We can interpret some of the actions by the targets chosen. In their massive drone-missile strike of April 13, the Iranians focused on a number of Israeli airbases, principally Nevatim and Ramona. Whether they did cause damage is another matter, but what is significant about these bases is that they are adjacent to the Israeli nuclear reactor and facilities at Dimona. Reportedly, on Friday, the Israelis struck at the Khatam airbase outside Isfahan, which houses some of Iran's nuclear facilities.

Neither side deliberately targeted the nuclear facilities themselves, but there was clear messaging. Two pieces of rocket debris that were found in Iraq suggest that Israel used precision-guided missiles for the strike.

There are some lessons we draw from the two strikes. Israel (with some help from allies) demonstrated an astonishing ability to defend itself and emerge unscathed against waves of drones, cruise and ballistic missiles. On the other hand, the message it sent out to Iran with its limited strike was that it had the ability to penetrate the Iranian airspace easily and strike at targets deep in the country. By landing the first and last blows, Israel reiterated its escalation dominance. For now, the escalatory spiral seems to have been controlled, but the direct attacks the two sides have carried out on each other's territory are not a good augury for the future. No doubt both sides will now revert to their earlier shadow war in the region. Both have the incentive to do so — Tel Aviv would not want to be distracted from its war against Hamas in Gaza, and as for Tehran, it realises that its archaic air force and air defence system make it hugely vulnerable in any prolonged war with Israel or the US. Clearly, Washington was able to incentivise Tel Aviv to limit its strike. First and foremost was the importance of its continuing support, underscored now with talk of a new \$1-billion aid package. Second, showing Israel the advantage of shaping a larger regional coalition — Saudi Arabia, Jordan, the UAE and possibly Egypt — against Tehran. The manifest weaknesses carry the risk of pushing Iran over the nuclear threshold. As is well known, Israel already possesses anywhere up to 90 nuclear weapons. There is a credible report that with the help of South Africa, it also conducted a clandestine atmospheric nuclear weapon test in September 1979. It has also developed the Jericho long-range missile capable of delivering them. Like India, Israel has refused to sign the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) as a non-nuclear weapon state. Israel also has a clear-cut policy that it will not allow its West Asian neighbours to develop such weapons. This has led to Israeli strikes on Iraqi and Syrian facilities that were suspected of being used to develop nuclear weapons as well. An Israeli-US operation introduced the Stuxnet malware that badly damaged Iranian centrifuges in 2010, and Tel Aviv has also conducted a number of assassinations of Iranian scientists who were believed to be working on Iran's nuclear weapon programme. But it lacks the heft to militarily neutralise the widely dispersed Iranian N-programme. Iran is a signatory to the NPT and its programme was subject to inspections by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). It claimed that it was developing enrichment capacity for use to fuel power reactors, but evidence indicated that it had other intentions. Iran came under US and EU sanctions and eventually the two helped craft a Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) in 2015, which put severe constraints on the Iranian programme and brought it under IAEA supervision. The aim of the deal was not so much to ban nuclear activity as to ensure that the world would get enough time, perhaps a year's advanced notice, if the Iranians broke out of the deal to produce highly.

Climate change impact now part of the constitutional discourse

International agreements provide only for very modest levels of funding to developing nations for adapting to climate change.

THE Supreme Court recently expanded the scope of Articles 14 (right to equality) and 21 (protection of life and liberty) of the Constitution to recognise the right to freedom or protection from the adverse effects of climate change. What are the implications of this ruling? First, one must be clear about what exactly is a 'right'. A right is a claim of an individual or a group (e.g. women, LGBTQIA+) that supersedes considerations of costs and benefits. For example, a policeman cannot argue that the time and money spent on recovering the stolen money of a poor widow would exceed the amount stolen, and therefore no action need be taken on her complaint. Second, a right generally involves a duty — of an individual, institution or the government — to make good on the claim. Climate change impact is due to global emissions of a set of gases known as greenhouse gases (GHGs). Such impact on a developing country has little relation to its own emissions. Governments can, on their own, do little to limit GHG emissions worldwide. This requires international consensus, which has made tentative, slow progress since 1992, when the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) was adopted.

The UNFCCC recognises that developed countries have a greater capacity for causing climate change as well as a higher capability to reduce emissions and mitigate the impact, known as the principle of 'common but differentiated responsibility'. The present targets under the Paris Agreement of 2015 fall woefully short of the action required to maintain the global mean temperature rise to within the accepted level of 1.5°C. The realistic prospect, therefore, is that of increasingly severe climate change impact. In these circumstances, since climate change is impacting India, for the most part, due to the actions of developed countries, against whom can a citizen claim the right of freedom from climate change? Logically speaking, the bloc of developed countries bears the major responsibility for the problem. So far, the international climate change agreements provide only for very modest levels of funding to developing countries for adapting to climate change. So, does the SC's ruling mean that the Indian government must mitigate climate change impact irrespective of the costs? Another conception of rights is that of liberty rights versus welfare rights. Rights to life, free speech, etc. are liberty rights. Rights to education, a clean environment, including climate



change rights, count as welfare rights. The former only requires that others refrain from violating the rights; the latter that the entity on whom the corresponding duty lies takes purposive action to realise it. Enforcement of liberty rights usually involves no significant costs.

However, welfare rights cannot generally be realised without large-scale resources. When resources are scarce, as in developing countries, choices must be made as to the relative priorities of different welfare rights. Several studies have shown that mitigating climate change impact requires a great deal of money. In the absence of significant international funding by developed nations, this means that the Indian government would have to rely on its own resources to address the matter.

If the state has to ensure various welfare rights, such realisation would be partial in each case, given the limited resources. A fuller realisation of climate change rights would require new and additional resources from developed countries under the evolving international climate change regime. The prospects of such resources being forthcoming is bleak.

In 2005, a study was conducted on Central Government funding for climate-related impact. Schemes and programmes which had among their objectives the reduction of climate change impact (e.g. irrigation and flood control, forestry, cyclone shelters) were identified and their financial expenditure added up. The result was startling: about 1.8 per cent of India's

GDP was spent on these programmes, a figure which compares with India's defence expenditure. This figure has probably increased since then.

So, will the recognition of the right to freedom from climate change have significant practical implications? Clearly, it will have little, if any, effect on flows of external resources. Given the historical level of national expenditure on reducing the risks of climate change impact, there seems to be little scope to raise the share of the GDP to realise climate change rights. However, as the country's economy grows, the absolute level of resources will also rise. Also, as citizens become richer, they will, on their own, increase their personal expenditure on avoiding the effects of climate impact — safer

housing, greater spending on healthcare, conserving water and buying insurance policies against extreme weather.

Overall, citizens' vulnerability to climate change impact will fall as the national economy grows. Development is the key to achieving freedom from this impact. The main effect of the SC judgment may be to pre-empt any possible future attempt to reduce allocations for addressing climate risks.

The SC judgment was in the context of an appeal against an order that all power lines for evacuating renewable power in the habitat of the endangered Great Indian Bustard (GIB) in Rajasthan and Gujarat should be relocated underground. This was because overhead lines killed a large number of the birds from inflight collisions. It was argued by the power companies that the expenditure involved would make renewable power uncompetitive.

Apparently, the right to environmental sustainability and India's international obligations to mitigate GHG emissions are, in this case, in conflict. The loss of these renewable energy projects may make it more difficult for India to fulfil its obligations under the Paris Agreement; persisting with the projects may, on the other hand, further endanger the survival of the GIB. The court has suggested an expert study to find practical means of addressing both concerns. If a way is found, well and good. If not, perhaps policy research institutions can help resolve this difficult dilemma.

Health insurance

Removal of age cap welcome, but job only half-done



IN an effort to make the healthcare ecosystem more inclusive and accessible, the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has done away with the age limit of 65 years for persons buying health insurance policies. In a recent gazette notification, the insurance regulator has directed insurers to ensure that they offer health insurance products catering to all age groups. They have also been restrained from rejecting claims based on pre-existing conditions. The insurers cannot refuse to issue policies to persons with severe medical conditions like cancer, heart or renal failure and AIDS. These guidelines are expected to make the elderly better prepared to withstand the shock of unforeseen medical expenses. This is significant in a country whose count of senior citizens is estimated to exceed 20 per cent of the total population by 2050, according to the UN Population Fund. Improved life expectancy, particularly of women, is

another key factor that has a bearing on health insurance. However, there is a dire need to make the insurance products consumer-friendly. Potential customers are often put off

by the jargon and the complexities. Trust deficit triggered by the fine print makes them reluctant to buy policies; even when they take the plunge, the policyholders are plagued by doubts and uncertainty. Misinformation or inadequate information about the benefits and risks makes them vulnerable to harassment. Transparency and a hassle-free claim settlement are no less important to win the confidence of customers. At the same time, a stronger mechanism is needed to effectively deal with unscrupulous elements. According to a Deloitte survey (2023), about 60 per cent of Indian insurance companies are witnessing a rapid increase in fraud, especially in the life and health insurance domains. Strict monitoring is needed to curb malpractices such as making false claims, inflating charges for services rendered and billing for medically unnecessary services.

Paradigm shift needed to curb prison violence

The prison environment is exploitative and the expected response of inmates to being wronged is to resort to violence.

A clash between two groups in the Sangrur jail on April 19 resulted in the death of two prisoners and serious injuries to two others. Last month, at least four police personnel, including the area SHO, were hurt when they tried to stop a clash at the central jail in Gurdaspur. Punjab's prisons have witnessed several incidents of violence and rioting in the past decade. In February 2023, two gangsters were killed in a fight inside the Goidwal Sahib central jail in Tarn Taran district. In June 2019, rioting prisoners had confronted the police in the Ludhiana jail, leaving one inmate dead and five officials injured. Three jail staffers were injured after prisoners ran riot in the Gurdaspur prison in March 2017. The criminology of violence in prisons may be deconstructed by understanding the prison social structure and regimes which often generate competition due to scarce resources. Moreover, the prison environment is exploitative and the expected response of inmates to being wronged is to resort to violence. Mental illness, caste and religious equations, the nexus between inmates and prison staff, cultural differences, living conditions and gang affiliations are other crucial factors that are the root causes of fights in jails.

In the case of Punjab's prisons, the majority of the fights are not over material goods but about non-material interests such as dominance, respect, fairness, loyalty, gang rivalry and supremacy. This is the reason why they are premeditated and broad-based, calling for police intervention most of the time.

A joint study conducted a couple of years ago by the Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative and the Punjab State Legal Services Authority revealed that 18 out of 24 Punjab jails were overcrowded; 25 per cent of the staff posts were vacant; 17 jails were working without welfare officers; external oversight mechanism was generally non-functional as only one

prison had a 'Board of Visitors', a statutory body for monitoring jails; 12 per cent of the 660 inmates interviewed alleged custodial violence; prisoners in 15 correctional facilities alleged smuggling and supply of contraband inside jails. All these facts together stand testimony to the lack of resources, transparency and fairness in jails in Punjab, which has a definite bearing on life and security inside prisons. In the face of such ground realities, prisons are dangerous, dehumanising and traumatising places where violence is unavoidable.

In July 2022, the state government launched a drug screening survey, involving 30,000 prisoners. It came to light that over 47 per cent of the inmates surveyed were addicted to drugs. The presence of such a large number of substance abusers within a small place is in itself a ticking bomb waiting to go off.

The addicts cannot survive without drugs, and they arrange it through gangs that have sprung up inside prisons, inevitably in connivance with prison officials. These gangs indulge in violence when their interests clash. Multi-pronged drug de-addiction programmes are needed to rescue substance abusers; the current interventions are proving insufficient and ineffective. Over the years, prisons in Punjab have emerged as much-favoured destinations for gangsters in North India. The late Mukhtar Ansari, a gangster-politician from Uttar Pradesh, managed a 'safe and comfortable' stay in the Rupnagar jail. Last year, gangster Lawrence Bishnoi gave an interview to a news channel from a jail in Punjab and threatened actor Salman Khan. Threatening messages and

ransom calls by gangsters from behind bars indicate a compromised prison administrative machinery. Prisons are colonies of highly volatile people who are not sufficiently engaged in gainful activities as only 20 per cent of the convicts sentenced to undergo rigorous imprisonment can be given work in jail factories. More than 75 per cent of the inmates are

increase unresolvable 'friction points'.

With Punjab being a relatively small state, no prison official should be allowed to work at a place for more than two years. Similarly, duties inside a prison should be rotated after a reasonable period, in addition to weeding out undesirable elements from service in periodic reviews.



undertrials who cannot be forced to work as a matter of policy. Such an idle workforce in a small area is a threat to peace. It calls for tweaking the laws and creating enough work opportunities for prisoners.

In the absence of a rational transfer policy, tainted jail officials manage their postings at places of their choice. This factor alone helps them develop a nexus with gangsters in a quid pro quo, resulting in discriminatory, illegal and corrupt practices which

are inbuilt in prison systems. The jail administration functions in a closed environment by raising the bogey of security of prisoners. They do not like any external oversight mechanism to oversee their working, despite the fact that there are statutory provisions mandating the same. Ideally, jails should be open to scrutiny by independent observers. A robust grievance redressal mechanism for prisoners can help in defusing inter-group tensions before they spin out of control. The advisories issued by the Central Government in 1998, 2006 and 2015 for curbing violence in prisons have recommended tightening of security arrangements, following the narrative of 'laxity of security' rather than promoting transparency and

participative prison management. A paradigm shift is required to provide solutions to prison violence. The existing prison laws are strict enough to meet the requirements of jail discipline if the prison managers are serious about their responsibilities. The accountability of senior officers after every incident of violence in prisons needs to be fixed and the guilty punished after a thorough inquiry. A border state like Punjab cannot afford riots in its prisons.

सूचीम कोर्ट भिडिपिअटि मामलार राय सत्ररक्षण करलो

सूचीम कोर्ट आज इलेक्ट्रनिक भोटिंग मेसिन (इडिअम) एर भोट गणनाय भोटार भेरिफायरबल पेपार अडिट ट्रेल (भिडिपिअटि) पेपार लिपिगुलि सहेजेई पाँच मास पर्यंत पुरो प्रतिरोध करी विचार करी हछे। एकटि तालिका प्रतिरोधक पेटिशनर। मामलाटि निगे सूचीम कोर्टेर एकटि वेध, याते न्यायविचारक सजीब खान्ना एवंग दीपकर दत्त उपस्थित छिलेन, इडिअम एर काजेर सम्पर्के निर्देश दिजे एक धाराविशेष प्रश्न करेछिलेन। शुनानिर समये, वेधेइ इडिअम एवंग भिडिपिअटि एवंग तादेर निरापत्ता वैशिष्ट्य सम्पर्के इसिआई कर्मकर्तादेर साथे व्यापकभावे इन्तारअ्याक्ति करे। इसिआई निश्चित करेछे ये इडिअम कौनओ पर्याये पाँच मास पर्यंत परिवर्तन करी असभव। एटि आरो म्पष्ट करेछे ये माइक्रोकम्प्युटरगुलि शारीरिकभावे अ्याक्सेस करी याय ना एवंग एकरार प्रोथाम तादेरके फूलाना हयेछे। इसिआई युक्ति दिजेछे ये एथन पर्यंत 85,629 घटिनार क्रमवर्धमान प्रमाण रयेछे, एवंग प्राय चार कोटि भिडिपिअटि पेपार लिपि म्याच हयेछे।

इसिआईके विश्वास करार साथे साथे, वेधेइ एह मन्व्य दिजेछिल ये वर्तमान भोटि प्रणालीके सशक्त करार जन्य ये सञ्चय संस्कार प्रयोजन ता पर्यालोचना करवे। तवे, सूचीम कोर्ट पेपार ब्यालटे फिरे येतेर धारणाके मन्व्य करेछे ना।

इसिआई एक्छुणि असम्पूर्ण भिडिपिअटि लिपिगुलि पुरो गणना करी कार्यकर नय बले एकटि अडिओग करेछे।

इसिआई आरओ दावि करेछे ये, भिडिपिअटि लिपिगुलि पुरो गणना करी कार्यकर नय। वर्तमाने, प्रति सभासदकेन्द्रे पाँचटि येभावे अव्याहृत इडिअम एर भिडिपिअटि लिपि याचाई करी हय।

पेटिशनारीकरीर, यारा गणताखिक संस्कार एवंग इडिअम वा बिना इडिअम सह एकटि आरओ म्पष्ट निर्वाचनी प्रणालीर अधिकारी दावि करेछे, तादेर मते देशेर 99 कोटि निवृत्त भोटारदेर एकटि आरओ म्पष्ट निर्वाचनी प्रणालीर अधिकार रयेछे।

Ways to protect yourself from Dengue

- Remove mosquito habitats
- Use mosquito repellent
- Keep your home clean
- Use netting for windows and gaps
- Clear clogged drain
- Light up your home and use air conditioning
- Wear long clothing

कच्चा तेल 89 डॉलर प्रति बैरल के करीब, पेट्रोल-डीजल की कीमत स्थिर

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। अंतरराष्ट्रीय बाजार में कच्चे तेल की कीमतों में उतार-चढ़ाव लगातार जारी है। ब्रेंट क्रूड 89 डॉलर प्रति बैरल और डब्ल्यूटीआई क्रूड 83 डॉलर प्रति बैरल के करीब पहुंच गया है। हालांकि, सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र की तेल एवं गैस विपणन कंपनियों ने पेट्रोल-डीजल के दाम में कोई बदलाव नहीं किया है। इंडियन ऑयल की वेबसाइट के मुताबिक गुरुवार को राजधानी दिल्ली में पेट्रोल का भाव 94.72 रुपये और डीजल 87.62 रुपये प्रति लीटर पर टिका है। मुंबई में पेट्रोल 104.21 रुपये और डीजल 92.15 रुपये प्रति लीटर मिल रहा है। वहीं, कोलकाता में पेट्रोल 103.94 रुपये और डीजल 90.76 रुपये प्रति लीटर है,

जबकि चेन्नई में पेट्रोल 100.75 रुपये और डीजल 92.34 रुपये प्रति लीटर बिक रहा है। अंतरराष्ट्रीय बाजार में हफ्ते के तीसरे दिन शुरुआती कारोबार में ब्रेंट क्रूड 0.02 डॉलर यानी 0.02 फीसदी की



बढ़त के साथ 88.04 डॉलर प्रति बैरल पर ट्रेड कर रहा है। वहीं, वेस्ट डेक्स इंटरमीडिएट (डब्ल्यूटीआई) क्रूड भी 0.01 डॉलर यानी 0.01 फीसदी उछल कर 82.82 डॉलर प्रति बैरल पर कारोबार कर रहा है।

घरेलू शेयर बाजार में तेजी, लगातार चौथे दिन बढ़त के साथ बंद हुआ बाजार

नई दिल्ली। घरेलू शेयर बाजार बुधवार को लगातार चौथे कारोबारी दिन मजबूती के साथ बंद हुआ। हालांकि, आज के कारोबार के दौरान लिवालों और बिकवालों के बीच लगातार एक दूसरे पर हवी होने की कोशिश चलती रही, जिसकी वजह से बाजार की चाल में भी लगातार उतार-चढ़ाव होता रहा। पूरे दिन के कारोबार के बाद सेंसेक्स 0.16 प्रतिशत और निफ्टी 0.15 प्रतिशत की मजबूती के साथ बंद हुए। आज दिन भर के कारोबार के दौरान फार्मास्यूटिकल, मेटल और इंडस्ट्रियल सेक्टर के शेयरों में सबसे अधिक खरीदारी होती रही। इसी तरह पब्लिक सेक्टर एंटरप्राइज और इंफ्रास्ट्रक्चर इंडेक्स भी बढ़त के साथ बंद हुए। दूसरी ओर ऑटोमोबाइल, आईटी और टेलीकम्युनिकेशन सेक्टर के शेयरों में गिरावट का रुख बना रहा। ब्रॉड मार्केट में भी आज लगातार खरीदारी होती रही, जिसके कारण बीएसई का मिडकैप इंडेक्स 0.92 प्रतिशत की तेजी के साथ बंद हुआ। इसी तरह स्मॉलकैप इंडेक्स ने 0.79 प्रतिशत की बढ़त के साथ आज के कारोबार का अंत किया। आज बाजार की मजबूती के कारण स्टॉक मार्केट के निवेशकों की संपत्ति में पौने दो लाख करोड़ रुपये से अधिक की बढ़ोतरी हो गई। बीएसई में लिस्टेड कंपनियों का मार्केट कैपिटलाइजेशन आज के

कारोबार के बाद बढ़ कर 401.42 लाख करोड़ रुपये (अस्थायी) हो गया। पिछले कारोबारी दिन यानी 22 शेयर लाल निशान में बंद हुए। निफ्टी में शामिल शेयरों में से 28 शेयर हरे निशान में



मंगलवार को इनका मार्केट कैपिटलाइजेशन 399.64 लाख करोड़ रुपये था। इस तरह निवेशकों को आज के कारोबार से करीब 1.78 लाख करोड़ रुपये का मुनाफा हो गया। आज दिन भर के कारोबार में बीएसई में 3,929 शेयरों में एक्टिव ट्रेडिंग हुई। इनमें 2,253 शेयर बढ़त के साथ बंद हुए, जबकि 1,561 शेयरों में गिरावट का रुख रहा, वहीं 115 शेयर बिना किसी उतार चढ़ाव के बंद हुए। एनएसई में आज 2,206 शेयरों में एक्टिव ट्रेडिंग हुई। इनमें से 1,366 शेयर मुनाफा कमा कर हरे निशान में और 840 शेयर नुकसान उठा कर लाल निशान में बंद हुए। इसी तरह सेंसेक्स 114.49 अंक की तेजी के साथ

रिजर्व बैंक के डिप्टी गवर्नर रविशंकर का कार्यकाल एक साल के लिए बढ़ा

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। केंद्र सरकार ने रिजर्व बैंक ऑफ इंडिया (आरबीआई) के डिप्टी गवर्नर टी. रविशंकर के कार्यकाल को एक साल के लिए बढ़ा दिया है। आरबीआई ने जारी एक बयान में यह जानकारी दी है। आरबीआई ने जारी एक बयान में कहा कि केंद्र सरकार ने टी. रविशंकर को 03 मई 2024 से एक वर्ष की अवधि के लिए या आगेले आदेश तक, जो भी पहले हो भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक के डिप्टी गवर्नर के रूप में फिर से नियुक्त किया है। मंत्रिमंडल की नियुक्ति समिति ने तीन मई, 2024 से रविशंकर का कार्यकाल एक साल के लिए बढ़ाने के प्रस्ताव को अपनी मंजूरी दे दी थी। सरकार ने टी. रविशंकर को मई, 2021 में तीन साल के लिए आरबीआई का डिप्टी गवर्नर बनाया था। वह, वर्ष 1990 में

आरबीआई में शामिल हुए थे, उन्होंने बीते वर्षों के दौरान केंद्रीय बैंक में प्रबंधन के संबंध में अंतरराष्ट्रीय मुद्रा कोष (आईएमएफ) के



विभिन्न पदों पर काम किया। डिप्टी गवर्नर के पद पर पदोन्नत होने से पहले वह रिजर्व बैंक के कार्यकारी निदेशक थे। इसके अलावा उन्होंने सरकारी बॉन्ड बाजार और ऋण

स्कोप बिजनेस क्विज में एनटीपीसी विजयी रही

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। एनटीपीसी ने सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र दिवस समारोह के हिस्से के रूप में हाल ही में स्कोप कन्वेंशन सेंटर, नई दिल्ली में



निदेशक (एचआर), एनएचपीसी और स्कोप के अन्य वरिष्ठ गणमान्य व्यक्तियों द्वारा वितरित किए गए। एनटीपीसी के निदेशक (मानव संसाधन) श्री डीके पटेल ने टीम के सदस्यों को उनके उत्कृष्ट प्रदर्शन के लिए बधाई दी। देश भर से विभिन्न महानगर, नवंबर और मिनीरठ सार्वजनिक उत्सवों की 100 से अधिक टीमों ने किज में भाग लिया। प्रारंभिक स्क्रीनिंग राउंड और उसके बाद दो सेमीफाइनल राउंड के बाद, ग्रैंड फिनाले में चार टीमें थीं - एनटीपीसी की एक टीम और सेल की तीन टीमें। चार राउंड की किजिंग के बाद एनटीपीसी की टीम विजेता बनी। प्रश्नोत्तरी में प्रबंधन अवधारणाओं, वर्तमान व्यावसायिक घटनाओं, ब्रांडों, व्यावसायिक दृष्टिकोण और सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र की कंपनियों के इतिहास और विरासत से संबंधित प्रश्न शामिल थे।

भारत में 24 कैरेट सोने की कीमत में 490 रुपये की बढ़ोतरी हुई

एजेंसी भुवनेश्वर। भारत में सोने की कीमत में पिछले 24 घंटे में 490 रुपये की बढ़ोतरी हुई है। 25 अप्रैल 2024 को भारत में 24 कैरेट सोने (10 ग्राम) की कीमत 72,650 रुपये जबकि 22 कैरेट सोने (10 ग्राम) की कीमत 66,600 रुपये दर्ज की गई। 24 और 22 कैरेट के दाम वही रहे। ओडिशा की राजधानी भुवनेश्वर में पिछले 24 घंटों से स्थिरता बनी हुई है। जहां 24 कैरेट सोने (10 ग्राम) की कीमत 72,650 रुपये है, वहीं 22 कैरेट सोने (10 ग्राम) की कीमत 66,600 रुपये है। भारत के प्रमुख शहरों में सोने की कीमत में बदलाव दर्ज किया गया। वे इस प्रकार हैं: **राष्ट्र 24 कैरेट 22 कैरेट** दिल्ली 72,800 रुपये 66,750 रुपये मुंबई 72,650 रुपये 66,600 रुपये चेन्नई 73,420 रुपये 67,300 रुपये कोलकाता 72,650 रुपये 66,600 रुपये हैदराबाद 72,650 रुपये 66,600 रुपये बेंगलुरु 72,650 रुपये 66,600 रुपये गुवर्नर 72,650 रुपये 66,600 रुपये

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। मोतीलाल ओसवाल एसेट मैनेजमेंट कंपनी ने शुक्रवार से प्रतीक अग्रवाल को एमडी और सीईओ के पद पर पदोन्नत किया है। वह नवीन अग्रवाल से कार्यभार लेंगे, जो मूल कंपनी में लौट आएंगे। प्रतीक, जो वर्तमान में कार्यकारी निदेशक हैं, अक्टूबर 2022 में एमओ एमएससी में शामिल हुए। वर्तमान में मुख्य व्यवसाय अधिकारी अखिल चतुर्वेदी को कार्यकारी निदेशक के रूप में पदोन्नत किया गया है। वह 11 वर्षों से अधिक समय तक एमओ एमएससी से जुड़े रहे और वर्तमान में वित्तीय और संचालन का नेतृत्व करते हैं। 14 वर्षों से अधिक के अनुभव के साथ, फंड मैनेजर निकेत शाह को मुख्य निवेश अधिकारी के रूप में पदोन्नत किया गया है। वर्तमान में, वह ₹18,000 करोड़ से अधिक की संपत्ति का प्रबंधन करते हैं।

मोतीलाल ओसवाल एमएससी ने प्रतीक अग्रवाल को एमडी के रूप में पदोन्नत किया

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र की सबसे बड़ी बीमा कंपनी भारतीय जीवन बीमा निगम (एलआईसी) ने सोशल मीडिया प्लेटफॉर्म पर धोखाधड़ी वाले विज्ञापन मामले में लोगों को आगाह किया है। एलआईसी ने वरिष्ठ अधिकारियों की तस्वीर और कंपनी का दुरुपयोग करने के मामले में यह चेतावनी जारी की है। एलआईसी ने एक्स 'पोस्ट' पर जारी सार्वजनिक नोटिस में अपने पॉलिसीधारकों और जनता से सावधानी बरतने और ऐसी हर चीज की प्रामाणिकता की जांच

करते हैं। ये सभी शुक्रवार से अपनी नई भूमिका में जुट जाएंगे। **बेहतर प्रदर्शन करने वाले** मोतीलाल ओसवाल एमएससी के अध्यक्ष रामदेव अग्रवाल ने कहा कि प्रतीक को बढ़ावा देना आंतरिक क्षमताओं और विकास और उत्कृष्टता की संस्कृति के प्रति प्रतिबद्धता को मजबूत करता है। उन्होंने कहा, अखिल और निकेत की

पदोन्नति संगठन के भीतर उनकी मजबूत नेतृत्व भूमिकाओं को मजबूत करने में उनके सिद्ध ट्रैक रिकॉर्ड और समर्पण को रेखांकित करती है। एमओ एमएससी की नब्बे प्रतिशत योजनाओं ने अपने संबंधित बेचमार्क से बेहतर प्रदर्शन किया है, कुल एएम मार्च में बढ़कर ₹71,810 करोड़ हो गया है, जो पिछले साल की समान अवधि में ₹45,712 करोड़ था।

कोटक महिंद्रा बैंक के नए क्रेडिट कार्ड और ऑनलाइन अकाउंट खोलने पर रोक

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। रिजर्व बैंक ऑफ इंडिया (आरबीआई) ने निजी क्षेत्र के कोटक महिंद्रा बैंक पर सख्त कार्रवाई की है। आरबीआई ने तत्काल प्रभाव से कोटक महिंद्रा बैंक को नए क्रेडिट कार्ड जारी करने पर रोकने का निर्देश दिया है। इसके साथ ही ऑनलाइन और मोबाइल बैंकिंग चैनलों के माध्यम से नए ग्राहकों को जोड़ने पर बैन लगा दिया है। आरबीआई ने जारी एक बयान में बताया कि बैंकिंग विनियमन अधिनियम, 1949 की धारा 35ए के तहत कोटक महिंद्रा बैंक लिमिटेड तत्काल प्रभाव से काम बंद करने का निर्देश दिया गया है। रिजर्व बैंक के

मुताबिक इसमें ऑनलाइन और मोबाइल बैंकिंग चैनलों के माध्यम से अपने मौजूदा ग्राहकों को सेवाएं प्रदान करना जारी रखेगा।



नए ग्राहकों और नए क्रेडिट कार्ड जारी करना भी शामिल है। हालांकि, बैंक अपने क्रेडिट कार्ड ग्राहकों सहित बैंक नियामक ने बैंक पर ये प्रतिबंध लगाने का कारण बताते हुए बताया कि वर्ष 2022 और 2023

के लिए आरबीआई की आईटी परीक्षा से उत्पन्न महत्वपूर्ण चिंताओं और इन चिंताओं को व्यापक और समय पर ढंग से संबोधित करने में कोटक महिंद्रा बैंक की ओर से लगातार विफलता के आधार पर आवश्यक हो गई थी। उल्लेखनीय है कि कोटक महिंद्रा बैंक की वेबसाइट के अनुसार उसकी देशभर में 1,780 से ज्यादा ब्रांच और 4.12 करोड़ ग्राहक हैं। इस बैंक के क्रेडिट कार्ड का इस्तेमाल 49 लाख से ज्यादा लोग कर रहे हैं। इसके 28 लाख से ज्यादा डेबिट कार्ड एक्टिव हैं। एक लाख से ज्यादा कर्मचारी बैंक में काम करते हैं, जबकि 3.61 लाख करोड़ रुपये से ज्यादा राशि बैंक में जमा है।

एलआईसी ने ब्रांड नाम और प्रतीक चिह्न वाले भ्रामक विज्ञापनों को लेकर चेतावनी

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करने को कहा है। निगम ने सार्वजनिक नोटिस में कहा, "यह अधिकारियों या पूर्व अधिकारियों की तस्वीर, ब्रांड नाम तथा प्रतीक चिह्न का दुरुपयोग करके विभिन्न सोशल मीडिया मंचों पर धोखाधड़ी वाले विज्ञापन दे रहे हैं। हम ऐसी

भ्रामक गतिविधियों को लेकर जनता को सचेत करना चाहते हैं।" कंपनी की ओर से जारी सार्वजनिक नोटिस में जनता से एलआईसी के आधिकारिक सोशल मीडिया खातों पर ऐसे धोखाधड़ी वाले विज्ञापनों के 'यूआरएल लिंक' की जानकारी देने को भी कहा गया है। एलआईसी ने कहा है कि हम बिना अनुमति के हमारे ब्रांड का इस्तेमाल करके धोखाधड़ी गतिविधियों में शामिल पाए जाने वाले लोगों के खिलाफ उचित कानूनी कार्रवाई करेंगे। बीमा निगम ने कहा कि हम यह सुनिश्चित करने को प्रतिबद्ध हैं कि पॉलिसीधारक और आम जनता ऐसे भ्रामक विज्ञापनों से गुमराह न हों।



बैंक ऑफ़ बड़ौदा की कुणाल राय कपूर के साथ साझेदारी

नई दिल्ली। भारत के अग्रणी सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र के बैंकों में से एक, बैंक ऑफ़ बड़ौदा (बीबी) ने आज अपने #PehchaanCon 3.0 बैंकिंग धोखाधड़ी जागरूकता अभियान को जारी करने की घोषणा की। पिछले दो संस्करणों की सफलता के आधार पर, नवीनतम अभियान नए युग की वित्तीय धोखाधड़ी जैसे ऑर्टिफिशियल इंटेलिजेंस-जनित डीपफेक घोटालों के बारे में जागरूकता बढ़ाने का प्रयास करता है जो सबसे सतर्क ग्राहकों को भी धोखा देने में सफल हो सकते हैं।

#PehchaanCon अभियान के चरण 3 में, बैंक ने अभिनेता कुणाल राय कपूर की विशेषता वाली दो नई विज्ञापन फिल्में जारी की हैं। जानकारीपूर्ण सामग्री के साथ हास्य के उपयोग को जोड़ते हुए, जो वीडियो दर्शाते हैं कि कैसे कोई भी - यहां तक कि हमारे बीच का सबसे बुद्धिमान और सबसे मजबूत व्यक्ति भी - धोखा खा सकता है। नवीनतम डीपफेक तकनीक का उपयोग करके, व्यक्तियों को धोखा देने के लिए परिवार के सदस्य/किसी करीबी परिचित के रूप में या डिजलीवरी एजेंट के रूप में ओटीपी

मांगकर ऑनलाइन शॉपर्स को लक्षित करना, जिसका उपयोग किसी के व्यक्तिगत डेटा को हैक करने के लिए किया जाता है, धोखाबाज कई प्रकार का उपयोग कर रहे हैं लोगों को आजमाने और ठगने के तरीके। विज्ञापन दिखाते हैं कि कैसे कोई भी इस तरह के हमले का शिकार हो सकता है। कुणाल राय कपूर एक शांत और दयालु डॉक्टर की भूमिका निभाते हैं, जिनके सामने उनके मरीज अपना दिल खोलकर रख देते हैं, साथ ही यह भी सोचते हैं कि भविष्य में इस तरह की

धोखाधड़ी से खुद को कैसे बचाया जाए। विज्ञापन इस बात पर जोर देते हैं कि सतर्क, सतर्क रहकर और सुरक्षित ऑनलाइन बैंकिंग और शॉपिंग

पहचानने में सक्षम होने से, ग्राहक अपनी और अपनी गोपनीय वित्तीय जानकारी की सुरक्षा कर सकते हैं और एक सुरक्षित ऑनलाइन बैंकिंग और शॉपिंग



अनुभव का आनंद ले सकते हैं। बैंक ऑफ़ बड़ौदा के कार्यकारी निदेशक, श्री लाल सिंह ने कहा, "लोगों को धोखा देने के उद्देश्य से ऑनलाइन धोखाधड़ी आजकल आम हो गई है और यह एक खतरा है। इसके अलावा, नई प्रौद्योगिकियों के आगमन के साथ, वित्तीय विपक्ष की कार्यप्रणाली भी तेजी से विकसित होती रहती है। इसलिए, हम सभी को बेहद सतर्क रहने और संभावित धोखाधड़ी/घोटाले की पहचान करना सीखने की जरूरत है। बैंक ऑफ़ बड़ौदा का पहचानकर्ता अभियान ग्राहकों के लिए आत्म-सतर्कता के महत्व पर जोर देता है ताकि वे साइबर अपराधियों द्वारा प्रस्तुत खतरों से अपनी मेहनत की कमाई की सुरक्षा सुनिश्चित कर सकें। संक्षेप में, अभियान का उद्देश्य इस संदेश को बढ़ाना है: सूचित रहें और सतर्क रहें। पहचानकर्ता फिल्म #1 और पहचानकर्ता फिल्म #2। एक मल्टी-चैनल अभियान, #PehchaanCon 3.0 अभियान टेलीविजन, रेडियो, डिजिटल और आउटडोर प्लेटफॉर्म पर चलाया जाएगा।

इस तरह से करें बेकार पड़े प्लास्टिक के कपों का इस्तेमाल



आइए जानते हैं...

- पेन रखने के लिए स्टैंड बनाएं

आप इन कपों से पेन रखने के लिए स्टैंड बना सकते हैं। ताकि बच्चों अपना प्रोजेक्ट बनाने का सारा सामान इसमें इकट्ठा करके रख सकें। - दूधब्रश रखने के लिए होल्डर अक्सर हम सभी जब बाजार से दही लेकर आते हैं तो दही खाने के बाद उन कपों को फेंक देते हैं। आप इन कपों को फेंकने की जगह रंगों से डिजाइन बना कर घर में इस्तेमाल कर सकते हैं। जैसे कि उन्हें बाथरूम में दूधब्रश रखने के लिए होल्डर बना कर टांग सकते हैं।

- पैसे रखने के लिए

आप इन बेकार पड़े प्लास्टिक कपों में टूटे सिक्कों रख सकते हैं, ताकि आप सिक्कों को एक जगह पर रख सकें और ढूँढने में किसी तरह की दिक्कत भी न हो। -

एस्सेसरीज चीजें रखने के लिए

जब भी हम किसी फंक्शन से आते हैं तो अपनी कीमती चीजें जैसे कि इयरिंग्स या चैन आदि को घर में कहीं भी रख देते हैं। जिसे यह सारी चीजें गुम हो सकती हैं। इसलिए इन्हें एक जगह पर रखने के लिए ऐसी एस्सेसरीज चीजों को इकट्ठा करके इन प्लास्टिक कपों में संभाल कर रख सकती हैं। - पौधे लगाने के लिए बीज बोएं

आप घर में इन बेकार पड़े प्लास्टिक कपों और बाल्टियों में मिट्टी डालकर पौधों के बीज लगा सकते हैं, जैसे कि धनिया, पुदिना आदि के बीज। - कपों का पेपरवेट बनाएं

बाजार से मंहे पेपरवेट लाने की जगह पर आप घर में बेकार पड़े सामान और प्लास्टिक के हैवी कपों का पेपरवेट बना सकते हैं। - कलर पैलेट अगर आपके बच्चों चित्रकला का करने का शौक रखते हैं तो उन्हें रंगों के अलग-अलग शेड बनाने के लिए प्लास्टिक के कप दे सकते हैं। इन कपों में रंग सूखते नहीं हैं और उन्हें इस्तेमाल में भी लाया जा सकता है।

हम सभी बाजार से बहुत सी ऐसी चीजें ला कर इस्तेमाल करते हैं जो प्लास्टिक के कपों, बोतल, बर्तनों, थैलों आदि में आती हैं। हम घर की सफाई करने के लिए इन कपों, बोतलों आदि का इस्तेमाल करने के बाद कचरे में फेंक देते हैं। पर यह सभी चीजें फेंकने के बाद भी जल्दी से गलती नहीं है। ऐसी प्लास्टिक की चीजों को गलने में बहुत समय लगता है। बहुत से शहरों और राज्यों में इन चीजों का उपयोग करने के लिए प्रतिबंध लगाए गए हैं। इसलिए आज हम आपको इन प्लास्टिक के कपों को घर में इस्तेमाल करने के लिए कुछ आसान से टिप्स बताएंगे। इसे आप इन चीजों को फिर से रीसायकल बिन कर सकते हैं। तो

सफाई करने के लिए इन कपों, बोतलों आदि का इस्तेमाल करने के बाद कचरे में फेंक देते हैं। पर यह सभी चीजें फेंकने के बाद भी जल्दी से गलती नहीं है। ऐसी प्लास्टिक की चीजों को गलने में बहुत समय लगता है। बहुत से शहरों और राज्यों में इन चीजों का उपयोग करने के लिए प्रतिबंध लगाए गए हैं। इसलिए आज हम आपको इन प्लास्टिक के कपों को घर में इस्तेमाल करने के लिए कुछ आसान से टिप्स बताएंगे। इसे आप इन चीजों को फिर से रीसायकल बिन कर सकते हैं। तो

घर में कॉकरोचों का खात्मा करने के लिए अपनाएं ये टिप्स

आजकल हर घर में कॉकरोच आम देखने को मिलते हैं। कॉकरोच घर में जगह-जगह पर आपना घर बना कर मजे से रहते हैं। ऐसे में अगर हमारी किचन में खाने पीने की चीजों के आस पास कॉकरोच घुमते रहें तो पेट जैसी बहुत सी बीमारियां हो जाती हैं। अगर आप कॉकरोचों से परेशान हो गए हैं तो आज हम आपको कॉकरोचों का खात्मा करने के लिए कुछ आसान से घरेलू टिप्स बताएंगे। तो आइए जानते हैं...

- लौंग

वैसे तो हम सभी लौंग का इस्तेमाल खाने में करते हैं, पर अगर आपके रसोईघर में बहुत ज्यादा कॉकरोच है तो उनसे मुक्ति पाने के लिए भी इसका उपयोग कर सकते हैं। ऐसे में अगर आप किचन कैबिनेट के अंदर थोड़े लौंग रख दें ताकि कॉकरोच भाग जाए।

- रेड वाइन

आप रसोईघर में बनी कैबिनेट के अंदर एक कटोरी में 1/3

रेड वाइन रख कर भी इनका खात्मा कर सकते हैं। - पाउडर वाली चीनी कॉकरोचों का खात्मा करने के लिए आप एक कटोरी में या फिर किसी बोतल की ढक्कन में चीनी का पाउडर डाल कर रख दें। चीनी को बोरिक एसिड के साथ मिलाकर भी रख सकते हैं।

- अण्डा

घर में हर कोई अंडा तो खाता ही है। पर हम सभी अण्डे के छिलकों को कचरे के डिब्बा में फेंक देते हैं। अब आप ऐसा न करें। यदि आपकी किचन में कॉकरोच हैं तो उन्हें दूर करने के लिए आप अण्डे के छिलको को कैबिनेट या स्लेब पर रख दें।

- बेकिंग पाउडर

किचन में कॉकरोचों का खात्मा करने के लिए कटोरे में बेकिंग पाउडर डाल कर कैबिनेट के अंदर और बाहर रख दें। ध्यान में रखें कि 10-15 दिनों के बाद इस बदल जरूर दें क्योंकि नमी की वजह से इसकी महक चली जाती है।



घर में रखा है पालतू जानवर, तो इस तरह से करें

साफ-सफाई

जिन लोगों को घर में जानवर रखने का शौक है उन्हें उसकी देखभाल के साथ-साथ घर की साफ-सफाई का भी बहुत ध्यान रखना पड़ता है। वह जानवर की देखभाल अपने बच्चों की तरह करते हैं। फिर भी वह जितनी भी कोशिश कर लें, पर उनके लिए घर की सफाई करना थोड़ा मुश्किल हो जाता है। ऐसे में जानवर आपके घर की साफ-सफाई को खराब कर ही देता है क्योंकि उसके शरीर के बाल घर में जगह-जगह पर बिखरे रहते हैं। इसलिए आज हम आपको बताएंगे कि आप जानवर होने पर किस तरह से घर की साफ-सफाई करें। तो आइए जानते हैं कैसे...

- नस्ल के बारे में जान लें घर में जानवर रखने से पहले उसकी नस्ल के बारे में जरूर जान लें क्योंकि कुछ नस्ल के जानवरों के बाल गिरते रहते हैं। ऐसे में आप घर पर हल्के बालों वाले जानवर ही पालें।

- देखभाल

अगर आपने घर में ऐसी नस्ल वाला जानवर रखा है जिसके बाल गिरते हैं तो ऐसे जानवरों के बालों की देखभाल जरूर करें। ऐसे में उसे समय पर नहलाएं और उसकी एक ड्रेस बना कर पहनाएं। हो सके तो जानवर के बालों को अच्छे रखने वाली दवा व त्रीम लगाएं।

- कारपेट और कपड़े

घर की सफाई करते समय कारपेट, बेडशीट, बिस्तर, सोफा आदि को अच्छे से साफ जरूर करें क्योंकि इस पर जानवर के बाल भी लगे हो सकते हैं। कोशिश करें कि हर हफ्ते एक बार वैक्यूम क्लीनर से घर के साफ जरूर करें।

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- दाग

जानवर घर में कहीं भी मल या मूत्र देखे हैं, जिससे उस जगह पर दाग पड़ जाते हैं। अगर वह कॉरपेट पर कर दें तो यह जल्दी खराब हो जाता है। इसलिए उस जगह को शीघ्र ही साफ करें।

- कमरे की सजावट

कमरे में पड़े महंगे सामान को जानवर की पहुंच से दूर रखें। कमरे को तभी खोलें जब घर में मेहमान आएंगे। हो सके तो सभी चीजों की दिन में एक बार डस्टिंग जरूर कर लें।

- जानवर से फर्श को बचाएं

अगर आपके घर में पीवीसी शीट वाली फर्श बिछी है तो जानवर से फर्श को बचाएं क्योंकि सभी जानवरों के पंजे गढ़ाने की गंदी आदत होती है। वह शीट वाली फर्श को खराब कर सकता है। - प्रशिक्षण दें

अगर आप घर में जानवर को रखना चाहते हैं तो उसे घर में बैठने-उठने की अच्छी ट्रेनिंग दें।

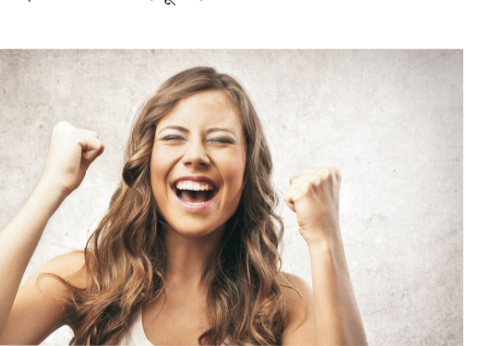
खुश रहना है बहुत आसान

आपको यह बात थोड़ी अटपटी लग सकती है, लेकिन सच है कि कुछ छोटी-छोटी बातों को अपनी जीवनशैली में शामिल करके हमेशा तनावमुक्त और खुश रह सकती हैं।

1. सुबह अपने लिए थोड़ा समय जरूर निकालें ताकि आपके मस्तिष्क में अच्छे विचार आ सकें। इसके लिए आंखें बंद करके सकारात्मक भाव वाली किसी कविता या प्रार्थना का सस्वर पाठ करते हुए गहराई से उसका अर्थ समझने का प्रयास करें। इस दौरान नाक से सांस लें और उसे मुंह से वापस छोड़ें। दिन भर तनावमुक्त रहने के लिए यह अच्छा व्यायाम है।
2. हाल ही में किए गए सर्वेक्षणों से यह तथ्य सामने आया है कि जो लोग सुबह का नाश्ता नहीं करते उनमें शारीरिक और मानसिक तनाव बहुत अधिक होता है और जो लोग सुबह के नाश्ते में पौष्टिक चीजें जैसे स्ट्राउट्स, फल, जूस आदि लेते हैं उन्हें किसी तरह के तनाव का अनुभव नहीं होता। नाश्ते में मौजूद जिंक, विटमिन सी, विटमिन बी और मैग्नीशियम आपके शरीर को तनाव के नकारात्मक असर से लड़ने की ऊर्जा देते हैं।
3. अपने शारीरिक और मानसिक तनाव के लक्षणों को पहचानने की कोशिश करें कि किस स्थिति में आप स्वयं

को ज्यादा तनावग्रस्त महसूस करती है। जब कभी तनाव महसूस हो तो इसे दूर करने के लिए आप यह करें- अपनी पीट बिलकुल सीधी रखें, पेट के निचले हिस्से को भीतर की ओर हलका सा सिकोड़ें और वापस उसी अवस्था में छोड़ दें। कम से कम चार-पांच बार ऐसा करने से आप स्वयं को तनावमुक्त महसूस करेगी। इससे सांस सही ढंग से चलने लगती है।

4. कंप्यूटर पर लगातार काम करते-करते आंखें थक जाती हैं। इस समस्या से बचने के लिए कम से कम हर तीन घंटे के अंतराल पर अपनी हथेलियों से दो मिनट के लिए पलकें बंद करे और फिर धीरे-धीरे आंखें खोलें। इससे आराम महसूस होगा।



5. हंसना तनाव दूर करने का सबसे आसान उपाय है। इसलिए टीवी पर गंभीर कार्यक्रमों के बजाय कोई कॉमेडी शो देखें।

6. संगीत तनाव दूर करने का सबसे बेहतर जरिया है। इसलिए वोकॉइड में न सिर्फ अपनी पसंद का संगीत सुनें, बल्कि खुद भी खुले गले से गुनगुनाएं। वैज्ञानिक सर्वेक्षणों से साबित हो चुका है कि गाने से मस्तिष्क तक ऑक्सीजन का प्रवाह तेज गति से होता है और इससे व्यक्ति तनावमुक्त महसूस करता है।

NEWS BOX

DC vs GT: 'Champion' Kuldeep Yadav certainty for T20 World Cup, says Sanjay Manjrekar

New Delhi. Sanjay Manjrekar feels that 'champion' bowler Kuldeep Yadav should be a certainty for the T20 World Cup squad as his fine form in the IPL 2024 season continued. Kuldeep once again produced a stunning display in a high-scoring thriller as DC secured a vital two points against GT in Delhi on April 24, Wednesday.

Kuldeep picked up two wickets for 29 runs in his four overs as DC won the match by 4 runs in the end. The spinner got the big wicket of Rahul Tewatia at a crunch time as it proved to be a turning point in the game. With selection day for the T20 World Cup approaching, Manjrekar feels that Kuldeep has sealed his spot in the side. Speaking to Star Sports, the former cricketer said that Kuldeep is at his peak as bowler at the moment, much like Jasprit Bumrah and Yuzvendra Chahal. Manjrekar also feels that Kuldeep is comfortable with taking up responsibility and provides crucial breakthroughs for his side. The renowned commentator said that Kuldeep should be the second spinner behind Ravindra Jadeja. DC vs GT, IPL 2024 Highlights | Scorecard Yes. And this is perhaps Kuldeep Yadav at his peak with regards to his skills, his confidence. You can see now he's out there like a Bumrah or Chahal at his peak. He is commanding that kind of respect. He looks comfortable with the responsibility and champions, you know, those breaks and those moments that you are seeking at the right time." IPL 2024 Full Coverage | IPL 2024 Points Table and Standings | 2024 IPL Full Schedule "Last over today, DC wanted a wicket. They got the wicket of Tewatia there and just seized the game. So this is where Kuldeep has now become a champion bowler and he is somebody I mean that we should pencil down. Ravindra Jadeja will come in as a left-arm spinner batter and Kuldeep the second spinner," said Manjrekar.

T20 World Cup: Beyond Jasprit Bumrah, India's pace options don't look great

New Delhi. When India's selectors sit down to pick the squad for the T20 World Cup in the USA and West Indies in June, they will have many batting options to choose from.

While seniors like captain Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli have been amongst the runs, the likes of Yashasvi Jaiswal, Shubman Gill, Suryakumar Yadav and Shivam Dube have sizzled at various points in IPL 2024.

With Rishabh Pant back from injury, there are many options in the keeping department too. Ditto for the spinners. One grey area that is increasingly becoming a serious cause for concern is the lack of pace bowling options beyond Jasprit Bumrah. Even as Bumrah has topped the charts with 13 wickets in eight matches @15.69 at an economy rate of 6.37, the others have struggled to survive. Before this IPL, Mohammed Siraj, one thought, could be the right man to share the new ball for India in the T20 World Cup. However, the pacer's struggles - just five wickets in seven matches @53.80, at an economy rate of 10.34 - have mirrored those of the bottom-placed RCB. Mukesh Kumar has been slightly better for the Delhi Capitals, taking nine wickets in five matches @20.22, but his economy rate is 10.40, which tells you that he can leak runs when swing is absent. Usually a safe bet, left-arm seamer Arshdeep Singh has gone for an economy rate of 9.40 while taking 10 wickets in eight games for the Punjab Kings. Avesh Khan has taken eight wickets in eight matches @36.50, but his economy rate has been 9.41.

If you want to win T20 World Cup, I will tell India coach Rahul Dravid to..

New Delhi The debate around India's T20 World Cup squad is getting hotter as it's only a few days before the BCCI selectors name the 15-member squad for the June 2 to 29 tournament to be co-hosted by the USA and West Indies. Joining that debate is former India opener Navjot Singh Sidhu, who has an advice for India's head coach Rahul Dravid.

"My straight advice to Rahul Dravid is that if you want to win this tournament, have five wicket-taking specialist bowlers, simple," said Sidhu, answering a fan's question on the #AskStar segment on Star Sports. India will take on Ireland in their opening match of the T20 World Cup on June 5 in New York.

Sidhu advised Dravid against making any compromises. "The collapse of a team's character stems from the compromise point," said Sidhu and went on to name the bowlers of his choice, which had some surprise names. While Sidhu took the name of legspinner Ravi Bishnoi to partner Ravindra Jadeja and Kuldeep Yadav as the spinners in the squad, he named Khaleel Ahmed, Mukesh Kumar, Mohsin Khan and Mayank Yadav "if he is fit" as India's options in the pace department.

You are too good Pat: Virat Kohli's heart-warming interaction ahead of SRH vs RCB

- Pat Cummins interacted with Virat Kohli in Hyderabad
- The duo shared a heart-warming interaction ahead of SRH vs RCB
- Hyderabad will host Bengaluru on April 25, Thursday



New Delhi. Virat Kohli had a heart-warming interaction with Pat Cummins ahead of the mouth-watering clash between SRH and RCB at the Rajiv Gandhi International Stadium on April 25, Thursday. The 2 teams will face each other for the 2nd time this season after a record-shattering outing last time in Bengaluru. In a video shared by the official social media handle of RCB, Kohli

and Cummins were spotted interacting with each other. The duo shared a light-hearted conversation during the practice session on the eve of the high-octane match. Cummins was all padded-up as he came towards Kohli,

who was sitting on the ground with his pads on. The star RCB player seemed to have been catching up on a break with some munchies by his side amid an intense practice session. The stalwarts shared a hand-shake and

looked all smiles. Cummins mentioned how the coach was saying that he was making the wicket look flat, to which Kohli responded, how good the SRH captain is. IPL 2024 Full Coverage | IPL 2024 Points Table and Standings | 2024 IPL Full Schedule The duo showcased mutual love and respect for each other as 2 of the flag-bearers of the game for their respective countries as well as franchises. However, Cummins also gave a sly warning to Kohli as to what to expect on the batting paradise in Hyderabad.

The official social media handle of the SRH team also shared a special video featuring Kohli and Cummins, where they were spotted batting in parallel in the nets. RCB languish at the bottom of the table with just 1 win in 8 matches. Meanwhile, the Cummins-led SRH have been riding high on confidence, shattering one record after the other. SRH stand at the No. 3 position in the points table with 5 wins from 7 matches.

Records galore during their first encounter of the season as over 500 runs were scored for the second time in the history of the IPL.

More sixes than fours: Sai Kishore rues flurry of boundaries after GT lose to DC

New Delhi. Sai Kishore said that the partnership between Rishabh Pant and Axar Patel took the game away from DC in their IPL 2024 clash against GT on Wednesday, April 24 at the Arun Jaitley Stadium in Delhi. After being asked to bat first, the Capitals were reduced to 44 for 3 inside the powerplay. However, Pant and Axar put on 113 runs for the fourth wicket off 11.2 overs, helping the hosts make a strong comeback. Sai Kishore said that the partnership between Rishabh Pant and Axar Patel took the game away from DC in their IPL 2024 clash against GT on Wednesday, April 24 at the Arun Jaitley Stadium in Delhi. After being asked to bat first, the Capitals were reduced to 44 for 3 inside the powerplay. However, Pant and Axar put on 113 runs for the fourth wicket off 11.2 overs, helping the hosts make a strong



comeback. In the last 5 overs, DC scored 97 runs and got themselves up to 224 for 4. Kishore said that the flurry of boundaries in the death overs took the game away from the Titans.

"Axar and Pant batted really well. Rishabh scored a lot of boundaries off good balls, not necessarily sixes, but for fours as well.

That got them the momentum and in the last 2 to 3 overs, we conceded more sixes than fours and that resulted in the game going out of hands," Kishore said in the post-match press conference.

Everyone believed'

Kishore said that despite the massive target, GT did not give up hopes of a win. The visitors ran DC close, but lost the match by 4 runs. With 19 runs needed off the last over, Rashid Khan hit 2 fours and a six off Mukesh Kumar, but could not take his team past the finish line. "A win would have put us in a commanding position. But the best part of this team is the belief everyone carries. Even in this kind of chase everyone believed that we could pull this off. That is what this team has been built on," Kishore added. With the loss, the Titans are currently at seventh in the table with 8 points and a net run rate of -0.974 thanks to wins in 4 out of 9 matches.

Delhi Capitals hold nerves to beat Gujarat by 4 runs

CHENNAI. Rishabh Pant and Axar Patel's half-centuries and collective bowling performance took Delhi Capitals to a victory at the Arun Jaitley Stadium, New Delhi. Aiming for their highest successful chase in the IPL, Gujarat needed a fiery start, but they lost their captain Shubman Gill in the second over. B Sai Sudharsan, Gujarat's Impact Sub, smashed a six off Anrich Nortje to show his intentions. He and Wriddhiman Saha went after Khaleel Ahmed to take 17 runs.

The duo made the most of the powerplay conditions to take Gujarat to 67/1 in the powerplay. The introduction of spin from both ends in Axar Patel and Kuldeep Yadav, relatively slowed down the scoring rate for Gujarat. Saha succumbed to the pressure and lost his wicket off Yadav. In the next over, Patel dismissed Azmatullah Omarzai to derail Gujarat even more. Meanwhile, Sai Sudarshan became the first Gujarat player other than Gill to score a half-ton this season as he reached the milestone in 29 balls. Once he and Shahrukh Khan lost their wickets in quick succession, it felt like all hopes were lost, but David Miller stood firm for his side, even after losing hard-hitting Rahul Tewatia to Tadav for just 4.

Miller took 24 runs in Nortje's third over. Rasikh Salam first took a catch to remove Miller and later took a wicket of Sai Kishore to leave 19 runs in the final over. Rashid Khan tried his best with two fours and a six, but couldn't hit a six off the last ball, and

Hope soon as they were struggling with 44/3 after the powerplay.

Pant took his time to get going while Patel made most of his chances. The duo went after spinners, Noor Ahmad and Rashid Khan and took Delhi to 80/3 after 10 overs.

Given the trends in this season of the IPL, Delhi were way away from the total they would have needed to feel safe in the first innings. Pant brought up his half-century off 37 balls, his first of this season. Pant took control of the innings and smashed two sixes in Mohit Sharma's second over. Patel tried to up the ante and scored two back-to-back sixes off Noor, but got out trying to go for the third six in a row.

With 18 balls left in the innings, Pant completed his third half-century of this season. Tristan Stubbs then went berserk against Sai Kishore, who was introduced in the 19th over by captain Gill as 22 runs came from the penultimate over. Pant took the destructive batting to the next level and smoked 31 runs in the final over. Mohit Sharma gave away 73 runs in his four overs, the most expensive spell in IPL as Delhi scored 224 in the first innings.



Delhi won by 4 runs. Earlier, Gujarat won the toss and opted to bowl first with no changes in their playing XI. Azmatullah Omarzai went for 10 runs in his first over and Sandeep Warrier went for 12 as Prithvi Shaw and Jake Fraser-McGurk started really well. With Delhi at 34 without any loss after three overs, Warrier broke the partnership with two wickets in his two overs. Delhi lost Shai

Premier League: Everton dent Liverpool's title hopes, Man United sink Sheffield

New Delhi. Everton's Jarrad Branthwaite and Dominic Calvert-Lewin scored in a pulsating 2-0 home victory over Liverpool in the Merseyside derby on Wednesday that could prove to be the death of the visitors' withering Premier League title hopes. Everton's first derby victory at Goodison Park in more than 13 years prevented Liverpool from climbing level with Arsenal at the top of the league table. Juergen Klopp's men are three points behind the Gunners (77) with four games to play. Holders Manchester City remain in the driver's seat on 73 points but with two games in hand, while Everton's victory has them breathing easier, eight points above the relegation zone in 16th. Very disappointed in so many ways and I think everyone has to look in the mirror look at their own performances, did they give everything and do they really want to win the league?"



Liverpool captain Virgil van Dijk said. "Obviously there are still games after tonight, but if we play like we did tonight, we have no chance to win the title. It's a tough one and obviously we have to do much better against a side that is playing against relegation."

Fernandes rescues Manchester United

Manchester United captain Bruno Fernandes came to his side's rescue with two goals in a 4-2 home victory over the Premier League's bottom club Sheffield United on Wednesday just when more trouble loomed for beleaguered manager Erik ten Hag. Twice United trailed against a side destined for a quick return to the Championship with Jayden Bogle and Ben Brereton Diaz both on target for the visitors but Fernandes helped avert another damaging result. He levelled from the penalty spot in the 61st minute after a foul on Harry Maguire, scorer of United's first equaliser. Fernandes then smacked home a sizzling left-footed shot to edge his side in front before setting up Rasmus Hojlund to finally subdue their battling opponents.

"At the end we came back. We put ourselves in a position where it's tough to win games. But also it shows a bit of character," the Portuguese said.

Sorry Debashish bhai: Rishabh Pant apologizes to cameraman who was hit by his shot

New Delhi DC captain Rishabh Pant issued a heart-warming apology to a camera person who was hit by one of the star batter's shots. DC recorded a nervy 4-run victory against GT at the Arun Jaitley Stadium, Delhi on April 24, Wednesday. Pant was adjudged as the Player of the Match for his incredible knock of 88 runs from 43 balls. In a video released by the official social media handle of the IPL, Pant was spotted along with the head coach of DC, Ricky Ponting, after the match. Pant, in a kind gesture, apologised to the camera operator and wished for his better recovery.

"Sorry Debashish bhai, did not intend to hit you, but I think you can recover well and good luck," Pant said in the video. DC vs GT, IPL 2024 Highlights | Scorecard

"One of the camerapersons from our BCCI Production Crew got hit during the DC vs GT match. Rishabh Pant - Delhi Capitals'



captain and Player of the Match - has a special message for the cameraperson," the caption read. The camera person must have become victim to the ferocious hitting by Pant, who returned to his vintage style to

deliver a special knock. However, in an act of kindness, Pant sought an apology for his unintentional act. IPL 2024 Full Coverage | IPL 2024 Points Table and Standings | 2024 IPL Full Schedule

WHEN PANT RETURNED TO HIS VINTAGE BEST IN DELHI GT had started the proceedings well as DC was reduced to 15 for 3 within the powerplay itself. However, Pant joined Axar Patel, who was promoted to the No. 3 position, and the duo launched a counter-attack on the GT bowlers. It was a typically audacious innings from Pant ever since his miraculous recovery from the car accident in December 2022. He put up an entertaining show for the fans with his unorthodox stroke-making. He also whipped Mohit Sharma's delivery for a helicopter-like shot which left the fans and experts in frenzy. In his whirlwind knock, Pant scored 62 runs from the last 18 balls he faced. He plundered Mohit for 31 runs in his last over, taking the total to 224. However, despite the efforts from David Miller and Sai Sudharasan, GT fell short in the humdinger.

Disha Patani

Flaunts Her Curves In White Bralette, Takes Photos With Paps

Disha Patani is making heads turn with her impeccable fashion sense! Her everyday looks speak volumes about her sense of style. Be it with her gym outfits or tank tops and baggy pants flaunting her curves and elegance, the actress always manages to make heads turn. Having said that, the Yodha actress recently left her fans gasping for breath with her latest hot video. Disha looked all things ravishing and radiating in a white bralette with baggy jeans. She tied her hair in a bun and wore a pair of cool sunnies. She also carried a fur bag to complete her look. Disha, who was at the airport, also obliged a paparazzo by taking a photo with him. Check out the videos here: Meanwhile, on the work front, Disha Patani was last seen sharing the screen space with Arjun Kapoor, John Abraham, and Tara Sutaria in Ek Villain Returns. She will also be seen in Nag Ashwin's action drama Kalki 2898-AD alongside Deepika Padukone, Dulquer Salmaan, and Amitabh Bachchan. Disha Patani is currently seen in Sagar Ambre and Pushkar Ojha's action drama Yodha, where she shares the screen with Sidharth Malhotra and Raashii Khanna.



Apart from her professional life, Disha often grabs headlines for her personal life. Time and again, she has been linked to Tiger. Though the duo never admitted to dating each other, they have always maintained that they are close friends. In a recent interview, Tiger, who is currently gearing up for the release of Bade Miyan Chote Miyan along with Akshay Kumar, opened up about his relationship status. "Are you single? Aapki zindagi kis 'Disha' mein jaa rahi hai?" Times Now.com asked Tiger, while hinting at his dating rumours with Disha. To this, Tiger wittily replied, "Meri ek hi Disha hai life mein... aur wo hai mera kaam (I have only one direction/focus in my life which is my work)."



Navya Naveli Nanda

Preparing For CAT? Her Latest Photo Dump Claims So

Navya Naveli Nanda, the granddaughter of Amitabh Bachchan, has chosen a life away from the glitz and glam. At 26, she has carved a niche for herself in the entrepreneurial and business sectors. She is also an active participant in social activism, trying to build a gender-equal world. Recently, Navya dropped a series of pictures on Instagram, documenting how she spent her last week. Among the carousel, she also shared a snap of a pile of CAT (Common Admission Test) books. As soon as social media users stumbled upon the post, speculations were on the rise that Navya was preparing for an MBA degree. "The Last week", captioned Navya Naveli Nanda. The third slide that caught the special attention of the masses featured two CAT books by Arun Sharma. The first one was Verbal Ability and Reading Comprehension, while the other belonged to the quantitative aptitude category. Data Interpretation and Logical Reasoning books were also displayed on the table. An official guide of NMAT by GMAC could also be spotted in the pile, alongside notebooks. Although Navya's caption did not indicate whether she was preparing for a management course, the picture surely raised some eyeballs.

The series of clicks also included Navya Naveli Nanda taking a mirror selfie at an elevator, followed by two colourful graphic T-shirts. She took some time out from her work commitments and enjoyed a baking session. The star kid poured maple syrup into a spoon and in front of her was a flour-filled bowl. The last photo captured her at a restaurant, holding a food menu. She wore a red ribbed cardigan and denim jeans, flashing a beaming smile at the camera. Commenting on her daughter's post, Shweta Bachchan asked, "What did you bake? I didn't get to eat this!! Why?". A curious user wanted to know, "Are you preparing for CAT? Because I can see Arun Sharma's books." Another commented, "Why CAT Navya? You can take the GMAT and go to any big US b-school?" The author of the CAT books, aka Arun Sharma, also marked his presence in the comments section and wrote, "Hope you liked the Books".



Nora Fatehi Opens Up on Paps 'Zooming in' on Her Body Parts: 'They've Never Seen a Bu*t...'



Keeping up with social media and paparazzi culture has become an inseparable part of an actor's life today. More often than not, their fun banter with photographers make headlines and take the internet by storm. However, of late, many female actors have been calling them out for being intrusive and zooming in on their bodies. Recently, at an award function, Mrunal Thakur shut paps down when they asked her for a back pose. Palak Tiwari also reprimanded the shutterbugs when they clicked her from behind despite requesting them not to. However, Nora Fatehi, who has often been spotted getting captured by the shutterbugs, remains unfazed by the pap culture. In an exclusive chat with News18 Showsha, Nora addresses their behaviour, saying, "I guess they've never seen a bu*t like that before. It is what it is. The media doesn't just do it to me but to other female actors also. Maybe they don't zoom into their bu*t because it's not exciting but they zoom into their other body parts unnecessarily. Sometimes, I think that there's nothing to zoom into, so what are they focusing on?" Conversations about her going under the knife often grab headlines. But Nora says that she never lets talks about her body get to her. In fact, she reveals being extremely comfortable in her skin. "These are unfortunately the things that trend on social media. They're just playing the social media algorithm game. I'm blessed with a [good] body and I'm proud of it and my assets. I'm not ashamed of it," says the Madgaon Express actor. So, how does she deal with this side of the media? "Their intention (photographers) behind zooming in is maybe wrong but that's a separate conversation. I can't grab each person and teach them a lesson. But I still move around the way I move and I'm very confident in my body," the actor who will next be seen in Be Happy and Matka remarks. So, how does she deal with this side of the media? "Their intention (photographers) behind zooming in is maybe wrong but that's a separate conversation. I can't grab each person and teach them a lesson. But I still move around the way I move and I'm very confident in my body," the actor who will next be seen in Be Happy and Matka remarks. Nora has often been dubbed as a glam diva with sizzling dance numbers like Dilbar, Kusu, Kamariya, O Saki Saki and Jedah Nasha to her credit. In fact, she recently spoke about how being an eye candy is a perception she wanted to break, especially on the sets of Madgaon Express.

Shahid Kapoor's Reaction To Kabir Singh Co-star Kiara Advani's Photo Leaves Fans Shocked: 'The Sofa...'



Kiara Advani is currently one of the most bankable actresses. She has many exciting films lined up in her kitty. Well, today she has left all her fans in awe as she dropped a stunning photo on her social handle. Kiara looks gorgeous in a white colour outfit. But it was Shahid Kapoor's comment that grabbed everyone's attention. Taking to her Instagram handle, Kiara shared a photo in which she is seen drinking a cup of coffee in a stunning white outfit. As soon as she dropped the photo, Shahid commented saying, "That sofa is very familiar." Varun Dhawan wrote, "Nice glasses". One of the fans wrote, "for a second I thought it's Deepika! haha love you tho kiara post more of you please!" Many dropped heart emojis in the comment section. Kiara and Shahid worked in Kabir Singh. The film was remake of Arjun Reddy. It was loved by fans and audience loved their chemistry. Kiara Advani is also all set to step into the action genre with Don 3. Directed by Farhan Akhtar, the film will also star Ranveer Singh in the lead. Previously, Kiara was speaking to ABP News when she admitted that Don 3 will be her first action film. She shared that she consciously decided to sign this movie to break away from the way the audience has seen her as of now.

Recently, Kiara Advani was snapped by the paparazzi on Friday evening as she visited producer Sajid Nadiadwala's office in Mumbai. In a video that surfaced on social media, the SatyaPrem Ki Katha actress was seen entering the producer's office. She sported a white and pink top and paired it with blue jeans. The actress decided to ignore the shutterbugs as she entered straight into the office. However, Kiara Advani's visit to Nadiadwala's office has left netizens wondering if she will soon be seen in Salman Khan's Sikandar.