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## NEWS BOX

### US Military Begins Construction Of Gaza Pier For Aid Delivery: Pentagon

Washington: The United States military has begun construction on a pier meant to boost deliveries of desperately needed aid to Gaza, the Pentagon said on Thursday. The small coastal territory has been devastated by more than six months of Israeli bombardment and ground operations against Hamas militants, leaving the civilian population in need of humanitarian assistance to survive. "I can confirm that US military vessels... have begun to construct the initial stages of the temporary pier and causeway at sea," Pentagon spokesman Major General Pat Ryder told journalists.

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### Chipotle reverses protein policy, says workers can choose chicken once again

California. Chipotle says its employees can choose chicken once again. Last week, the chain asked its US and Canadian employees to temporarily select another protein for their work meals to preserve the company's supply of chicken. The directive applied to both corporate staff and restaurant employees. Newport Beach, California-based Chipotle has more than 114,000 workers in the US and Canada.

We are not experiencing outages of chicken in our restaurants," Schalow said in a statement. "Last week we temporarily asked employees to select non-chicken options for their employee meals to maintain supply for our guests based on our strong sales, but employees are now free to select chicken in their meals as normal." Chipotle's chicken al pastor, which is marinated in morita peppers, ground achiote and pineapple, debuted in March 2023. It grew so popular that it soon made up 20 per cent of all orders, Chipotle said. It was removed from the menu last August. During a conference call with investors Wednesday, Chipotle said its reintroduction of chicken al pastor in March as a limited-time offer drove strong traffic to its 3,371 US stores and 66 international stores. Chipotle said its revenue rose 14 per cent to \$2.7 billion in the January-March period while its same-store sales - or sales at locations open at least a year - were up 7 per cent. Brian Niccol, Chipotle's chairman and CEO, said chicken al pastor was bringing in additional customers and encouraging regulars to come more often. Chipotle Chief Financial Officer Jack Hartung said Thursday that the company plans to pull chicken al pastor off the menu again sometime in the third quarter of this year.

### Man was shot 13 times in Chicago where cops fired nearly 100 rounds: Autopsy

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Chicago. A man killed in a traffic stop last month when plainclothes Chicago police officers fired their guns nearly 100 times was shot 13 times, according to an autopsy report released Thursday. The March 21 police shooting that left Dexter Reed, 26, dead has prompted protests with activists calling for the five officers involved to be dismissed. Reed's family has filed a wrongful death lawsuit questioning plainclothes tactical squads. And a police oversight agency and the Cook County state's attorney are investigating. Earlier this month, the Civilian Office of Police Accountability, which investigates police shootings, released videos and documents from the traffic stop where the officers



arrived in an unmarked squad car. The office said Reed fired first at the officers, who pulled him over purportedly because he wasn't wearing a seatbelt. The officers returned fire, shooting 96 times in 41 seconds, according to the office. Reed was pronounced dead at a hospital, and his death was classified as a homicide. Reed was struck five times on his legs, four times in the buttocks, twice in the chest and hit on the back and shoulder, according to the Cook County medical examiner's autopsy report. A toxicology screen also released Thursday showed his system contained THC, marijuana's main psychoactive ingredient. Police have offered few details about the shooting, which left one officer injured. The officers were placed on 30-day administrative leave.

## "It's Hell": 5 Years On, 2019 Boeing Crash Victims Demand Justice

Washington: They can't bring back their children, siblings or partners, but five years on, the families of the 2019 Boeing crash victims want to ensure a similar tragedy never happens again. "We've got French people, Canadians, Americans, Irish, British, we're all here together and we're fighting for something together," Naoise Ryan, holding a photo of her late husband Mick, told reporters on Wednesday. The Irishman was one of 157 killed when a Boeing 737 MAX operated by Ethiopian Airlines plunged into the ground minutes after take-off on March 10, 2019.

Ryan is among hundreds of family members calling for the US Justice Department to prosecute Boeing, along with relatives of the victims of another Boeing 737 MAX crash five months earlier, in which 189 people died on a Lion Air flight in Indonesia. "I can tell you, it's hell," Ryan said of losing her husband. A hell she relives after each new meeting, such as the one held with justice officials this week, aimed at holding Boeing accountable -- with little sign of progress. "Coming here every time and meeting with this Department of Justice, it is traumatic," she told AFP -- adding,



though, that it was "very important to be present." For Catherine Berthet, who lost her daughter Camille, 28, in the Ethiopia crash, being with fellow relatives of victims is a "blessing." "We are very close but we never speak of what happened," Berthet said, her hands trembling. The 56-year-old from France carried a photo of Camille smiling next to her little brother, miraculously found among the wreckage of the plane, along with a black dress she was given for her birthday.

**'Die in vain'**  
The families' push for justice comes as Boeing faces wider scrutiny after a series of errors, including when a door plug fell out of the fuselage of a Boeing 737 MAX operated by Alaska Airlines in January, leaving a gaping hole in the cabin. The US Justice Department has a July deadline to determine whether Boeing has violated a deferred-prosecution agreement put in place after the 2018 and 2019 crashes. The American aviation giant

could face criminal charges if so, ke Riffel, who lost his two children in the crash, said he is hopeful that the group of family members can get justice for the victims.

"They are going get to the bottom of this and they're a great group of people," Riffel said. He added that he was "after the people in Boeing" rather than the company itself, adding, "Until these people are weeded out and dealt with, I don't see Boeing changing." "We'll never get our sons back.

But our fight now is for justice, justice for our sons and justice for the 346 other people that were on that airplane," Riffel said, referring to those who died in the Boeing crashes in oth Ethiopia and Indonesia. Riffel says he wants to see Boeing on trial in the hope it will bring some comfort and closure to him and other family members.

Nadia Milleron, who lost her 24-year-old daughter Samya, is now running for a seat in the US Congress and said she wanted to "prevent other deaths... so that perhaps she didn't die in vain." "I think about it many times a day, my daughter's presence, her spirit, her happiness," Milleron said, adding that a cherry tree planted in Samya's memory was now blooming.

## Chinese military on PM Modi's border remarks: 'Situation generally stable'

Beijing. The Chinese military on Thursday said the situation along the India-China border "at present" is "generally stable" and both sides have maintained "effective" communication to resolve the military standoff in eastern Ladakh. Defence Ministry spokesman Senior Colonel Wu Qian was reacting to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's recent interview with Newsweek magazine. PM Modi had expressed hope that through positive and constructive bilateral engagement at the diplomatic and military levels, India and China will be able to restore and sustain peace and tranquillity at their borders. "At present, the situation in the border areas between China and India is generally stable," Wu said.

Both the sides have maintained effective communication through diplomatic and military channels had positive constructive dialogue and achieved positive progress," he said while responding to a question on PM Modi's remarks and also Defence Minister



Rajnath Singh's reported comments that India will continue to have dialogue with China to resolve the standoff at the border areas. Wu said that "both sides have agreed to reach a mutually acceptable solution as soon as possible" to resolve the standoff. In his interview, Modi said that for India, the relationship with China is important and significant. "It is my belief that we need to urgently address the prolonged situation on our borders so that the abnormality in our bilateral interactions can be put behind us.

Stable and peaceful relations between India and China are important for not just our two countries but the entire region and world," he said. The Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Mao Ning in her response to Modi's interview on April 11 said sound and stable China-India relations serve the interests of both countries and are conducive to peace and development in the region and beyond. Relations between India and China are frozen except for trade ever since the eastern Ladakh border standoff erupted on May 5, 2020, following a violent clash in the Pangong Tso (lake) area. The eastern Ladakh standoff has resulted in a freeze of bilateral ties on all fronts except trade. The two sides have so far held 21 rounds of corps commanders-level talks to resolve the standoff. According to the Chinese military, the two sides so far agreed to disengage from four points, namely the Galwan Valley, the Pangong Lake, Hot Springs, and Jianan Daban (Gogra).

## US sanctions over dozen firms, including 3 from India, for ties with Iran

Washington. The US slapped on Thursday sanctions on over a dozen companies, individuals and vessels, including three from India, for facilitating illicit trade and UAV transfers on behalf of the Iranian military. The US Department of Treasury said these companies, individuals and vessels have played a central role in facilitating and financing the clandestine sale of Iranian unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) to Russia's war in Ukraine.

While Sahara Thunder has been identified as the main front company that oversees Iran's commercial activities in support of these efforts, the three India-based companies to have been slapped with sanctions for supporting Sahara Thunder are Zen Shipping, Port India Private Limited, and Sea Art Ship Management (OPC) Private Limited. Iranian military entity Sahara Thunder relies on a vast shipping network involved in the sale and shipment of Iranian commodities on behalf of Iran's Ministry of Defence and Armed Forces Logistics (MODAFL) to multiple jurisdictions including the People's Republic of China (PRC), Russia, and Venezuela, the Treasury said. "Sahara Thunder has entered into time-charter contracts with India-based Zen Shipping and Port India Private Limited for the Cook Islands-flagged vessel CHEM (IMO 9240914), which is managed and operated by UAE-based Safe Seas Ship Management FZE," it said. "Sahara Thunder has used the CHEM to conduct multiple shipments of commodities since 2022. Iran-based Arsang Safe Trading Co. has provided ship management services in support of several Sahara Thunder-related shipments, including those by the CHEM," the Treasury said. According to the Treasury, Iran-based Asia Marine Crown Agency has served as the port agent in Bandar Abbas, Iran supporting several Sahara Thunder shipments. "India-based Sea Art Ship Management (OPC) Private Limited and UAE-based company Trans Gulf Agency LLC have worked together to provide ship management services in support of Sahara Thunder. The UAE and Iran-based Coral Trading EST. have purchased Iranian commodities from Sahara Thunder," it said. "Iran's Ministry of Defence continues to destabilise the region and world with its support to Russia's war in Ukraine, unprecedented attack on Israel, and proliferation of UAVs and other dangerous military hardware to terrorist proxies," said Under Secretary of the Treasury for Terrorism and Financial Intelligence Brian E. Nelson. "The US, in close coordination with our British and Canadian partners, will continue to use all means available to combat those who would finance Iran's destabilising activities," he said.

## US Supreme Court justices in Trump case lean toward some level of immunity

Washington. The Supreme Court's conservative justices signalled support on Thursday for US presidents having some level of protection from criminal charges for certain acts taken in office as it tackled Donald Trump's claim of immunity from prosecution for trying to undo his 2020 election loss.

During about 2.5 hours of arguments in the case, most of the justices seemed unlikely to embrace Trump's most far-reaching argument that presidents have "absolute immunity" for official acts - an assertion that appeared to wilt under hypothetical questions involving selling nuclear secrets, taking a bribe or ordering a coup or political assassination. But the conservative justices, who hold a 6-3 majority on the nation's top judicial body, indicated concern about presidents lacking any degree of immunity, especially for less egregious acts. The contours of such a ruling, though, were not clear after

arguments probing the extent of presidential powers.

Trump, seeking this year to regain the White House, appealed after lower courts rejected his request to be shielded from four election-related criminal charges on the grounds that he was serving as president when he took the actions that led to the indictment obtained by Special Counsel Jack Smith. The Supreme Court's eventual ruling may narrow the special counsel's allegations against Trump, but it appeared that at least parts of the indictment would survive. The decision could further delay Trump's trial, however, if the Supreme Court instructs lower courts to determine how to apply its newly formulated view of immunity. Smith attend the arguments.

Conservative Justice Samuel Alito said incumbent presidents who lose re-election would be in a "peculiarly

precarious position" if they are vulnerable to vindictive prosecution by the next presidential administration. "Will that not lead us into a cycle that destabilises the functioning of our country as a democracy?" Alito asked Michael Dreeben, the lawyer representing Smith. "We can look around the world and find countries where we have seen this process where the loser gets thrown in jail," Alito added.

Conservative Chief Justice John Roberts signalled concern about abusive prosecutions of presidents, absent immunity.

"You know how easy it is in many cases for a prosecutor to get a grand jury to bring an indictment. And reliance on the good faith of the prosecutor may not be enough in some cases," Roberts told Dreeben, while indicating he was not suggesting Trump's indictment in this case was improper.

## ByteDance prefers TikTok shutdown in US instead of selling it: Report

Hong Kong. TikTok owner ByteDance would prefer to shut down its loss-making app rather than sell it if the Chinese company exhausts all legal options to fight legislation to ban the platform from app stores in the US, four sources said. The algorithms TikTok relies on for its operations are deemed core to ByteDance's overall operations, which would make a sale of the app with algorithms highly unlikely, said the sources close to the parent. TikTok accounts for a small share of ByteDance's total revenues and daily active users, so the parent would rather have the app shut down in the US in a worst case scenario than sell it to a potential American buyer, they said.

A shutdown would have limited impact on ByteDance's business while the company would not have to give up its core algorithm, said the sources, who declined to be named as they were not authorised to speak to the media. ByteDance declined comment. It said late on Thursday in a statement posted on Toutiao, a media platform it owns, that it had no plan to sell TikTok, in response to an article by The Information saying ByteDance is exploring scenarios for selling TikTok's

US business without the algorithm that recommends videos to TikTok users.

In response to a Reuters request for comment, a TikTok spokesperson referred to ByteDance's statement posted on Toutiao. TikTok's CEO Shou Zi Chew said on Wednesday the social media company expects to win a legal challenge to block legislation signed into law by President Joe Biden that he said would ban its popular short video app used by 170 million Americans. The bill, passed overwhelmingly by the US Senate on Tuesday, is driven by widespread worries among US lawmakers that China could access Americans' data or use the app for surveillance. Biden's signing sets a January 19 deadline for a sale -- one day before his term is poised to expire -- but he could extend the deadline by three months if he determines privately owned ByteDance is making progress. ByteDance does not publicly disclose its financial performance or the financial details of its units. The company continues to make most of its money in China, mainly from its other apps such as Douyin, the Chinese equivalent of TikTok, separate sources have said. The US



accounted for about 25 per cent of TikTok's overall revenues last year, said a separate source with direct knowledge. Reuters interviewed more than half a dozen investment bankers who said it was tough to value how much TikTok is worth compared with like-for-like competitors Meta Platforms, Facebook and Snap, as TikTok's financials are not widely available nor easy to access. ByteDance's 2023 revenues rose to nearly \$120 billion in 2023 from \$80 billion in 2022, said two of the four sources. TikTok's daily active users in the US also make up just about 5

per cent of ByteDance's DAUs worldwide, said one of the sources.

**ALGORITHMS NOT FOR SALE**  
TikTok shares the same core algorithms with ByteDance domestic apps like short video platform Douyin, three of the sources said. Its algorithms are considered better than ByteDance rivals such as Tencent and Xiaohongshu, said one of them. It would be impossible to divest TikTok with its algorithms as their intellectual property licence is registered under ByteDance in China and thus difficult to disentangle from the parent company, said the sources. Moreover, separating the algorithms from TikTok's US assets would be an extremely complicated procedure and ByteDance is unlikely to consider that option, the sources added. ByteDance also would not agree to sell one of its most valuable assets - its "secret source" - to rivals, said the four sources, referring to the TikTok algorithm. In 2020, the Trump administration sought to ban TikTok and Chinese-owned WeChat but was blocked by the courts. The short-form video app has since faced partial and attempted bans in the US and other countries.

# "If We're Told To Break Encryption, WhatsApp Goes": Platform's Big Warning

**Advocate Tejas Karia, appearing for WhatsApp, said people use the platform because of the privacy assured by it and because messages on it are end-to-end encrypted.**

New Delhi. WhatsApp won't stay if it is made to break encryption of messages, the messaging service platform has told Delhi High Court in a case challenging the amended IT rules. WhatsApp and Facebook (now Meta) have challenged Rule 4(2) of the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021. This rule lays down that a social media intermediary providing services primarily in the nature of messaging shall enable the identification of the first originator of the information on its computer resource, as may be required by a judicial order passed by a court or competent authority.

Advocate Tejas Karia, appearing for WhatsApp, said people use the platform because of the privacy assured by it and because messages on it are end-to-end encrypted. "As a platform, we are saying, if we are told to break encryption, then WhatsApp goes," Mr Karia told a Bench of Acting Chief Justice Manmohan and



Justice Manmeet Pritam Singh Arora, a Bar and Bench report said. The requirement, he said, was against users' privacy and was introduced without consultation. Mr Karia said this rule will require WhatsApp to store millions of messages for years, a requirement that exists nowhere else in the world. "We will have to keep a complete chain and we don't know which messages will be asked to be decrypted. It means millions and millions of messages will have to be stored for a number of years," he said. He stressed that the parent Information

Technology Act does not provide for breaking of encryption. The bench then asked if such a law exists anywhere else in the world. "Have these matters been taken up anywhere in the world? You have never been asked to share the information anywhere in the world? Even in South America?" Mr Karia replied, "No, not even in Brazil."

Earlier, the Centre told the court that WhatsApp and Facebook monetise users' information for commercial purposes and are not legally entitled to claim that it protects privacy. The Centre also said regulators of various countries hold that Facebook should be made accountable.

The centre's counsel Kirtiman Singh contended that people know the things that can happen on social media and the idea behind the rule is to trace the originator of the message. He said there has to be some mechanism to trace messages and underlined that WhatsApp has faced some difficult questions before the US Congress.

The Court called for a balance to be struck and adjourned the matter to August 14. It said these two matters will be heard with a batch of cases that were transferred to the High Court by the Supreme Court.

Opposing the petition by WhatsApp, the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology has said WhatsApp has already violated fundamental rights of India's users by denying them any dispute resolution rights in the country.

The ministry has told the court that if IT Rules 2021 are not implemented, law enforcement agencies will have difficulty in tracing the origin of fake messages and such messages will percolate in other platforms, thereby disturbing peace and harmony in the society.

Earlier, WhatsApp had said in a statement, "Requiring messaging apps to 'trace' chats is the equivalent of asking us to keep a fingerprint of every single message sent on WhatsApp, which would break end-to-end encryption and fundamentally undermines people's right to privacy."

## Actor Neha Sharma holds roadshow in support of father in Bihar's Bhagalpur



New Delhi. Bollywood actor Neha Sharma on Thursday held a massive roadshow in support of her father Ajit Sharma in Bihar's Bhagalpur district. Ajit Sharma, a Congress candidate, is contesting from Bhagalpur. Neha Sharma and her father rode on a Thar and campaigned from Sonavarsa to Naugachhia. She greeted and waved to the people who stood on the roadside to catch a glimpse of her and her father. Hundreds of workers from the Mahagathbandhan, an alliance comprising Congress, Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) and Left parties, also participated in the roadshow.

Currently, Ajit Sharma is an MLA from Bhagalpur Sadar. Bhagalpur is among the five seats in Bihar, along with Banka, Kishanganj, Katihar and Purnia, which will vote in the second phase of the Lok Sabha elections on Friday. Results are expected to be declared on June 4.

Earlier, there was speculation that Neha Sharma, who had made her Bollywood debut in 2010, would join politics and contest the Lok Sabha elections. However, Ajit Sharma put an end to all rumours surrounding her daughter's possible electoral debut and said she was busy with her shooting commitments.

## Supreme Court Dismisses Requests Seeking 100% Verification Of Votes

New Delhi. The Supreme Court today rejected petitions seeking 100% verification of votes cast on Electronic Voting Machines with paper slips generated through the VVPAT method. The two-judge bench of Justice Sanjiv Khanna and Justice Dipankar Datta delivered a unanimous verdict.

"While balanced perspective is important, but blindly doubting a system can breed scepticism and thus, meaningful criticism is needed, be it judiciary, legislature etc, Democracy is all about maintaining harmony and trust among all the pillars. By nurturing a culture of trust and collaboration, we can strengthen the voice of our democracy," Justice Datta said in the judgment.

## "He Was In Hospital, Got Him Discharged": Sudha Murthy As Narayana Murthy Votes

Bengaluru. IT industry veteran N R Narayana Murthy, his wife and member of Rajya Sabha Sudha Murthy, and cricketing legend Rahul Dravid, who were among the early voters on Friday urged people, especially the youth to come out and vote in large numbers.

Voting was underway on Friday in the second phase of Lok Sabha polls. "We get this right to vote once every five years. We have to exercise this right responsibly with a lot of thinking. No one should let go of this opportunity," Narayana Murthy told reporters here. His wife Sudha Murthy said the 77-year-old Infosys founder came to vote, despite ill health. "Narayana Murthy was unwell and he was in the hospital. We got him discharged, and after voting, we are taking him home," she said. Noting that she had travel plans, but wanted to come and vote before that, she said, "Matadana Shrestha Daana (voting is nobel). Rather than sitting and talking, come out, vote, and express your opinion. More and more people should come out and vote." Speaking to reporters after voting at a polling booth in Jayanagar here, she appealed to youth to come out and vote. "Senior citizens like me will be standing in the queue. Youth should also come out and vote." She requested the citizens of Bengaluru, which is known for low turnout, to come out and vote in large numbers. "Educated people usually come out in less numbers to vote. As informed voters, you have to exercise your right."

## KC Venugopal Returns To Kerala's Backwater Gateway To Wrest Seat From CPM

New Delhi. The focus will be on Kerala during the Phase 2 voting of Lok Sabha elections 2024 as all 20 seats in this southern state go to polls on April 26.

One of the most keenly watched constituencies in this phase will be in the serene backwater gateway of Alappuzha where Rahul Gandhi's trusted aide KC Venugopal will try to wrest his stronghold back from the CPM's AM Ariff. It will also witness the BJP's Sobha Surendran challenge the Left-Congress binary that the state has traditionally voted for. Mr Venugopal is not new to Alappuzha, a constituency he has represented twice (2009-2019) in the Lok Sabha. He did not contest the 2019 elections since he was playing a key role in the Congress's overall strategy.

His absence marked a stark political vacuum in Alappuzha, which became the only seat to be clinched by the CPM even as Congress swept the state, winning 19 out of 20 seats, in the 2019 general elections. The move to bring



him back to his old constituency is an attempt to regain the lost stronghold from the CPM, which remains a Congress rival in Kerala though the two parties have joined hands at the national level. Mr Venugopal, who has been a junior minister for power and civil aviation in the Manmohan Singh cabinet, has strong electoral stats: he has won the Alappuzha Lok Sabha seat twice and recorded a hat-trick in the Alappuzha assembly seat (1996-2009). The Congress general secretary has projected a sweep by the UDF, the regional alliance that it leads, and zero

seats for the BJP in the state, besides a victory for himself.

Last year, Mr Venugopal was appointed as a member of the Coordination Committee of the INDIA bloc. Before entering national politics, he won the assembly elections thrice and served as a Dewaswom and tourism minister in the Oommen Chandy cabinet in Kerala. His CPM rival, AM Ariff has been repeated to defend his seat, banking on the strong performance of the Left parties in the 2021 assembly elections. In 2019, he defeated the Congress's Shanamol Usman, a loss that came after KC Venugopal chose not to contest. He is among the three Lok Sabha MPs that the CPM has, and the only one from Kerala. As many as 194 candidates, including 25 women, will be contesting in the 20 seats that go to polls on April 26. The state has a total electorate of 2.8 crore. The results will be counted together for all 543 constituencies on June 4.

## UP man posing as Singapore Airlines pilot caught at Delhi airport



**A 24-year-old man, posing as a Singapore Airlines pilot, was caught by paramilitary forces at Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport on Thursday.**

New Delhi. A 24-year-old man, posing as a Singapore Airlines pilot, was caught by paramilitary forces at Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport on Thursday. Sangeet Singh, a resident of Uttar Pradesh, was strolling near the metro skywalk area dressed in a pilot's uniform when he was spotted by Central Industrial Security Force (CISF).

He even sported an ID card around his neck, presenting himself to be an employee of Singapore Airlines. However, upon verification, it was found that Singh's ID card for in-flight

operations and other credentials were not genuine but fabricated. He had forged the IDs, purporting to represent Singapore Airlines, using an online app, Business Card Maker, and purchased the uniform from Dwarka.

Further inquiry disclosed that Singh had completed a one-year Aviation Hospitality course in Mumbai in 2020, and had misled his family and acquaintances into believing that he was a Singapore Airlines pilot. Sangeet Singh has been arrested, and a case has been registered against him.

## Shashi Tharoor vs Rajeev Chandrasekhar, Rahul Gandhi's Wayanad test in Kerala

**Kerala Lok Sabha Election 2024: Kerala goes to polls today with 194 contestants across 20 seats. Notable figures, including Rahul Gandhi, Shashi Tharoor, and BJP's Rajeev Chandrasekhar vie for voter support amid heightened political fervour.**

New Delhi. A total of 194 contestants in 20 Lok Sabha seats are vying for voters' support as Kerala goes to polls on Friday, after over a month of fierce campaigns by the Communist Party Of India (Marxist)-led ruling Left Democratic Front (LDF), Congress-headed United Democratic Front (UDF), and the BJP-led NDA. Several senior BJP and Opposition leaders, including Rahul Gandhi and Shashi Tharoor of the Congress, and Union Ministers Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Kailash Choudhary and Rajeev Chandrasekhar, are in the fray in the 88

seats. While Rahul Gandhi is seeking a second straight term from Wayanad, Chandrasekhar is pitted against three-time MP Tharoor in Thiruvananthapuram.

**BJP vs CONGRESS**

Following the first phase polls in 102 seats on April 19, PM Modi has stepped up his attack on the Congress, accusing it of seeking to provide nationwide reservations to Muslims in the quotas meant for Other Backward Classes.

He also warned voters in his poll rallies that a Congress government at the Centre will snatch their assets, including women's 'mangalsutra', to benefit those who are 'intruders' and have more children, as he cited a speech by his predecessor Manmohan Singh to back his claim.

The Congress, in turn, has accused him of lying and spreading communal divide, claiming that he has been rattled by the BJP's poor show and complaining to the Election Commission against him.

The BJP also has filed complaints against Congress leaders, including Gandhi,



prompting the poll watchdog to issue notices to the presidents of the two parties seeking their replies.

Will the BJP's drought in Kerala finally end and will a spike in political temperature following Prime Minister Narendra Modi's attack on the Congress boost the turnout after a relatively muted voter enthusiasm, are some of the questions weighing on people's minds.

**POLLING IN KERALA**

## Man, 25, Found Dead In Hotel Room In Delhi's Paharganj: Cops

New Delhi. A 25-year-old man was found hanging from the ceiling of a hotel room in central Delhi's Paharganj Thursday morning, police said.

The body was found in PK Hotel, said police, which suspect it be a case of suicide as the room was shut from inside. No suicide note was recovered from the body, an officer said. According to police, the

person was identified as Mohammad Qasim, who lived with his family in east in Delhi's Indira Vihar area. Qasim's father works in a plastic pipe manufacturing

factory, they said. The officer said Qasim had on Wednesday told his family that he was going to meet his friend but reached the hotel. He stayed in the room and asked the staff to wake him up at 6 am. When the staff came to wake him up next morning, there was no response from inside, the officer said. They then informed police and the fire department, who broke open the door and found Qasim hanging. The matter is being investigated.

## Lok Sabha polls: India votes in Phase 2, battle of big guns in Kerala

New Delhi. Voting has started in the second phase of the Lok Sabha elections for 88 seats across 13 states. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has urged citizens, especially the young and women voters, to vote in "record numbers".

Several people have cast their votes, including BJP veteran and former Rajasthan Chief Minister Vasundhara Raje, author and philanthropist Sudha Murthy and her husband and Infosys founder Narayana Murthy, actor Prakash Raj, Team India coach Rahul Dravid, and Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, among others. Meanwhile, violence broke out outside a polling station in Bengal's Balurghat.

The second phase is seeing a big battle in Kerala where many high-profile candidates are in the fray, such as Rahul Gandhi from Wayanad, and Shashi Tharoor against Union Minister Rajeev Chandrasekhar in Thiruvananthapuram. BJP leader Hema Malini is also in the run in this phase from Uttar Pradesh's Mathura.

More than 2.75 crore voters are set to cast their votes as polling began at 7 am today.

The mock polls were conducted at 6 am in the presence of representatives of political parties to ensure that the Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) were working properly, Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) Sanjay Kaul told news agency.

He also said that 30,238 EVMs will be used in the state for this Lok Sabha election, and if any of the machines fail, reserve ones will be provided by the respective sector officers. To ensure a free and transparent election, a webcasting system has been put in place for live monitoring of all booths in eight of Kerala's 14 districts, namely Kasaragod, Kannur, Wayanad, Malappuram, Kozhikode, Palakkad, Thrissur and Thiruvananthapuram.

In the remaining six districts, 75 per cent of the booths would be monitored by this system, he said in the statement.

# PM Modi's 'do shehzade' jab at Rahul Gandhi, Akhilesh Yadav at UP rally

**Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched a veiled attack on Congress leader Rahul Gandhi and Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav and alleged that "two princes" came together for politics of appeasement.**

**Shahjahanpur.** Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday hit out at the alliance of Samajwadi Party (SP) and Congress in Uttar Pradesh and alleged that 'do shehzade' (two princes) have come together for the politics of appeasement. Without taking any names but in an apparent attack on Congress leader Rahul Gandhi and SP president Akhilesh Yadav, Modi said, "Can you expect development from the flop pair of 'Do ladkon ki jodi' (a pair of boys)?" PM Modi addressed a rally here in support of the BJP candidates from Shahjahanpur and nearby Lok Sabha constituencies. "Politics of appeasement is the biggest reason for the 'do shehzade' to come together," he said.



Accusing the Congress of indulging in vote bank politics, PM Modi said the party plans to implement the Karnataka model of reservation across the country where quota was given to the Muslim community after reducing the share of the OBC communities. "I am also an OBC and I was scared by this Karnataka model. If I am scared, what would have happened to you," said PM Modi. He went on to say he understood the pain of the poor and gave reservation for the economically weaker sections of the general category. PM Modi

alleged that the leaders of the Congress shed tears on the death of terrorists. He appealed to the voters "to send a strong message with your vote to those with an anti-national mindset".

"The biggest leader of the Congress party shed tears on the death of terrorists. Can such people be given power in the country?" he said. He went on to allege that the SP searched every kind of legal way to bring the jailed terrorists out. Expressing confidence that he will form the government again for the third time, the prime minister said, "Modi will hold the corrupt accountable after forming government with your blessings after June 4." Mounting an attack on the SP, PM Modi said, "Shahjahanpur and this entire region was a victim of 'Samajwadi sab kuch thap pariyojna' (everything stalled project). The road infrastructure here was stalled,

electricity arrangement was stalled, health services were stalled and law and order was stalled. This project was stopped by Yogi Adityanath and his team." He recounted the development projects being undertaken in the region under the BJP government.

The prime minister said he sought votes after giving an account of the development in the country and accused the SP and the Congress of not doing the same.

Attacking the law and order situation in the previous governments, PM Modi asked, "Before Modi came to power, a warning to stay away from unknown objects was displayed at the railway stations and on radio and TV because there was a fear that the object might be a bomb. Have you ever heard such a message after Modi came to power in 2014? Is there any fear of a bomb explosion now?" Modi said the trustees of the Ram temple

invited the Congress leaders at the consecration ceremony but they refused it. "They refused the invitation of the consecration ceremony and called the Ram 'bhakts' (devotees) 'pakhandi' (hypocrites). Do such people even have the right of even a single vote? Should they not be weeded out?" he asked. Talking about the Congress, Modi said the party makes noises about the Constitution and democracy when they want to do a major misdeed, but they implemented Emergency in the 70s. "The Congress has released its flop film again. It has two dialogues. The first is that dictatorship will come if Modi comes to power. Do you agree with this?" he said. "The second is that reservation will be removed if Modi comes to power. But once the people put the trailer of their film in their manifesto, the country got the inkling of their hidden agenda," he added.

## "You Are Real Changemakers": M Kharge To First Time Voters In Phase 2

**Lok Sabha polls in 2024:** Voting is currently underway in as many as 88 constituencies across 13 states and union territories.



**New Delhi.** Amid polling for the second phase of the Lok Sabha elections, Congress national president Mallikarjun Kharge on Friday urged voters not to fall for any 'diversionary tactics' of the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), adding that it is an election to "protect democracy from the clutches of dictatorship". Taking to his official X handle, Mr Kharge posted, "We, the people of India - this soul of the Constitution of India, should reverberate in your hearts and minds before you push the voting

button. Do not forget that this is not an ordinary election. It is an election to protect Democracy from the clutches of Dictatorship. To all my dear citizens, from 89 Constituencies in 13 States and UTs, do not get swayed by any diversionary tactics and lies. Always make your vote count."

Reminding people of the party's salient promises in its manifesto or 'Nyay Patra', the Congress national president also called on the people to come out in

record numbers and exercise their democratic right. "For it may change the lives of 140 Crore Indians by bringing the paradigm of YUVA NYAY NAARI NYAY KISAAN NYAY SHRAMIK NYAY HISSDARI NYAY Imagine a future where Justice, Freedom, Equality and Liberty are guaranteed. A future where rapid inclusive growth and transformative policies are guaranteed. My dear first-time voters, cut the clutter and distance the din, for you are the real changemakers and I welcome each one of you in this movement for Democracy. Everyone, please come out and VOTE in large numbers. BADLEGA BHARAT, JEETEGA INDIA," Mr Kharge posted on X.

Voting began at 7 am on Friday. The Lok Sabha election is being held in seven phases till June 1 and votes will be counted on June 4. According to the Election Commission of India, 88 constituencies across 13 states and union territories are voting for the second phase of the Lok Sabha polls in 2024.

## "Blatant Lie": Karnataka Did Not Change Backward Class Quota, Says Siddaramaiah

**In a statement, Mr Siddaramaiah said that Muslims have been part of the backward class reservation since the L.G. Havanur Commission Report in 1974.**

**Bengaluru.** Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Thursday said that the Congress government led by him in the state has not made any changes to the backward class reservations while terming the claim arising in the matter a "blatant lie".



In a statement, Mr Siddaramaiah said that Muslims have been part of the backward class reservation since the L.G. Havanur Commission Report in 1974.

"The current Karnataka government has not made any changes to the backward class reservations. The previous government had taken away the 4 per cent BC (backward class) reservation under category 2B to Muslims and the matter has been pending in the Supreme Court with the previous BJP government headed by Bsavaraj Bommai giving an undertaking that it will not implement the changes during the pendency of the case in the Supreme Court," he stated. "As the matter stands

thus, the National Commission for Backward Classes (NCBC) in a politically motivated move, has issued a press note on an issue that does not concern it. The law is clear that the state

governments have the power to determine their own list of castes and communities to be categorised as Backward Classes. The NCBC has no role in it," CM Siddaramaiah said. He further said "the NCBC press note is motivated to create confusion in the state when it is going for election".

"It gives the impression that the Congress government of Karnataka has given a new reservation to Muslims. This is a blatant lie. The fact remains that the backward class reservation of Muslims has been in existence since 1977 (04.03.1977) and it has withstood legal scrutiny," he said.

Successive Backward Class Commissions, namely, Havanur, Venkataswamy, Chinnappa Reddy, Prof Ravi Verma Kumar Commissions have recognised Muslims subject to income ceiling as Backward Class. This has been the position of law, the statement read.

## BJP's Arun Govil on outsider tag: 'Was born and brought up in Meerut'

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- ▶ **Polling underway in eight parliamentary constituencies of Uttar Pradesh**

**New Delhi.** BJP's Lok Sabha candidate from Meerut Arun Govil, who played the role of Lord Ram in the iconic television serial "Ramayan" in the 1980s, on Friday said it was not true that he was an outsider in the constituency.

"Don't know who you call an outsider, I don't understand.... There are many people here whose children leave for America after Class 10 and then never come back. Then, will they be called outsiders. They don't call them outsiders. I was born and brought up here. I have even done my studies here. Then, how am I an outsider?," Arun Govil, who will be making his electoral debut, said in response to questions from a journalist. "I want to ask everyone to cast their votes. Voting percentage should always remain high. It is our responsibility towards the nation and also a right towards self. We should exercise our rights... We will definitely cross 400-mark," he further added.



Polling in eight parliamentary constituencies of Uttar Pradesh, including Meerut, began at 7 am on Friday in the second phase of the Lok Sabha election. Arun Govil is set against Samajwadi Party's Dalit candidate Sunita Verma in Meerut, most interesting battle to watch out for. Arun Govil (66), who was among the 111 people named in the BJP's fifth list of candidates, replaces three-time MP Rajendra Agarwal who has been holding the Meerut seat since 2004. The veteran actor joined the BJP in 2021 and praised PM Modi for his government's policies and changing the political narratives.

## BJP hits back with Manmohan Singh video after Congress chief writes to PM

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**New Delhi.** A day after Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge's open letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi seeking to enlighten him about the party's manifesto, the BJP has clapped back by digging up a video of former PM Manmohan Singh and what he said about minorities being entitled to preferential treatment.

According to the BJP, in a video from April 2009, then Prime Minister Manmohan Singh said, "Minorities, particularly Muslim minorities, if they are poor, have prior claim to the resources of the nation."

Latching on to Singh's remark, the BJP used it as fresh ammunition against the Congress amid the ongoing row over its alleged "wealth redistribution plan". PM Modi had touched off the controversy when he said at a poll rally that the Congress had promised to snatch away the people's hard-earned money and redistribute it to

"infiltrators" and those "who have many children".

"In the run up to Lok Sabha election, Dr Manmohan Singh, reiterated his statement that minorities, especially poor Muslims, should get priority when it comes to the nation's resources. He categorically stated that he stood by his earlier assertion that Muslims should have first right when it comes to resources," the BJP said in a caption to the video.

The saffron party stated that Manmohan Singh's past remarks bolster its claims that the Congress has a policy of giving preferential treatment to the Muslim community.

"This unequivocal assertion by Dr Manmohan Singh demolishes the Congress' canards and clarifications on his previous statement... This is further proof of the Congress mindset to give preference to Muslims in everything, from reservation to



resources," the BJP alleged. This line of attack by the BJP came after Mallikarjun Kharge wrote to PM Modi, claiming that he was being misinformed by his advisors about

things that are not mentioned in the Congress 'Nyay Patra' or manifesto. In his two-page letter, Kharge sought time from the Prime Minister to meet him in person and "explain our Nyay

Patra so that as the Prime Minister you don't make statements that are false".

PM Modi had alleged that when the Congress was in power under Manmohan Singh, it said Muslims have the first right to the country's wealth.

"This means that they will gather this property and distribute it among people who have more children, among infiltrators. Will your hard-earned money be given to infiltrators? Do you accept this? The Congress manifesto is saying this," the PM had said. The Congress has denied these allegations and said their manifesto had no such promise. Its manifesto says that if elected, the party will conduct a nationwide socio-economic and caste census.

The Prime Minister, however, has doubled down, repeating his charge in rally after rally.

# Hostilities in West Asia can hit buoyant economy

THE crisis in West Asia is posing a serious risk to economic stability in fast-growing economies like India. The extent of the impact will take a while to be gauged, but it appears that external headwinds will again be the biggest threat to growth during this financial year. The geopolitical turbulence that was witnessed in 2022 with the onset of the Ukraine-Russia war is now again likely to roil both global and domestic economies. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman expressed fears in a recent interview about the mounting challenges due to these developments, unless the situation gets defused quickly. For India, which is in the midst of the General Election, it will be a long, hot summer marked by intense monitoring of the situation in West Asia. Sitharaman has highlighted the fact that uncertainties will arise, referring to the inevitable supply chain disruptions and the increased cost of essential commodities.

The finance minister is rightly worried about the prospect of hurdles in the path of economic recovery. The confrontation between Iran and Israel comes at a time when India's GDP growth is expected to be higher than of any other major economy in the world. The government is upbeat about the growth rate touching 7 per cent in the current fiscal, while global financial agencies have been upwardly revising their projections recently. The latest to revise its forecast has been the International Monetary Fund, which has raised it from 6.5 to 6.8 per cent for 2024-25. The World Bank had earlier enhanced it from 6.4 to 6.6 per cent, while S&P Global had pushed its prediction up from 6.4 to 6.8 per cent.

This relatively bright outlook could quite easily be derailed in case international tensions reach a flashpoint in the coming weeks. Several potentially threatening scenarios could become a reality. First, Iran could block oil and natural gas movement through the Strait of Hormuz, a narrow waterway that connects the Persian Gulf and the Gulf of Oman. It has been described as the world's most important oil choke point by the US Energy Information Agency. Over 80 per cent of the oil shipped from the Persian Gulf has to move through the strait as pipeline availability is limited. For India, which relies on most of its oil and natural gas imports from this region, any disruption in movement through the strait could have dire implications. Though over 30 per cent of crude imports are now from Russia, the bulk is still from traditional long-term suppliers in West Asia, such as Saudi Arabia and the UAE. These imports come via the Strait of Hormuz.

Second, there is the prospect of the Suez Canal route getting blocked in case the war spills over. The route to the canal from Asia is via the Red Sea and the entrance to this area is through a narrow sea channel known as Bab el-Mandeb. It is here that the Yemen-based Houthi rebels are attacking merchant shipping in their efforts to support the Hamas in the war against Israel. Some international trade has already been diverted via the Cape of Good Hope, raising costs and lengthening transport time tremendously.

In case the situation worsens, India will find it difficult to move export goods to the lucrative European markets. Trade flows will be impacted in a big way at a time when exports are plateauing due to geopolitical tensions. The third potential impact of a widening war would be on world crude prices. These have already broken out of the lower range of \$75-80 per barrel for the benchmark Brent crude since last month and are hovering around \$87-89. So far, the outbreak of hostilities between Iran and Israel has not had a huge impact on prices, but an escalation of the conflict would certainly lead to an upswing.

# Siliguri Corridor vulnerable to Chinese machinations

The corridor cannot be permitted to become the soft underbelly of India's strategic northern frontiers.

IN his 1996 book *Insurgent Crossfire*, Subir Bhaumik wrote: "Two decades after the break-up of Pakistan into two countries and the relative stability achieved by the Indian politico-military effort in the North East, Pakistani talk of entrusting the security of East Pakistan to the 'China factor' might, in retrospect, seem to have been without substance. But, to an Indian decision-maker in New Delhi in the late 1960s, the threat raised India's worst fears of a Chinese sweep through the region, and an eventual link-up with Pakistani forces in East Pakistan... This could have led to the secession of the entire North East."

Though the pincer threat is no longer present, there are some issues that plague the region, which shares borders with Bhutan and other nations. Geography has compelled Bhutan to lean on India not only for its security, but also for most of its commercial needs. Nevertheless, recent times have seen Beijing reaching out to the Himalayan kingdom. The 'Three-Step Roadmap' signed by Bhutan and China is an irritant for India. It is as if Bhutan has betrayed its friend India.

However, PM Modi's visit to Thimphu last month and the conferment of Bhutan's highest civilian award, the Order of the Druk Gyalpo, on him indicate that the Himalayan kingdom's heart is in the right place. Therefore, it is apparent that Thimphu would have consulted New Delhi before it entered into negotiations with China on the 'Three-Step Roadmap'. Rather, India would have encouraged Bhutan to speed up boundary negotiations with China. It is vital for India's national security interests. An iron-clad boundary between Bhutan and China would have ensured that there is a veritable strategic buffer between China and India by way of Bhutan, and China's border with India would, as a result, not be a contiguous one. PM Modi recently stated that "for New Delhi, ties with Beijing are important and the prolonged situation at the borders should be addressed urgently". Is he trying to recast the India-China-Bhutan relationship in a new mould?

The Doklam incident of 2017 had caused concern. The Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA) occupied the plateau and developed military infrastructure right up to the base of the Jampheri Ridge, which overlooks the Siliguri Corridor. The Chinese even constructed a Xiaokang (well-off) village, Pangda, in the area. And, there was apprehension that the Chinese would cross the Torsa Nullah and intrude into Indian territory. But in such an event, the Indian Army, too, would cross it, leading to a full-scale war. In this age of information warfare, one does not quite need to physically dominate the heights in order to conduct surveillance. Satellites can be launched from PLA bases in the Tibet



Autonomous Region and even from Chengdu, the headquarters of the PLA's Western Theatre Command. Chinese satellites have a revisit time of four hours and these are far advanced than the Indian ones. These can monitor Indian Army movement in the Siliguri Corridor and thereabouts with greater clarity. Therefore, China's reasons for attempting to occupy the Jampheri Ridge are two-fold. One is to occupy high ground (elevated positions) throughout the 3,488-km-long India-China boundary, after which it would fortify the border with the land border laws that it enacted on January 1, 2022, and the second is to maintain a posture that would keep the Indian Army perpetually deployed and on its toes.

Indian strategists must also comprehend the need to build new axes to and from the North East via Bangladesh to the rest of India. This would not be too demanding an affair, given the present affable India-Bangladesh relationship. Moreover, it would call the Chinese bluff with regard to the corridor, the severance of which would have isolated the North East.

Another important aspect that needs to be flagged with reference to the corridor is the threat of radicalisation. A study conducted a few years ago found that there was a huge radicalised population among the minorities of

Nepal's Terai region, including areas in Jhapa and Ilam, which are close to the corridor.

It is being said that it's a matter of time before these radicalised groups invade this region. The loyalties of these elements are being controlled by anti-India forces. A radical group, the Islamic Sangh Nepal (ISN), has emerged as the premier Nepali Muslim outfit; it is said to be under the control of both the ISIS and Pakistan's ISI. Anti-India subterfuge is being planned by utilising the ISN. The ISN is the primary vehicle for the spread of Salafi Islam in the region.

There are five key mazhabs or schools in Islam: Hanafi, Shafei, Maliki, Hanbali and Zafariya (which is chiefly Shia). The Muslims of India are predominantly from Islam's Hanafi sect, which is a moderate lot.

But the transformative moment that Islam is passing through has witnessed the entry of the Hanbali or the Salafists into the region, and there is a possibility of north Bengal turning out to be the epicentre of this radical strain. The Tablighi Jamaat is also reportedly active in this region. It has been reported that the Chinese are attempting to manoeuvre their way inside Nepal, especially among the Muslim population. For those who had written off the Islamic State, the March 22 attack in Moscow should act as an eye-opener.

# Gukesh's triumph

A great leap forward for Indian chess

IN the world of chess, where strategy and intellect reign supreme, D Gukesh has etched his name in history. At 17, this prodigious talent hailing from Chennai stunned the world on Sunday by emerging victorious in the FIDE Candidates tournament in Toronto, securing his place as the youngest-ever winner of this prestigious event. His journey to the summit of chess excellence has been nothing short of remarkable. Defying the odds and surpassing the expectations of many, he exhibited a level of composure and maturity far beyond his years. Through 14 rounds of gruelling classical chess, Gukesh remained unfazed against seasoned opponents, showcasing a blend of tenacity and brilliance. Facing off against top-ranked players — from Hikaru Nakamura to Fabiano Caruana and Ian Nepomniachtchi — Gukesh stood tall.

Mentored by the legendary Viswanathan Anand,



Gukesh epitomises the high stature of Indian chess on the world stage. Exuding humility and determination, the champion says that he is driven not by the pursuit of records, but by a simple desire to play his best chess. This augurs well for him as he prepares to take on China's Ding Liren for the World Championship title later this year.

Notably, this year marks a milestone for India as a record five players qualified for the Candidates tournament. Three of them — Gukesh, Praggnanandhaa and R Vaishali — hail from Anand's academy. As India celebrates their feats, it is imperative that we seize the moment to propel the game to greater heights. With more elite tournaments and a supportive ecosystem in place, the country can ensure that Gukesh's victory marks the dawn of another glorious era of Indian chess.

# Our planet's sustainability at stake

Existential problem caused by climate change can't be solved by the paradigm of capitalist economics

IN its recent verdict in the case of the Great Indian Bustard, the Supreme Court has recognised the fundamental right of humans to be free from the adverse impact of climate change. The ruling has dismayed policymakers and builders of renewable energy infrastructure. They say the judges are setting aside the advice of scientific experts and delaying the construction of infrastructure for reversing climate change. The court admits that climate change has brought jurisprudence into uncharted territory. Solutions cannot be found with the same way of thinking that has caused the problem. The existential problem caused by climate change cannot be understood and solved by the prevalent paradigms of capitalist economics and unsystemic science. In capitalist economies, natural capital is the property of its owner. Kings and landlords owned the land, water and forests, and all the fish and animals within their private estates. They also owned the produce of all humans who lived and worked on their land as their serfs or slaves. Owners who stayed on their land and interacted with the people on it could see their forests and watch their crops grow, and their workers sweat, and sense how the system worked. Absentee landlords did not care. They wanted their profits regardless of the damage to their land by droughts and floods, besides the sufferings of their workers.

The development of commodity markets, in which animals, farm produce, timber and minerals could be bought and sold with money and prices determined by traders, converted natural capital into financial capital. Financial markets created a new class of capitalists, even further removed from reality than absentee landlords, who gauge the condition of the world from charts of how prices move in commodity exchanges and stock markets. When labour went off the land into factories, workers were paid for the time

they spent in factories and what they produced during that time. Their skills and labour became commodities purchasable for a price by owners of enterprises.

Property rights are an ancient principle of economics and jurisprudence. Human rights were recognised much later with political movements, often violent, to abolish slavery, and to pay fair wages and provide safe working conditions for workers. Gig work is the 21st-century way to convert labour into a commodity again: workers on demand, payment only for the work done, and no social security — good for business owners, but bad for the people.

Garrett Hardin's theory of the 'Tragedy of the Commons' underlies the ideology of privatisation. The theory is that property which belongs to everybody is cared for by nobody. Therefore, the commons must be parcelled out to private owners to manage their own pieces efficiently, motivated by a drive to make more profit for themselves. Damage to the global environment, which belongs to everybody, has become a global-scale tragedy of the commons. It cannot be solved by further privatisation of property. A new theory of governance is required to obtain the 'Promise of the Global Commons'.

Francis Bacon boasted at the birth of the European Enlightenment in the 17th century that science would give humans the power to control unruly nature. Scientific discoveries in physics, chemistry and biology have produced powerful tools for exploiting the earth to improve humanity's material wellbeing, and technologically advanced nations are envied for the material wellbeing of their citizens. Overexploitation has harmed the health of the earth. Thus, with technological hubris, humans have destroyed the sustainability of the planet and



harmony among people.

Modern science has broken the complexity of systems into small components. Separate sciences are advanced by experts who know more and more about less and less. They are like the blind men around the proverbial elephant. None sees the whole reality. Modern medicine has developed marvellous drugs and surgeries to repair various organs of the body. The side effects of the treatment of a diseased organ make the patients' condition worse by harming other organs. Better health requires more generalists who understand the person's body and mind.

Economics broke away from other social sciences in the last century, with all going into their specialised silos. Economics focused on the productivity of natural and human resources to increase the GDP. Economists know how to increase the material size of an economy, but not how to improve equity in the economy and sustainability of natural resources, along with growth.

Economists, like other scientists, look for causal

relationships among various forces within a system, presuming all are unidirectional. The modern scientific approach cannot understand forces that mutually arise and have circular relationships of cause and effect with each other. Economists who advocate for higher GDP first to grow more resources to improve the HDI (human development index) and later for environmental sustainability fail to see that human development and sustainable natural resources are prerequisites for economic growth and will always be its foundations. Humans are part of nature's complex system, along with the soil, water systems and diverse species of plants, animals and insects. The wellbeing of all must be protected for sustainable development. Conservationists who focus on only one part of the system and advocate for more trees, or for the protection of one species like the tiger, are not taking a systemic view of the whole system. And those who want poor people to be cleared out of the commons to protect forests and tigers fail to see that humans are also an integral part of the system. Such scientific solutions for sustainability can be inhumane.

Complex systems can be understood only by listening to multiple points of view. The rule of law and speedy justice make countries attractive for financial investors and citizens. However, investors and citizens have different needs, and therefore different interpretations of law. Good governance and justice for all require those who govern to continuously listen to the people. Courts and experts within their narrow specialisations cannot create a consensus among citizens. Citizens with diverse needs must listen to each other to come to a consensus about the type of society they want to create for themselves.

## सूचीम कोर्ट भिभिपिअटि मामलार राय सत्ररक्षण करलो

सूचीम कोर्ट आज इलेक्ट्रॉनिक भोटिंग मेशिन (ईडिआम) एर भोट गणनाय भोटार भेरिफायरबल पेपार अडिट ट्रेल (भिभिपिअटि) पेपार लिपिगुलि सहेजेई पाँच मास पर्यंत पुरो प्रतिरोध करी विचार करी हछे। एकटि तालिका प्रतिरोधक पेटिशनर। मामलाटि निजे सूचीम कोर्टेर एकटि बेश, याते न्यायविचारक सजीब खान्ना एबं दीपस्कर दत्त उपस्थित छिलेन, इडिआम एर काजेर सम्पर्के निर्देश दिजे एक धाराविशेष प्रश्न करेछिलेन। शुनानिर समये, बेशटि इडिआम एबं भिभिपिअटि एबं तादेर निरापत्ता वैशिष्ट्य सम्पर्के इसिआई कर्मकर्तादेर साथे व्यापकभावे इन्टरअप्राइ करे। इसिआई निश्चित करेछे ये इडिआम कौनओ पर्याये पाँच मास पर्यंत परिवर्तन करी असभव। एटि आरौ स्पष्ट करेछे ये माइक्रोकम्प्युटरगुलि शारीरिकभावे अ्याक्सेस करी याय ना एबं एकरा प्रोथाम तादेरके फूलाना हयेछे। इसिआई युक्ति दिजेछे ये एखन पर्यंत 85,629 घटिनार क्रमवर्धमान प्रमाण रयेछे, एबं प्राय चार कोटि भिभिपिअटि पेपार लिपि म्याच हयेछे।

इसिआईके विश्वास करार साथे साथे, बेशटि एही मन्व्य दिजेछिल ये वर्तमान भोट प्रणालीके सशक्त करार जन्य ये सहाय्य संस्कार प्रयोजन ता पर्यालोचना करवे। तबे, सूचीम कोर्ट पेपार ब्यालटे फिरे येतेर धारणाके मन्व्य करेछे ना।

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

इसिआई आरुग दावि करेछे ये, भिभिपिअटि लिपिगुलि पुरो गणना करी कार्यकर नय। वर्तमाने, प्रति सभासदकेन्द्रे पाँचटि येभावे अव्याहृत इडिआम एर भिभिपिअटि लिपि याचाई करी हय।

पेटिशनारीकारि, यारा गणताधिक संस्कार एबं इडिआम वा बिना इडिआम सह एकटि आरुग स्पष्ट निर्वाचनी प्रणालीर अधिकारी दावि करेछे, तादेर मते देशेर 99 कोटि निवृत्त भोटारदेर एकटि आरुग स्पष्ट 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

## पेट्रोल-डीजल की कीमत स्थिर, कच्चा तेल 90 डॉलर प्रति बैरल के करीब

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। अंतरराष्ट्रीय बाजार में कच्चे तेल की कीमतों में उतार-चढ़ाव लगातार जारी है। ब्रेंट क्रूड 90 डॉलर प्रति बैरल और डब्ल्यूटीआई क्रूड 84 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 शुरुआत 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 पांचवें दिन शुरुआती कारोबार में ब्रेंट क्रूड 0.35 डॉलर यानी 0.39 फीसदी की बढ़त के साथ 89.36

डॉलर प्रति बैरल पर ट्रेड कर रहा है। वहीं, वेस्ट टेक्सस इंटरमीडिएट

(डब्ल्यूटीआई) क्रूड भी 0.28 डॉलर यानी 0.34 फीसदी उछलकर 83.85 डॉलर प्रति बैरल पर कारोबार कर रहा है।

## सीबीडीटी ने फॉर्म 10ए/10एबी दाखिल करने की तिथि 30 जून तक बढ़ाई

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। केंद्रीय प्रत्यक्ष कर बोर्ड (सीबीडीटी) ने आयकर अधिनियम, 1961 के तहत फॉर्म 10ए एवं फॉर्म 10एबी दाखिल करने की अंतिम तिथि 30 जून, 2024 तक बढ़ा दी है। सीबीडीटी ने परिपत्र संख्या 07/2024 जारी कर यह जानकारी दी है।

वित्त मंत्रालय ने जारी एक बयान में बताया कि सीबीडीटी ने आयकर अधिनियम, 1961 के तहत फॉर्म 10ए एवं फॉर्म 10एबी दाखिल करने की अंतिम तिथि को 30 जून, 2024 तक के लिए बढ़ा दिया है। सीबीडीटी ने इससे पहले करदाताओं की कठिनाइयों को कम करने के लिए ट्रेस्टों, संस्थानों और फंडों द्वारा फॉर्म 10ए और फॉर्म 10एबी दाखिल करने की अंतिम तिथि को परिपत्र संख्या 06/2023 द्वारा 30 सितंबर

2023 तक बढ़ाया था। सीबीडीटी ने स्पष्ट किया है कि विस्तारित तिथि उन मामलों में भी लागू होती है, जहां कोई मौजूदा ट्रेस्ट, संस्थान या फंड



विस्तारित नियत तिथि के भीतर आकलन वर्ष 2022-23 के लिए फॉर्म 10ए दाखिल करने में विफल रहा और बाद में एक नई इकाई के रूप में प्रोविजनल पंजीकरण के लिए

आवेदन किया और फॉर्म 10एसी प्राप्त किया है।

मंत्रालय के मुताबिक ये ट्रेस्ट अब फॉर्म 10एसी संरेख कर 30 जून तक फॉर्म 10ए भरकर मौजूदा ट्रेस्ट, संस्था या फंड के रूप में पंजीकरण के लिए आवेदन कर सकते हैं। सीबीडीटी ने कहा कि वे ट्रेस्ट, संस्थान या फंड जिनके रिन्युअल के आवेदन केवल देर से दाखिल करने या गलत संकेशन कोड के तहत दाखिल करने के आधार पर खारिज कर दिए गए थे, वे भी 30 जून की समय-सीमा के भीतर फॉर्म 10 एबी में नया आवेदन जमा कर सकते हैं। बता दें कि फॉर्म 10ए/फॉर्म 10एबी के अनुसार आवेदन आयकर विभाग के ई-फाइलिंग पोर्टल के माध्यम से ऑनलाइन दाखिल किए जाएंगे।

## सरकार ने देश के तीन बंदरगाहों से सफेद प्याज के निर्यात की अनुमति दी

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। केंद्र सरकार ने प्याज के निर्यात पर लागू प्रतिबंध में ढील दी है। सरकार ने देश के तीन बंदरगाहों से 2 हजार मीट्रिक टन (एमटी) सफेद प्याज के निर्यात की अनुमति दे दी है। विदेश व्यापार महानिदेशालय (डीजीएफटी) ने जारी एक अधिसूचना में कहा कि तत्काल प्रभाव से तीन निर्दिष्ट बंदरगाहों के माध्यम से 2,000 टन तक सफेद प्याज के निर्यात की अनुमति दी गई है। अधिसूचना के मुताबिक प्याज का ये निर्यात मुंद्रा बंदरगाह, पिपावा बंदरगाह और न्हावा शेवा/जेएनपीटी बंदरगाह से करने की अनुमति है। डीजीएफटी की



अधिसूचना के मुताबिक निर्यातक को निर्यात किए जाने वाले सफेद प्याज की सामग्री और मात्रा को

लेकर गुजरात सरकार के बागवानी आयुक्त से प्रमाण पत्र प्राप्त करना होगा। विदेश व्यापार महानिदेशालय

वाणिज्य मंत्रालय की एक इकाई है। यह आयात और निर्यात से संबंधित मानदंडों को तय करती है। उल्लेखनीय है कि राजनीतिक रूप से संवेदनशील वस्तु प्याज की कीमतों को नियंत्रण करने के लिए इसके निर्यात पर फिलहाल प्रतिबंध लागू है। हालांकि, सरकार ने मित्र राष्ट्रों को उनके अनुरोध पर निर्दिष्ट मात्रा में निर्यात की अनुमति दी है। पिछले साल आठ दिसंबर को सरकार ने घरेलू उपलब्धता बढ़ाने और कीमतों को नियंत्रण में रखने के लिए प्याज के निर्यात पर प्रतिबंध लगाया था, जिसे हाल ही में बढ़ाकर अगले आदेश तक के लिए दिया गया है।

## जर्मन कंपनी ऑडी जून से वाहनों की कीमतों में दो फीसदी का करेगी इजाफा



एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। जर्मन वाहन निर्माता कंपनी ऑडी ने कार की कीमतों में बढ़ोतरी करने का ऐलान किया है। कंपनी कच्चे माल की बढ़ती कीमत के प्रभाव को कम करने के लिए एक जून से भारत में अपने विभिन्न मॉडल की कीमतों में दो फीसदी तक का इजाफा करेगी। कंपनी के इंडिया प्रमुख बलबीर सिंह दिखी ने कहा कि एक जून से कीमतों में बढ़ोतरी का उद्देश्य ऑटोमेकर और उसके डीलरों के लिए सतत विकास सुनिश्चित करने के साथ ही ग्राहकों पर प्रभाव को कम करना है। कच्चे माल की बढ़ती लागत हमें कीमतों में दो फीसदी तक की बढ़ोतरी करने के लिए मजबूर कर रही है। दिखी ने कहा कि ऑडी इंडिया की खुदरा बिक्री बीते वित्त वर्ष 2023-24 में सालाना आधार 33 फीसदी की वृद्धि के साथ 7,027 इकाई रही थी।

## ईसीआईएल ने सरकार को दिया 40 करोड़ रुपये का लाभांश

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र का उपक्रम इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स कॉर्पोरेशन ऑफ इंडिया लिमिटेड (ईसीआईएल) से केंद्र सरकार को लाभांश किस्त के रूप में



करीब 40 करोड़ रुपये प्राप्त हुए हैं। वित्त मंत्रालय के निवेश और लोक परिस्मृति प्रबंधन विभाग (दीपम) के सचिव तुहिन कांत पांडेय ने गुजरात को 'एक्स' पोस्ट पर जारी बयान में बताया कि सरकार को ईसीआईएल से लाभांश किस्त के रूप में करीब 40 करोड़ रुपये प्राप्त हुए हैं। उल्लेखनीय है कि इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स कॉर्पोरेशन ऑफ इंडिया लिमिटेड भारत सरकार के परमाणु ऊर्जा विभाग के तहत सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र का एक उपक्रम है। इसकी स्थापना 11 अप्रैल, 1967 को हैदराबाद में तब के प्रधानमंत्री इंदिरा गांधी के कार्यकाल के दौरान एएस राव ने की थी। ईसीआईएल के कार्यालय बंगलूर, नई दिल्ली, ठाणे और चेन्नई के अलावा अन्य सात अन्य शहरों में स्थित है।

## क्रिप्टो करेंसी मार्केट में कोहराम, बिटकॉइन 4 प्रतिशत से ज्यादा लुढ़का

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। क्रिप्टो करेंसी मार्केट में कोहराम मचा हुआ है। बाजार में चोतरफा दबाव का माहौल बना हुआ है। इसके कारण मार्केट कैप के लिहाज से टॉप-10 में शामिल क्रिप्टो करेंसीज में से सिर्फ यूएसडी कॉइन मामूली बढ़त के साथ ग्रीन जॉन में कारोबार कर रहा है जबकि बिटकॉइन और एथेरियम समेत 8 क्रिप्टो करेंसी बड़ी गिरावट के साथ रेड जॉन में कारोबार करती नजर आ रही हैं। इसके अलावा एक क्रिप्टो करेंसी के भाव में आज कोई बदलाव नहीं हुआ है। आज के कारोबार में दुनिया की सबसे बड़ी क्रिप्टो करेंसी बिटकॉइन 4 प्रतिशत से भी ज्यादा टूट कर 64 हजार डॉलर के स्तर से भी नीचे आ गई।

भारत में क्रिप्टो करेंसी का कारोबार करने के लिए अधिकृत एजेंसी कॉइन मार्केट कैप से मिली जानकारी के मुताबिक भारतीय समय के हिसाब से आज शाम 5 बजे तक बिटकॉइन 4.10 प्रतिशत की गिरावट के साथ 63,855.80 डॉलर यानी 53.20 लाख रुपये के स्तर पर कारोबार कर रहा था। इसी तरह

एथेरियम की कीमत भी आज 5.47 प्रतिशत की कमजोरी के साथ गिर कर 3,104.25 डॉलर के स्तर पर



आ गई थी। बिटकॉइन और एथेरियम के अलावा बीएनबी 1.42 प्रतिशत, सोलाना 8.86 प्रतिशत, एक्सआरपी 4.92 प्रतिशत, डॉजकॉइन 8.17 प्रतिशत, टॉनकॉइन 10.02 प्रतिशत और कार्डानो 6.09 प्रतिशत की कमजोरी के साथ कारोबार कर रहे थे। यूएसडी कॉइन 0.01 प्रतिशत की

मामूली बढ़त के साथ कारोबार कर रहा था। इसके अलावा टैथर की कीमत में पिछले 24 घंटे के कारोबार

के दौरान कोई बदलाव नहीं हुआ है। कॉइन मार्केट कैप से मिली जानकारी के मुताबिक पिछले 24 घंटे के कारोबार के दौरान क्रिप्टो करेंसी मार्केट में इस आभासी मुद्रा की स्थिति 0.31 प्रतिशत मजबूत हुई है, जिसके कारण इसकी क्रिप्टो करेंसी का ग्लोबल मार्केट कैप घट कर 2.35 लाख करोड़ डॉलर

यानी करीब 195.80 लाख करोड़ रुपये रह गया है।

'ग्लोबल मार्केट कैप में गिरावट आने के बावजूद पिछले 24 घंटे के दौरान क्रिप्टो करेंसीज के लेन-देन में तेजी आई है। इस अवधि में कुल 8,692 करोड़ डॉलर यानी 7.24 लाख करोड़ रुपये की क्रिप्टो करेंसी

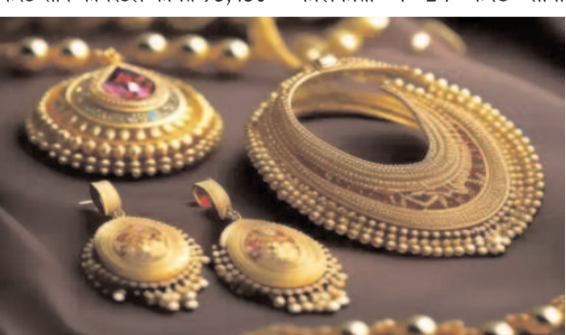
ग्लोबल मार्केट कैप में गिरावट आने के बावजूद पिछले 24 घंटे के दौरान क्रिप्टो करेंसीज के लेन-देन में तेजी आई है।

की लेन-देन हुई, जो 1 दिन पहले की तुलना में 18.70 प्रतिशत अधिक है। अगर दुनिया की सबसे बड़ी क्रिप्टो करेंसी बिटकॉइन की बात करें तो कीमत में गिरावट आने के बावजूद पिछले 24 घंटे के कारोबार के दौरान क्रिप्टो करेंसी मार्केट में इस आभासी मुद्रा की स्थिति 0.31 प्रतिशत मजबूत हुई है, जिसके कारण इसकी क्रिप्टो करेंसी का ग्लोबल मार्केट कैप घट कर 2.35 लाख करोड़ डॉलर

## तीन दिन की गिरावट के बाद उछला सोना, चांदी में गिरावट जारी

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। लगातार तीन दिन तक गिरावट का सामना करने के बाद आज घरेलू सर्राफा बाजार में सोने ने तेजी दिखाई। इस तेजी के कारण देश के ज्यादातर सर्राफा बाजारों में सोना 400 रुपये से 550 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम तक महंगा हो गया। हालांकि चांदी में आज भी गिरावट का रुख जारी रहा। आज की गिरावट के कारण दिल्ली सर्राफा बाजार में चांदी 82,800 रुपये प्रति किलोग्राम के स्तर पर कारोबार कर रहा है। देश की राजधानी दिल्ली में 24 कैरेट सोना आज 72,810 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम के स्तर पर कारोबार कर रहा है जबकि 22 कैरेट सोने की कीमत 66,760 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम दर्ज की गई। इसी तरह मुंबई में 24 कैरेट सोना 72,660 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम और 22 कैरेट सोना 66,610 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम के

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## शेयर बाजार ने लगाया मजबूती का पंच, सेंसेक्स इंट्रा-डे में 1,015 अंक उछला

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। घरेलू शेयर बाजार लगातार पांचवें कारोबारी दिन मजबूती के साथ बंद होने में सफल रहा। आज के कारोबारी की शुरुआत गिरावट के साथ हुई थी। बाजार खुलने के बाद से ही तेजियों ने लगातार खरीदारी शुरू कर दी। लगातार हो रही लिक्वालिटी के कारण शेयर बाजार ने ओजनिंग के कुछ समय बाद ही शानदार रिकवरी कर ली। आज के कारोबार में सेंसेक्स निचले स्तर से 1,015 अंक और निफ्टी निचले स्तर से 320 अंक की छलांग लगाने में सफल रहे। दिन भर के कारोबार के बाद सेंसेक्स 0.66 प्रतिशत और निफ्टी 0.75 प्रतिशत की मजबूती के साथ बंद हुए।

आज के कारोबार के दौरान पब्लिक सेक्टर एंटरप्राइज, फार्मास्यूटिकल और ऑटोमोबाइल सेक्टर के शेयरों में लगातार खरीदारी होती रही। इसी तरह एनजी, मेटल, इंफ्रास्ट्रक्चर, ऑयल एंड गैस और एफएमसीजी इंडेक्स भी बढ़त के साथ बंद हुए। कंज्यूमर ड्यूरेबल इंडेक्स बिकवाली के दबाव की वजह से गिरावट के साथ बंद हुआ। ऑइर मार्केट में भी आज लगातार खरीदारी होती रही, जिसके कारण बीएसई का मिडकेप इंडेक्स 0.71 प्रतिशत की मजबूती के साथ बंद हुआ। इसी तरह स्मॉलकैप इंडेक्स ने 0.54 प्रतिशत की बढ़त के साथ आज के

कारोबार का अंत किया।

आज बाजार में आए उछल के कारण स्टॉक मार्केट के निवेशकों की संयति में करीब 3 लाख करोड़ रुपये से अधिक का इजाफा हो

गया। बीएसई में लिस्टेड कंपनियों का मार्केट कैपिटलाइजेशन आज के कारोबार के बाद उछल कर 404.34 लाख करोड़ रुपये (अस्थाई) के स्तर पर पहुंच गया। पिछले कारोबारी दिन यानी बुधवार के इनका मार्केट कैपिटलाइजेशन 401.37 लाख करोड़ रुपये था। इस तरह निवेशकों को आज के कारोबार से करीब 2.97 लाख करोड़ रुपये का मुनाफा हो गया। आज दिन भर के कारोबार में बीएसई में 3,934 शेयरों में एक्टिव ट्रेडिंग हुई। इनमें 2,079 शेयर बढ़त के साथ बंद हुए, जबकि 1,716 शेयरों में गिरावट का रुख रहा, वहीं 139 शेयर बिना किसी उतार चढ़ाव के बंद हुए। एनएसई में आज 2,213 शेयरों में

एक्टिव ट्रेडिंग हुई। इनमें से 1,204 शेयर मुनाफा कमा कर हरे निशान में और 1,009 शेयर नुकसान उठा कर लाल निशान में बंद हुए। इसी तरह सेंसेक्स में शामिल 30 शेयरों में से 23 शेयर बढ़त के साथ और 7 शेयर गिरावट के साथ बंद हुए। निफ्टी में शामिल शेयरों में से 40 शेयर हरे निशान में और 10 शेयर लाल निशान में बंद हुए। बीएसई का सेंसेक्स आज 280.60 अंक की बढ़त के साथ कारोबार कर रहा था। बीएसई के कारोबार के बाद सेंसेक्स 280.60 अंक के स्तर पर खुला। कारोबार की शुरुआत होते ही बिकवाली के दबाव की वजह से ये सूचकांक गिर कर 73,556.15 अंक तक पहुंच गया। लेकिन इसके बाद बाजार में खरीदारी पूरी तरह से हावी हो गए, जिसकी वजह से इस सूचकांक की चाल में तेजी आ गई। लगातार हो रही खरीदारी के सपोर्ट से दोपहर 2 बजे के बाद ये सूचकांक निचले स्तर से 1,015.10 अंक उछल कर 718.31 अंक की मजबूती के साथ 74,571.25 अंक के स्तर तक पहुंच गया। पूरे दिन हुई खरीद बिक्री के बाद सेंसेक्स 486.50 अंक की तेजी के साथ 74,339.44 अंक के स्तर पर बंद हुआ। सेंसेक्स की तरह ही एनएसई के निफ्टी ने आज 85.50 अंक फिसल कर 22,316.90 के स्तर से कारोबार की शुरुआत की। बाजार खुलते ही बिकवाली के दबाव की वजह से ये सूचकांक

गिर कर 22,305.25 अंक के स्तर पर पहुंच गया। लेकिन इसके बाद तेजियों बाजार पर हावी हो गए और चौतरफा खरीदारी शुरू कर दी। बाजार में लगातार हो रही लिक्वालिटी के सपोर्ट से ये सूचकांक आज का कारोबार खत्म होने के 1 घंटा पहले निचले स्तर पर 320.70 अंक की छलांग लगा कर 223.55 अंक की तेजी के साथ 22,625.95 अंक के स्तर पर पहुंच गया। हालांकि इसके बाद मामूली मुनाफावसूली होने की वजह से निफ्टी ने ऊपरी स्तर से करीब 55 अंक फिसल कर 167.95 अंक की मजबूती के साथ 22,570.35 अंक के स्तर पर आज के कारोबार का अंत किया। आज दिन भर के कारोबार के दौरान स्टॉक मार्केट के 6 गणशेयरों में से एक सेंसेक्स बैंक 2.10 प्रतिशत, स्टेट बैंक ऑफ इंडिया 5.12 प्रतिशत, डॉक्टर रेड्डीज लेबोरेट्रीज 4.50 प्रतिशत, जेएसकेयू स्टील 2.62 प्रतिशत और नेस्ले 2.50 प्रतिशत की मजबूती के साथ आज के टॉप 5 गणशेयरों में शामिल हुए। दूसरी ओर, कोटक महिंद्रा 10.87 प्रतिशत, हिंदुस्तान सुनिफिलि 1.30 प्रतिशत, टाइटन कंपनी 1.07 प्रतिशत और एसबीआई लामफ इश्योरेंस 1.07 प्रतिशत की कमजोरी के साथ आज के टॉप 5 लुजर्स की सूची में शामिल हुए।

## नेस्ले इंडिया का चौथी तिमाही में मुनाफा 27 फीसदी बढ़कर 934 करोड़ रुपये

नई दिल्ली। फास्ट मूविंग कंज्यूमर गुड्स (एफएमसीजी) कंपनी नेस्ले इंडिया ने वित्त वर्ष 2023-24 की चौथी तिमाही (जनवरी-मार्च) के नतीजे का ऐलान कर दिया है। 31 मार्च, 2024 को समाप्त चौथी तिमाही में नेस्ले इंडिया का मुनाफा 27 फीसदी की वृद्धि के साथ 934 करोड़ रुपये रहा। इससे पिछले वित्त वर्ष 2022-23 की समान तिमाही में कंपनी

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## आज का इतिहास

- 1904 : अमेरिका के बाल्टिमोर में जबरदस्त आग लगने से 1500 इमारतें जल कर खाक।
- 1940 : ब्रिटेन में रेलवे का राष्ट्रीयकरण हुआ।
- 1944 : जर्मनी ने इटली के एंजियो इलाके में जवाबी हमले किये।
- 1945 : ब्रिटेन, अमेरिका और रूस ने द्वितीय विश्व युद्ध के अंतिम चरण पर चर्चा की।
- 1947 : अरब और यहूदियों ने फिलीस्तीन को विभाजित करने के ब्रिटेन के प्रस्ताव को खारिज किया।
- 1959 : फिदेल कार्तो ने क्यूबा के नये संविधान की घोषणा की।
- 1965 : अमेरिका ने उत्तरी वियतनाम में लगातार हवाई हमले शुरू किये।
- 1983 : पश्चिम बंगाल की राजधानी कलकत्ता (अब कोलकाता) में ईस्टर्न न्यूज एजेंसी की स्थापना हुई। 1992... स्वदेश निर्मित पहली पनडुब्बी आईएनएस शाल्की नौसेना में शामिल।
- 1999 : जॉर्डन के युवराज अब्दुल्ला ने गद्दी संभाली।
- 2001 : इजरायल के प्रधानमंत्री एहुद बराक चुनाव में पराजित, एरिएल शेरोन नये प्रधानमंत्री बने।
- 2009 : राष्ट्रपति प्रतिभा देवी पाटिल को महाराष्ट्र के राज्यपाल एससी जमीर ने डी लिट की उपाधि से नवाजा।

## मेकअप



## दुल्हन बनने जा रही है तो अपनाएं ये टिप्स

**दु**हर लड़की चाहती है कि शादी वाले दिन वह सुंदर लगे। इस दिन पर सब की नजर उसी पर ही रहती है इसलिए खूबसूरत लगने के लिए वह कुछ दिन पहले से ही तैयारी करनी शुरू कर देती है। आजकल मार्किट में कई तरह के ब्यूटी प्रॉडक्ट्स होने से लड़कियां इस कंप्यूजन में रहती हैं कि कौन सा मेकअप करवाने से उसको नैचुरल लुक मिलेगा। अगर आप भी दुल्हन बनने वाली हैं तो आज हम आपको ब्राइडल मेकअप के कुछ टिप्स देंगे। जिनको अपनाकर आप शादी वाले दिन खूबसूरत लग सकती हैं।

- प्राकृतिक सुंदरता पाने के लिए इस दिन आप नैचुरल स्किन केयर प्रॉडक्ट्स का इस्तेमाल करें। यह प्रॉडक्ट्स स्किन से रूखेपन को खत्म करने में सहायक है। जब त्वचा में डलनेस नहीं रहती तो चेहरा चमकने लगता है।
- सॉर्टियों के मौसम में थ्रेंडिंग, ब्लीचिंग और अपर लिप्स करवाने के बाद मसाज करवाना बहुत जरूरी होता है। मसाज करवाने से शुष्क मौसम में त्वचा का नैचुरल ग्लो बना रहता है।
- स्किन मॉइस्चराइज करवाने के लिए हमेशा घरेलू चीजों का ही इस्तेमाल करें। आप चाहे तो ओटमील का उपयोग भी कर सकती हैं। ओटमील मॉइश्चररॉइज करने से मूत कोशिकाएं, डलनेस जैसी समस्याओं को खत्म करके त्वचा में एक नई जान डालता है।
- रूखेपन और महीन रेखाओं को छिपाने के लिए मिनरल या सिलिकॉन मेकअप अच्छा होता है, क्योंकि यह हर तरह की त्वचा के लिए उपयुक्त है। अगर आप सामान्य तरीके से फाउंडेशन लगाने के बजाय एयर-ब्रश का इस्तेमाल कर रही हैं तो एयर ब्रश में सिलिकॉन मेकअप रखें।
- आजकल सिलिकॉन एयरब्रश मेकअप बहुत चलन में। भले ही इस तरह का मेकअप करवाने में बहुत पैसे लगते हैं पर इससे प्रफेक्ट लुक मिलती है।
- शादी वाले दिन होंठों को खूबसूरत दिखना बहुत जरूरी होता है। इनको सुंदर दिखाने के लिए महंगे और लंबे समय तक चलने वाले लिप कलर का इस्तेमाल करें। आखरी समय में परेशान होने से बेहतर है कि कुछ दिन पहले ही अच्छी लिपस्टीक का लगाकर देख लें कि यह आप पर अच्छी लग रही है कि नहीं।



कामकाजी महिलाओं के लिए घर-परिवार और ऑफिस के बीच खुद के लिए टाइम निकालना एक बड़ा चैलेंज होता है। ये परेशानी उन महिलाओं को विशेषकर होती है जिनके बच्चे छोटे होते हैं। इतनी व्यस्तता में ज्यादातर कामकाजी महिलाओं के पास मेकअप करने और खुद की अच्छी तरह देखभाल करने का समय नहीं होता है इसलिए वो अपनी स्किन और बालों का वैसा ख्याल नहीं रख पाती हैं जैसा उन्हें रखना चाहिए। ऐसे में ज्यादातर महिलाओं की त्वचा ध्यान न देने के कारण धीरे-धीरे रूखी हो जाती है। लेकिन इन टिप्स को अपनाकर वर्किंग वुमन भी कम समय में अपना प्रॉपर मेकअप करके खुद का ख्याल रख सकती हैं।

महिलाओं को अपने खान पान पर विशेष ध्यान देना चाहिए क्योंकि उन्हें ऑफिस के साथ घर का काम भी संभालना होता है। कई बार महिलाएं सबका ख्याल रखने में अपना ध्यान भूल जाती हैं। कामकाजी महिलाओं को अपने खाने में उन्हीं चीजों को शामिल करना चाहिए, जिससे उन्हें भरपूर पोषण मिले। घर व बाहर का काम करते हुए अक्सर महिलाएं जल्दीबाजी में अपनी सेहत का ख्याल नहीं रखती हैं। जबकि कामकाजी महिलाओं का खान-पान आम महिलाओं की अपेक्षा और भी न्यूट्रिशियस और स्वास्थ्यवर्धक होना चाहिए। ऐसे में महिलाओं को कुछ ऐसा खाना चाहिए जिससे उन्हें ऊर्जा मिल सके। कामकाजी महिलाओं को अपना एक डाइट चार्ट बनाना चाहिए और उसी के अनुसार चलना चाहिए। उनके खाने में विटामिन, जिंक, प्रोटीन और कैल्शियम की भरपूर मात्रा होनी चाहिए।

**नारता:** कामकाजी महिलाओं को सुबह का नारता कभी नहीं छोड़ना चाहिए क्योंकि सुबह के समय आपके शरीर को ऊर्जा की जरूरत होती है, ऐसे में नारता बहुत जरूरी है। घर से निकलने से पहले नारते में आप दूध, दलिया, कॉर्नफ्लेक्स या सेंडविच खा सकती हैं। सुबह के नारते में विटामिन ए वाले फल जैसे सेब, पीपल व स्ट्रॉबेरी खाना काफी फायदेमंद होता है। समय की कमी के चलते अगर आप यह सब नहीं खा सकती हैं तो सिर्फ एक गिलास दूध और कोई फल भी ले सकती हैं। इसके अलावा थोड़े से ड्राईफ्रुट्स अपने साथ रख लें समय मिलने पर खा लें।

**लंच:** कामकाजी महिलाओं के लंच व नारते में चार से पांच घंटे का ही अंतर होना चाहिए। लंच में स्वास्थ्यवर्धक आहार होना चाहिए जिससे आप चुस्त दुरुस्त रहें। अपने लंच में सब्जी, दाल, दही व चापाती को शामिल करें। हरी सब्जियां काफी फायदेमंद होती हैं जैसे ब्रोकली, पालक आदि का

सेवन करें या कम तेल में बनी पनीर की भुजिया भी लंच में ले सकती हैं। अगर आप अंडा खाती हैं तो हरी सब्जी और दाल की जगह अंडे की भुजिया खा सकती हैं। लंच में सलाद का सेवन जरूर करें। सलाद में शिमला मिर्च, खीरा, ककड़ी, सलाद का पत्ता, किशमिश और थोड़ा-सा नींबू डालकर खाएं। जिससे इसका स्वाद बढ़ जाएगा।

**सैक्स:** अक्सर काम के दौरान शाम के समय भूख लग जाती है और आप कुछ अनेहली चीजों का सेवन कर लेती हैं जो कि स्वास्थ्य के लिए ठीक नहीं हैं। ऐसे में आप अपने साथ कोई फल या स्नाउटस रख लें और शाम के समय सैक्स के तौर पर उसे



खाएं। इससे आपकी भूख भी मिट जाएगी और यह आपके लिए हेल्थी भी है।

**डिनर:** रात का खाना हमेशा सोने से दो या दस घंटे पहले खा लेना चाहिए। इससे खाने को पचने का पूरा समय मिल जाता है। रात में बिना खाना खाए नहीं सोना चाहिए। खाने में अधिक तली भुनी चीजों का सेवन नहीं करें। कोशिश करें कि गैरू की चपाती और कम मसालेवाली सब्जी खाएं। ऐसा खाना पचने में आसान होता है और इससे शरीर को ऊर्जा मिलती है।

# वर्किंग वुमन ऐसे रखें खुद का ख्याल

वर्किंग वुमन का घर और ऑफिस के बीच बिजी होने के कारण अपने लिए टाइम निकालना मुश्किल हो जाता है। इसके कारण वो रोजाना जल्दी-जल्दी तैयार हो कर अपने काम पर चली जाती है, जिससे कई बार उन्हें लोगों के सामने शर्मिंदगी का सामना भी करना पड़ता। इससे उनका आत्मविश्वास भी कम होने लगता है। ऐसे में आज हम आपको मेकअप के कुछ ऐसे टिप्स देंगे, जिसके लिए आपको ज्यादा वक्त भी नहीं लगेगा और आपको खुबसूरत लुक भी मिल जाएगा।



## बालों को सुखाना

गीले बालों न सुखाने के कारण आप कोई हेयर स्टाइल भी नहीं बना पाती। ऐसे में बालों को सुखाने के लिए पहले उनको टॉवल से साफ करें और उसके बाद सूती कपड़े से लोपेट लें। ऐसा करने से बालों की नमी निकल जाएगी। इससे बालों की ज्यादातर नमी निकल जाएगी और नैचुरल मॉइश्चर बचा रहेगा। इससे आप जैसे चाहे बाल वैसे मुड़ जाएंगे और अपनी मनपसंद हेयर स्टाइल आसानी से चुन पाएंगे। बालों में शाइन के लिए आप इस तरह से सुखाने के बाद सीरम का प्रयोग भी कर सकती हैं।

## ड्राक सर्कल

रात को देर से सोने के कारण आपकी नींद पूरी नहीं हो पाती जिससे आंखों के नीचे डार्क सर्कल पड़ जाते हैं। ऐसे में इन्हें छुपाने के लिए आप स्किन टोन या सफेद पेंसिल लगाएं और आईलाइनर भी जरूर लगाएं।

## अगर शैम्पू के लिए टाइम नहीं है

अगर शैम्पू के लिए टाइम नहीं है तो आपके लिए ड्राई शैम्पू एक अच्छा

विकल्प है। ये शैम्पू स्प्रे के रूप में होता है जिसे बालों पर स्प्रे करने से आपके बालों की गंदगी साफ हो जाती है। इससे बालों का एक्सेस ऑयल भी निकल जाता है और बालों शाइन करने लगते हैं। लेकिन ध्यान रखें कि इसके इस्तेमाल के बावजूद सप्ताह में कम से कम एक बार बालों को लिक्विड शैम्पू से भी साफ कर लें। लेकिन ध्यान रहें कि हफ्ते में कम से कम 1 बार बालों को लिक्विड शैम्पू से जरूर धोएं।

## मैनीक्योर और पेडीक्योर

वर्किंग वुमन होने के कारण आपके पास इतना टाइम नहीं होती की आप अपने हाथों-पैरों की देखभाल कर पाएं। ऐसे में आप रात को सोने से पहले अपने हाथों और पैरों में पेट्रोलियम जेली लगाएं। इसके बाद पैरों में जूराब पहन लें और हाथों को किसी कपड़े से ढक लें। इससे स्किन में नैचुरल नमी बनी रहेगी।

## नींद पूरी न होने की स्थिति में

अगर ज्यादा व्यस्तता के कारण आपकी नींद पूरी नहीं हो पाती है या रात को किसी पार्टी से लौटने में देर हो जाती है और सुबह जल्दी ऑफिस निकलना होता है तो चेहरे पर एक अजीब तरह की डलनेस आ जाती है, जो सबसे ज्यादा आपके आंखों की आसपास की त्वचा पर झलकता है। ऐसी स्थिति में आंखों के आसपास की स्किन का रंग गहरा हो जाता है और पलकों बोझिल लगती हैं इसकी वजह से आपका चेहरा भी बेजान दिखता है। लेकिन इस डलनेस को आप आसानी से छुपा सकती हैं। इसके लिए आंखों के निचले हिस्से में अपने स्किन के कलर से मैच करता हुई या सफेद रंग की पेंसिल लगाएं और आंखों पर आई लाइनर लगा लें। इससे आंखें सुंदर दिखने लगेंगी।

आईलेश को सुंदर बनाने के लिए आइलेश (बरोनी) भी आपकी खूबसूरती को उभारते हैं। इसके लिए मस्कारा लगाने के बाद रुई के एक फाहे पर थोड़ा सा बेबी पाउडर डालकर इसे हल्के हाथों से आईलेश पर लगाएं और इसके बाद एक बार फिर से हल्का सा मस्कारा लगा लें। इससे आपके आईलेश उभरे हुए दिखेंगे और आंखें बेहद खूबसूरत नजर आएंगी।

## वर्किंग वुमन अपनाएं यह डाइट-चार्ट



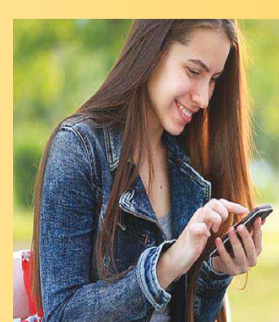
# मां की इन बातों के कारण नाराज हो जाती है बेटियां



**मां** -बेटी का सबसे प्यारा रिश्ता होता है। परिवार में मां ही बेटी की सबसे अच्छी दोस्त होती है। मां से ही बेटी अपनी पर्सनल बातें शेयर कर सकती है क्योंकि मां ही अपने बच्चों का बुरे वक्त पर साथ देती है। कई बार मां की डांट जरूर बुरी लग जाती है लेकिन इसका मतलब यह नहीं होता कि वह आपसे प्यार नहीं करती। बल्कि वह कभी भी अपने बच्चों का बुरा नहीं चाहती। अगर मां कुछ ऐसी बातों को लेकर डांट भी देती है तो बेटियों को उनकी बात का बुरा मानने की बजाय उन्हें समझने की कोशिश करनी चाहिए और उनसे कुछ सीखें।

## काम-काज के कारण

हर मां यही चाहती है कि मेरी बेटी को घर के सभी काम-काज आए। उसे कभी भी अपने ससुराल घर में काम-काज की दिक्कत न आए। इसी कारण मां अपनी बेटी को घर के काम में हाथ बटाने को कहती है, लेकिन बेटियां अपनी मां की इस बात को समझ नहीं सकती। इस बात को लेकर मां-बेटी में नोक-झोंक हो जाती है। बेटियों को बहस करने की बजाय अपनी मां की भावना को समझना चाहिए।



## मोबाइल फोन

सोशल मीडिया का जमाना होने के कारण अक्सर बच्चे फेसबुक और व्हाट्सएप पर लगे रहते हैं। जिसे कोई भी मां अच्छा नहीं समझती। अगर मां मोबाइल फोन के कारण डांटती है तो उनकी बात पर ध्यान देना चाहिए और बेटियों को अपने फोन पर लगे रहने की बजाय अपनी मां के साथ समय बिताना चाहिए।

**लेट शादी के कारण:** आजकल की लड़कियां जल्दी शादी कराना पसंद नहीं करती। लेकिन हर मां का यह सपना होता है कि उसकी बेटी की शादी सही समय पर अच्छे से लड़के के साथ हो जाए और उनकी जिम्मेदारी खत्म हो जाए। अक्सर इस कारण भी मां-बेटी में नोक झोंक हो जाती है।

**जल्दी न जाने के कारण:** बहुत से बच्चों को सुबह लेट उठने की आदत होती है। और मां-बाप हमेशा चाहते हैं कि उनके बच्चे सुबह सही समय पर उठें। जब आप गहरी नींद में होती हैं और आपकी मां सुबह उठती है तो आपको उन पर गुस्सा आने लग जाता है। इस कारण सुबह-सुबह ही झगड़ा शुरू हो जाता है।



NEWS BOX

### Kavya Maran's Reaction During SRH's Loss vs RCB Sparks Meme Fest

New Delhi. Royal Challengers Bengaluru ended their six-game losing streak in IPL 2024 with a comfortable 35-run win over Sunrisers Hyderabad on Thursday. Rajat Patidar and Virat Kohli's half-century took RCB to a competitive total of 206/7 before Kam Sharma, Cameron Green and Swapnil Singh took two wickets each to restrict SRH to 171/8. The SRH top order comprising of explosive batters like Abhishek Sharma, Travis Head, Aiden Markram and Heinrich Klaasen has been extremely impressive this season but the hosts suffered a massive collapse against RCB and that ultimately led to the defeat. SRH owner Kavya Maran was left stunned by the quick fall of wickets during the SRH innings and her irritated expression has gone viral on social media with users coming up with hilarious memes.

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"Only thing that gives confidence is performances. The competition is so strong, the teams are so strong that you'll get hurt if you're not at 100 percent. More guys scoring runs now. First half of the tournament only Virat was scoring runs. Greeny scoring runs now will be massive for him. We know that Chinnaswamy, that's been a big frustration for us. It's a difficult ground to bowl at. We've tried to find a recipe for it, but it's tough," RCB captain Faf du Plessis said at the post-match presentation. Not an ideal night. Few over par with the ball and unfortunately lost a few wickets throughout our innings. We were gonna bat first, it seems to be working for us. "Before the last few wins, we were thinking that we were a bowl-first team. Didn't go our way. (Message to the group) I speak after wins, Dan (Vettori) speaks after losses. The boys have been going really well, it's T20 cricket, you are not going to win every game. Don't dwell on this too much."

### RCB Captain Faf du Plessis' Blunt 'Virat Kohli Remark' After Team Victory Against SRH

New Delhi. Royal Challengers Bengaluru skipper Faf du Plessis was a relieved man after his team snapped a six-game losing streak with a 35-run win over Sunrisers Hyderabad in the IPL here on Thursday. "Last two games, we've shown great signs of fight. SRH game was 270 plus, we got 260. KKR game as well - 1 run. We've been close for a while, but you need to win matches to get confidence as a group. Will sleep easier tonight. You can't speak confidence into the group, can't fake confidence into the group. Only thing that gives confidence is performances," he said at the post match presentation ceremony.

While Virat Kohli has been the top-scorer for them, Du Plessis is happy that other batters are too getting back amongst runs. "The competition is so strong, the teams are so strong that you'll get hurt if you're not at 100 percent. More guys are scoring runs now. First half of the tournament only Virat was scoring runs. Greeny scoring runs now will be massive for him. Chasing 207, SRH's ultra aggressive approach with the bat backfired as they were 69-5 in 8th over and couldn't recover thereafter. "Not an ideal night. Few over par with the ball and unfortunately lost a few wickets throughout our innings. We were gonna bat first, it seems to be working for us. Before the last few wins, we were thinking that we were a bowl-first team," Pat Cummins, SRH captain, said.

"The boys have been going really well, it's T20 cricket, you are not going to win every game. Don't dwell on this too much." Talking about their high risk and high reward approach with the bat, Cummins said: "I think it's our strong suit. It's not going to work every game."

### "Aapki Kasam Fir Nahi Todunga": Rinku Singh Finally Gets Virat Kohli's second Bat

New Delhi. After pleading a lot for it, Kolkata Knight Riders' star batter Rinku Singh eventually managed to get Royal Challengers Bengaluru star Virat Kohli's bat. Earlier, in a viral video, Rinku was seen asking Kohli for his bat. While Kohli came to know the whereabouts of the previous bat he gave to the player, the RCB veteran decided not to give another willow to Rinku despite the junior pleading a lot for it. Rinku broke Kohli's bat while playing against a spinner, the star had revealed in the surfaced video. The interaction had taken place ahead of KKR's second leg match vs RCB.

Kolkata Knight Riders had survived a late charge by Royal Challengers Bengaluru batsmen to register a narrow victory over the side in their second leg of IPL 2024 game at Eden Gardens that took place on April 21. However, RCB put an end to their six-match losing streak on Thursday with a 35-run win over Sunrisers Hyderabad at Rajiv Gandhi International Stadium. RCB posted 206 for seven after opting to bat first. The side was helped by Virat Kohli's steady 43-ball 51, a quickfire 20-ball 50 from Rajat Patidar and Cameron Green's 20-ball 37 not out to go past the 200-mark in their 20 overs.

# West Indies cricketers load luggage in small van in Nepal: Judgemental video slammed

**West Indies A tour of Nepal: A viral video of touring West Indies cricketers loading their own luggage in a small truck upon their arrival in Nepal went viral. Zimbabwe cricketer Sikandar Raza slammed the judgemental outlook of a few on social media about the reception given the touring side.**

New Delhi. Zimbabwe cricketer Sikandar Raza slammed a section of fans on social media who were judgemental about the reception that West Indies cricket players received upon their arrival in Nepal for a 5-match T20 series. A video of the luggage of West Indies players being loaded in a mini-

truck went viral on social media on Thursday and quite a few took a dig at Nepal for not arranging better facilities for the touring team. Sikandar Raza said he is fully confident that Nepal would prove to be great hosts and that West Indies players are not going to complain about anything during their stay in the Asian country. The video shows the players, accustomed to a certain standard of treatment as professional athletes, walking up to the modest vehicle waiting to transport their gear. "Can guarantee that Nepal will give them the best treatment possible within their means and rightly so and can also guarantee that none of the Caribbean boys will see this as a problem or a hassle," Sikandar Raza, who is plying his trade for PBKS in IPL 2024, said in his post on social media.

It was a momentous occasion for Nepal cricket as West Indies, once powerhouses of world cricket, were visiting Nepal for the



first time in the history of the sport. Roston Chase, who is in the mix for the T20 World Cup, will the West Indies A team in their 5-match T20 series against Nepal's senior men's team. The West Indies A team comprises promising T20 talents like Hayden Walsh, Keemo Paul, and Keacy Carty, alongside seasoned pace bowlers Obed McCoy and Oshane Thomas. The tour holds significant importance as it serves as another phase in preparation leading up to

the T20 World Cup, starting June 1 in the USA and the West Indies. "I am confident this Nepal tour marks a crucial step forward in our preparatory phase for the ICC Men's T20 World Cup. It presents an invaluable opportunity to get our players who are not in the IPL back on the park playing competitive T20 cricket as well as provides the chance for us to expose a few emerging prospects," Desmond Haynes, West Indies' selection committee chief said earlier in the week. The series is scheduled to kick off on April 27, 2024, with all matches set to be played at the Tribhuvan University International Cricket Ground in Kirtipur.

### WEST INDIES A SQUA FOR NEPAL TOUR

Roston Chase (captain), Alick Athanaze (vice-captain), Fabian Allen, Kadeem Alleyne, Joshua Bishop, Keacy Carty, Johnson Charles, Mark Deyal, Andre Fletcher, Matthew Forde, Obed McCoy, Gudakesh Motie, Keemo Paul, Oshane Thomas, Hayden Walsh

## Feyenoord's Arne Slot confirms wish for Liverpool job: Would like to go

New Delhi. Feyenoord's Arne Slot wants to succeed Juergen Klopp as Liverpool manager, the Dutchman said on Thursday, and he expects his club and the Premier League side to reach an agreement soon. Dutch media reported on Wednesday that Liverpool had opened negotiations with the Eredivisie champions for the services of the 45-year-old Slot who is under contract with the Rotterdam club until 2026.



"The only thing I can say about it is that the clubs are in negotiations. Then you sit in the waiting room and wait for what will come out," Slot told ESPN. "It seems clear to me that I would like to go to

Liverpool. Now I'm waiting to see whether the clubs reach an agreement. I'm very confident in that." The clubs have to do their job. It will undoubtedly become clear in the coming days."

Slot was heavily linked with a move to Tottenham Hotspur last year, but opted to stay at Feyenoord. He has been widely praised for his innovative, attacking football with Feyenoord, guiding them to the league title in 2022-23 and the KNVB Cup crown on Sunday. In his first season at Feyenoord, Slot led the Rotterdam club to the final of the inaugural Europa Conference League. Klopp announced in January that he would stand down as Liverpool manager at the end of the season after a highly successful nine-

## After setting targets successfully, SRH need to focus on chasing: Daniel Vettori

New Delhi. SRH team's head coach Daniel Vettori wants the franchise to focus on successfully chasing targets as well, after their success in setting totals. Vettori made the remarks after SRH's loss by 35 runs against RCB at the Rajiv Gandhi International Stadium, Hyderabad on April 26, Thursday. SRH's 4-match winning streak was snapped by the bottom-ranked RCB, who breathed some life into their tournament hopes. SRH have won 4



of the 8 matches that they have played while batting first. Vettori, while talking to the media in the post-match press conference, reflected on the learnings from RCB's loss and looked to shift focus on SRH's next match against CSK at Chepauk. Vettori realized that the team needed to work on their approach while chasing a target and

would look to implement that against CSK. "I think you know, we have been successful setting totals, and now we have to look at our way of chasing, and we come up against a really good team in Chennai. And so, I suppose for us removing ourselves from this game and understanding that the Chepauk wicket would be different, and we are going to have to go about it in a different

manner. So we've only got a couple of days to put that into place," Vettori said. **SRH IS STILL GOING TO BE AGGRESSIVE'**

However, the SRH head coach did not want the team to change their aggressive game and still wanted the team to play with that intent. "But I still think on this ground, these surfaces, we're gonna have to be aggressive and take the game off," Vettori added.

SRH boast a great batting lineup with their batters plundering one record after another in every game they play.

The deadly opening combination of Travis Head and Abhishek Sharma has been the key factor in SRH's resurgence in the tournament. However, with the early dismissal of the opening duo against RCB, SRH found themselves struggling to chase down the target of 207 runs.

### Pat Cummins defends SRH's 'high-risk, high-reward' approach despite loss to RCB

New Delhi. Pat Cummins played down the impact of SunRisers' 35-run defeat to RCB, saying it should be looked as just a blip in their otherwise dominant campaign in IPL 2024. SRH's mighty batting unit failed on Thursday as RCB successfully defended 206-run total, handing the SunRisers their first defeat at home in the season. Speaking to the broadcasters after SunRisers folded for 171 for 8 in 20 overs, Pat Cummins said SRH won't dwell too much into Thursday's loss and look forward to returning to winning ways. RCB won only their second match of the tournament, ending a 6-match losing streak that spanned over a month. On the other hand, SRH retained their 3rd spot on the IPL 2024 points table despite the defeat as they have 10 points from 8 matches.

"I think it's our strong suit. It's not going to work every game. In one or two games where it hasn't gone our way at the start, we still managed to get a good total. Still think this is the way forward for our boys," Pat Cummins said.

SRH demoralised opposition teams, scoring in excess of 250 three times in their first 7 matches. They had head into the contest at home against RCB after having smashed 266 against DC in Delhi and winning by 69 runs. In fact, Travis Head and Abhishek Sharma tore into the DC bowling attack that they posted 125 in the first 6 overs -- the highest total in the powerplay in the history of the IPL. SRH were high on confidence as they had hit 287 against RCB in their early-season meeting in Bengaluru, rewriting T20 records. **'DON'T DWELL ON THIS TOO MUCH'**

However, the much-famed batting line-up failed on Thursday as Travis Head and Abhishek Sharma fell early. Big-hitters Heinrich Klaasen and Aiden Markram also got out cheaply to left-arm spinner Swapnil Singh as SRH never really had momentum in the chase. SRH were reeling at 56 for 4 in the powerplay and then slipped to 85 for 6. When asked how he would address the team in the dressing room after the big loss, Pat Cummins joked that he leaves it to coach Daniel Vettori to do the job after losses. I speak after wins, Dan speaks after losses. The boys have been going really well, it's T20 cricket, you are not going to win every game. Don't dwell on this too much," he added.

SRH will face another test of their batting firepower on Sunday as they travel to Chennai to face the Super Kings in their next game.

# PAK vs NZ, 4th T20I: Babar Azam fails as Pakistan lose thriller to New Zealand

New Delhi. Skipper Babar Azam had another failure with the bat as New Zealand took an unassailable 2-1 lead in the T20I series against Pakistan with a thrilling win against Pakistan in Lahore on April 25, Thursday. The Blackcaps held their nerve in the end, to win the match by 4 runs. The day began with Pakistan's captain, Babar Azam, winning the toss and opting to field first, a decision influenced perhaps by the evening conditions expected to favor the batters.

However, the New Zealand batters came out strong. Opener Tom Blundell and Tim Robinson provided a solid start, with Robinson particularly aggressive, scoring a brisk half-century. Despite losing Blundell early, New Zealand managed to keep up the momentum, reaching 93/1 at the end of the 10th over. The middle overs saw Pakistan claw back into the game with some tight

bowling and sharp fielding. Shadab Khan and Mohammad Amir were instrumental, picking up crucial wickets and slowing down the run rate. New Zealand's innings had moments of brilliance, but they lost wickets at regular intervals, eventually posting a competitive total of 178/7. Ish Sodhi and Michael Bracewell played handy cameos towards the end, pushing the score to a challenging level.

### Babar fails to inspire with the bat once again

Pakistan's response was marred by an early setback as Babar Azam, the team's linchpin, fell for a disappointing score. His dismissal for 5 runs off 4 balls, caught at short cover off William O'Rourke, was a significant blow and set the tone for the



rest of the innings. The Pakistani top order struggled to build partnerships, with each batsman getting starts but failing to convert them into substantial scores. Fakhar Zaman and Shadab Khan tried to stabilize the

innings with their middle-order stand, but consistent pressure from the New Zealand bowlers kept the run rate in check. The New Zealand fielding was sharp, exemplified by a stunning catch to dismiss Ifthikhar Ahmed, which further tilted the game in their favor. Despite some late fireworks from Usama Mir and Mohammad Amir, Pakistan fell short by 4 runs, ending their innings at 174/8. Neesham was able to defend 18 runs off the final over with Imad Wasim almost getting his side over the line.

Babar's lack of form with the bat has been a concern for the hosts as the skipper has scored just 51 runs from the 3 matches played so far.

# Sonali Raut

Flaunts Ample Cleavage, Asks If She's 'Medusa or Sedusa'



Sonali Raut set Instagram on fire with her recent sultry video. The actress took to Instagram and shared a hot video in which she was seen having a ball at a party. Sonali looked oh-so-sexy in the video. For the night out, Sonali handpicked a stylish black outfit. She wore a pair of black pants which she styled with a shimmering bralette and showed off her ample curves. She completed the look with a black jacket. The diva was seen flirting with the camera as she struck numerous poses. She shared the video with the popular song 'Ep. 2 - Medusa Sedusa' by Aagsy. She shared the video with the caption, "Guys, Caption this!!! Medusa or Sedusa??" Fans took to the comments section and showered her with praise. "Sonali you got the style. You rock," a comment read. "Beautiful ??," added another. "Hottie," a third comment read.

With over 3.2 million followers on Instagram, Sonali often treats fans with sexy photos and videos. Earlier this week, Sonali shared a video in which she was seen showing off her yellow saree and her curves. Sonali looked super hot in the video.

Sonali became popular when she was featured in Kingfisher Calendar in 2010. The actress was just 19 at the time. A few years later, Sonali ventured into Bollywood with the film, The Xpose. Released in 2014, Sonali shared the screen with Himesh Reshammiya and Yo Yo Honey Singh. She also appeared in Great Grand Masti, and web series Dangerous, with Karan Singh Grover and Bipasha Basu. The series was directed by Bhushan Patel and produced by Mika Singh. On the small screen, Sonali appeared on Bigg Boss Season 8. She emerged as one of the finalists and won everyone's heart with her quirky and outspoken personality.

# Divyanka Tripathi

Reveals What She Was Up To On The 'Iconic Fracture Day', Tells Fans 'I Will Be Back...'

Television actress Divyanka Tripathi recently fractured both her forearms following which she had to undergo surgery. On Tuesday, the actress took to her Instagram handle and dropped a video revealing what she was up to on the 'iconic fracture day'. The video featured a glimpse of Divyanka's workout session with her fitness trainer Kuldeep Rawat. The actress was performing a shoulder stand. "What I was up to on the 'Iconic fractures day'! I'll be back to it and much more... I promise!" she wrote in the caption. Check out the video here:

Last week, Divyanka Tripathi's team shared the news of her accident on their Instagram handle. Even though the PR team did not divulge too many details, they revealed that the actress was "under medical care". Later, Divyanka's actor-husband Vivek Dahiya revealed that the actress fell from a height due to which she broke both her forearms. He also shared that the actress was advised an immediate surgery by doctors. "Divyanka is on her road to recovery. A mishap occurred last evening where she fell from a height due to which she broke both her forearm bones and was advised immediate surgery. "We appreciate all the love and prayers being bestowed upon us it means a lot. To all our fans and media friends thank you for the immense love and concern," he wrote. "While Divyanka is in pain but only to recover from it hereon we would love from her to do so in the privacy of her home and family," Vivek added.

Recently, Divyanka also shared her health update via a video message and revealed that she was discharged from the hospital. "Hello, my surgery is done and I am getting discharged from the hospital. Our science has progressed a lot. My doctor was very happy with the recovery that I'm having now. Honestly, I have already started with my physio as I want to bounce back," she said. Divyanka Tripathi made her television debut in 2006 with the drama Banoo Main Teri Dulhann. She is currently seen in 'Adrishyam' as Inspector Parvati Sehgal. It also features Eijaz Khan as Ravi Verma.



Who Is Arti Singh's Fiance Dipak Chauhan? All You Need To Know About The Mumbai-based Businessman



Arti Singh is super thrilled about her wedding with Dipak Chauhan, a businessman based in Navi Mumbai. The actress is all set to tie the knot with her fiancé on April 25, 2024. The wedding ceremony will take place at ISKCON temple and will be attended by Arti's brother and actor-comedian, Krushna Abhishek and wife Kashmera Shah, and her uncle, actor Govinda. Arti had earlier shared with Times Now/ Telly Talk India that she met Dipak Chauhan through his aunt, who acted as a matchmaker. Despite meeting many potential partners, Arti didn't connect with anyone until Dipak came along and made a genuine effort. Dipak even moved closer to her by relocating from Navi Mumbai to Andheri. Dipak is a successful entrepreneur and founder of an event management company. He's also the brand ambassador for Road Safety World Series. While Arti is well-known in the world of television, Dipak maintains a low profile with a private Instagram account but a handsome 17,000. He's 38 years old and celebrates his birthday on August 5.

On Tuesday night, the family hosted a saangeet night for the bride and groom-to-be and stars like Ankita Lokhande and husband Vicky Jain, Bharti Singh and husband Haارش, Karan Singh Grover and Kishwer Merchant were in attendance. Arti chose a pistachio lehenga-choli for the saangeet night, whereas Dipak opted blue and silver embroidered kurta and dhoti-style pants. The couple, all smiles, also posed with Krushna Abhishek. Krushna sported a black, shirt-style kurta and pants. Earlier, in an interview with HT, Kashmeera had said that Arti's mama, Govinda, is expected to attend the wedding and she's excited to meet her 'father-in-law'. Govinda and Krushna Abhishek have had a public feud for years. But according to Kashmeera, the wedding will be a chance to move past the bitterness and have a reunion. Kashmeera said, "He might have been angry at us, but he is not angry at Arti. And it is not Krushna's wedding. If he was not coming for our wedding, we would have understood as he is upset with us. But it is Arti and she really wants him there. I would request him to come as it is Arti, and not take our anger out on her".

Harsh Gujral And Juhi Chawla Groove To Jaadu Teri Nazar



Harsh Gujral has established himself as a talented comedian, and his latest stint on the show Madness Machayenge India Ko Hasayenge has raised him to prominence. In the recent episode, viewers will see the comedian sharing a fan moment with actress Juhi Chawla. Harsh and Juhi Chawla entertained viewers on the stage of the popular show by recreating the iconic song Jaadu Teri Nazar. Harsh Gujral shared a reel on Instagram where he is seen romancing with Juhi Chawla. The comedian lip-syncs to the iconic song from the movie Darr. Juhi Chawla also follows his cue and dances along with him. In the caption, Harsh expressed, "Just lucky I got a chance to share stage with Juhi Chawla mam...superstar on screen and off screen...thank u for coming on the show mam it was a fan moment for all of us on the show... Aur ye mere man ki awaaz hai."

His followers were amazed to see him showing off his dancing skills. One of them said, "this one is perfect bro.. u achieved!" while another followers jokingly stated, "Nhi sir aap toh comedian character me ache lagte ho apka toh romance dek kr bhi hasi arhi h." Many user also shared how they are big fans of Juhi Chawla saying, "She is my favvv."

Meanwhile, in an interview with ETimes, Harsh Gujral spoke about his interest in comedy and how he decided to make a career in this field. He stated, "Your talent's true recognition lies in audience embrace and willingness to pay. Without their validation, self-acknowledgement lacks substance. It's like cooking for a wedding; validation comes from guests enjoying it. Simply telling yourself you're talented isn't enough without audience validation." Harsh Gujral was initially an engineering student who eventually decided to make a name for himself in the comedy. However, initially, his family was not very supportive. In the interview, he shared that his family had no idea about his gigs or where he did it. Even when he posted his first video, they were oblivious.