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researchers.asia@gmail.com The Researchers **NEWS BOX** US weighing measures to help Palestinians in bringing family from Gaza

Colombia to sever diplomatic ties with Israel over Gaza war

Bogota. Colombian President Gustavo Petro said on Wednesday he will break diplomatic relations with Israel over its actions in Gaza.

- Petro has already heavily criticised Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and requested to join South Africa's case accusing Israel of genocide at the International Court of Justice.
- 'Here in front of you, the government of change, of the president of the republic announces that tomorrow we will break diplomatic relations with the state of Israel ... for having a government, for having a president who is genocidal," Petro told cheering crowds in Bogota who marched to mark International Worker's Day and back Petro's social and economic reforms.Countries cannot be passive in the face of events in Gaza, he added.
- Israeli Foreign Minister Israel Katz accused Petro of being "antisemitic and full of hate". He said Petro's move was a reward to the armed group Hamas, which on October 7, 2023 led a deadly attack on Israeli military bases and communities.Bolivia broke relations with Israel at the end of October last year, while several other countries in Latin America, including Colombia, Chile and Honduras, have recalled their ambassadors.

Tension grows on UCLA campus as police order dispersal of large pro-Palestinian gathering

- LOS ANGELES: Law enforcement on the UCLA campus donned riot gear Wednesday evening as they ordered the dispersal of over a thousand people who had gathered in support of a pro-Palestinian student encampment, warning over loudspeakers that anyone who refused to leave could face arrest.
- A large crowd of students, alumni and neighbors gathered on campus steps outside the barricaded area of tents, sitting as they listened and applauded various speakers and joined in pro-Palestinian chants. Overhead television cameras showed students in the barricaded area passing out goggles and helmets, as well as setting up medical aid stations. A small group of students holding signs and wearing T-shirts in support of Israel and Jewish people gathered nearby
- The law enforcement presence and continued warnings stood in contrast to the scene that unfolded the night before, when counter-demonstrators attacked the pro-Palestinian encampment, throwing traffic cones, releasing pepper spray and tearing down barriers. Fighting continued for several hours before police stepped in, and no one was arrested. At least 15 protesters suffered injuries, and the tepid response by authorities drew criticism from political leaders as well as Muslim students and advocacy groups.
- Ray Wiliani, who lives nearby, said he came to UCLA on Wednesday evening to support the pro-Palestinian demonstrators."We need to take a stand for it," he said. "Enough is enough." Elsewhere, police in New Hampshire made arrests and took down tents at Dartmouth College and officers in Oregon came onto the campus at Portland State University as school officials sought to end the occupation of the library that started Monday. The chaotic scenes at UCLA came just hours after New York police burst into a building occupied by anti-war protesters at Columbia ersity on Tuesday night breaking

The discussion comes as Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has maintained that Israel will move forward with a major military operation in Rafah even as the Biden administration has warned that such action would be catastrophic.

Washington The Biden administration is weighing measures to help Palestinians living in the United States who want to bring family from the war-torn region. We are constantly evaluating policy

proposals to further support Palestinians who are family members of American citizens and may want to come to the United States,' White House press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre said Wednesday.Jean-Pierre said discussions were underway but had no further details on how procedures might work. The new measures would help those who are legal permanent residents or US citizens and who have family in the region. It's difficult right now for anyone to get out of the Gaza Strip as the Israel-Hamas war continues, and more than 34,000

Palestinians have been killed, according to local health officials, around twothirds of them children and women.

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An estimated 1.5 million people-more than half of Gaza-have taken shelter in Rafah as the war shows no signs of ending. If the US were to move forward with some sort of measure to help the families of Palestinians in the Gaza Strip, it would

likely require coordination with Egypt. Early in the war, hundreds of Americans - as well as other foreign nationals trapped in Gaza — were able to escape via the Rafah border crossing with Egypt, which opened the crossing with some trepidation.Egypt as well as other Arab nations worry that an Israeli offensive could lead to a displacement of Palestinians into Sinai, a scenario it views as unacceptable.For Palestinians already in the US, the Biden administration has already

agreed to what's known as "deferred enforced departure," an authority used at a president's discretion.

ne directive signed by Biden last month effectively allows Palestinian immigrants who would otherwise have to leave the United States to stay without the threat of deportation for at least 18 months.

10 dead, 21 missing after heavy rain in southern Brazil

Ten people died and 21 are missing due to heavy rains this week in Brazil's southern state of Rio Grande do Sul, with the local government warning that the situation is critical and could deteriorate further.During a press conference on Wednesday, state governor Eduardo Leite said he had spoken with President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva seeking all possible federal assistance.We are experiencing in Rio Grande do Sul

the worst moment, the worst disaster in our history. It is absolutely, absurdly, extraordinarily serious what is happening in Rio Grande do Sul right now," Leite said. "And unfortunately, it will get worse."Lula is due to travel to the state on Thursday. According to the governor, storms have caused the most



extensive devastation in the state in recent years, leaving several towns isolated after bridges collapsed and roads were destroyed amid floods and mudslides.

Leite declared the suspension of classes statewide for the remainder of the week and emphasized that he had requested full support from the armed forces "to

Biden keeps quiet as Gaza protesters and

police clash on college campuses

effectively participate in coordinating this moment, which is akin to facing a war."Authorities tallied over 3,400 displaced individuals in the wake of storms that led to rising river levels and flooding in various parts of the state, affecting 114 municipalities.In a Tuesday report, the state's government predicted a

flood risk "across practically the entire state" given the prospect of continued "heavy precipitation" in the coming days.

The bulletin also said flooding would be severe in the basins of many rivers, with the possibility of flash floods and mass movements of earth in regions with steep slopes.

universities over Gaza war, hundreds arrested at Columbia World As pro-Palestinian protests continue to rock universities across the United States, New

York City police took about 300 people into custody late on Tuesday at Columbia University and City College of New York. Clashes also erupted at California University, leaving 15 injured.

Violent protests at US

The protests follow the October 7 attack on southern Israel by Hamas terrorists from the Gaza Strip and the ensuing Israeli offensive on the Palestinian enclave. Students have rallied or set up tent encampments at dozens of schools across the US in recent days, expressing opposition to Israel's war in Gaza and demanding schools divest from companies that support Israel's government. Many of the schools have called in police to quell the protests. PROTESTS ROCK US UNIVERSITIES

Nearly 300 people were arrested at Columbia and City College of New York, amid protests. Many of those arrested were charged with trespassing and criminal mischief. While what the student protesters are seeking varies from school to school, many are demanding an immediate ceasefire in the war on Gaza and that their universities divest from companies with military ties to Israel.At least 15 people were injured at the University of California after a protest turned violent. The development came after were summoned to the University of California, Los Angeles, campus to help restore order early Wednesday. The California Federation of Teachers called on Block to resign, saying they had "created an environment that has escalated tensions and failed to take meaningful action to prevent the violence that occurred last night."Former US President Donald Trump on Wednesday said it "was a beautiful thing to watch" New York police officers raiding a Columbia University building occupied by pro-Palestinian students, and called on officials to crack down on campus protests across the United States. "New York was under siege last night," Trump told supporters at a campaign rally in Wisconsin.As protests spread to other countries, state troopers and local police cleared an encampment at the University of Texas at Dallas. Law enforcement held a line behind a barricade as school officials and officers swiftly disposed of tents, banners and other supplies. New York Police Department officers also entered a Fordham University building in Manhattan and began arresting protesters who had set up an encampment inside.

WASHINGTON. President Joe Biden is staying mum about student protests "It's just not."

demonstration that had paralyzed the school.

An Associated Press tally counted at least 38 times since April 18 where arrests were made at campus protests across the U.S. More than 1,600 people have been arrested at 30 schools.UCLA Chancellor Gene Block said in a statement that "a group of instigators" perpetrated the previous night's attack, but he did not provide details about the crowd or why the administration and school police did not act sooner.

Harvey Weinstein faces accuser as judge orders retrial over rape, sexual assault convictions

- NEW YORK: Disgraced film mogul Harvey Weinstein faced one of his accusers in New York court Wednesday as he was told he would be retried for rape and sexual assault convictions that were overturned in the state. His 2020 conviction for raping ex-actress Jessica Mann, who was in the front row of the courtroom's public gallery and mere feet from Weinstein, was overturned by New York's highest court last week. Weinstein was visibly frail as he was wheeled into the Manhattan courtroom, flanked by his lawyers, smiling and waving at supporters as he was pushed in a wheelchair past the public gallery.
- Weinstein, who has barely been pictured in public for years, was flanked by two armed court officers as he sat at the defendant's table wearing a dark suit, his hair thin."We believe in this case... To that end (accuser) Jessica Mann is in court today," said prosecutor Nicole Blumberg announcing that her office would seek a retrial. "She is committed to seeing justice served once again.""We have every belief that the defendant will be convicted again at trial.
- But Weinstein's lawyer, Arthur Aidala, insisted "he was acquitted of the most serious counts," accusing the prosecutor in the original New York trial of perjuring herself. Weinstein's team had sought to have their client granted bail pending any retrial, but Judge Curtis Farber rejected that, remanding him pending a retrial, which he set for after Labour Day on September 4.
- "His life is on the line," Aidala said as he sought to have his client freed. The next hearing in the case will be May 29 to handle discovery issues. Farber said, adding that "we anticipate a trial schedule some date after Labour Day.""He will be remanded until trial.
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Weinstein was convicted in New York in 2020 of the rape and sexual assault of ex-actress Mann in 2013, and of forcibly performing oral sex on former production assistant Mimi Haley in 2006.He was sentenced to 23 years in prison.Last week, New York's highest court ruled the trial judge erred in admitting the testimony of women who were allegedly abused by Weinstein but who were not named in the charges brought against him.Weinstein would have likely remained in custody anyway because of a conviction for rape in California for which he received a 16-year sentence.

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try to turn campus unrest over the war in Gaza into a campaign cudgel against Democrats.Tension at colleges and universities has been building for days as some demonstrators refuse to remove encampments and administrators turn to law enforcement to clear them by force, leading to clashes that have seized attention from politicians and the media.

But Biden's last public coment came more than a week ago, when he condemned "antisemitic protests" and "those who don't understand what's going on with the Palestinians." The White House, which has been

peppered with questions by reporters, has gone only slightly further than the president. On Wednesday, press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre said Biden is "monitoring the situation closely," and she said some demonstrations had stepped over a line that separated free speech from unlawful behavior."Forcibly taking over a building," such as what happened at Columbia University in

and police crackdowns as Republicans Biden has never been much for Former President Donald Trump, protesting. His career in elected office began as a county official when he was only 28 years old, and he's always espoused the political importance of compromise over zealousness

As college campuses convulsed with anger over the Vietnam War in 1968, Biden was in law school at Syracuse University."I'm not big on flak jackets and tie-dyed shirts," he said years later. You know, that's not me.?Despite the White House's criticism and Biden's refusal to heed protesters' demands to cut off U.S. support for Israel, Republicans blame Democrats for the disorder and have used it as a backdrop for press conferences."We need the president of the United States to speak to the issue and say this is wrong," House Speaker Mike Johnson, a Louisiana Republican, said on Tuesday. "What's happening on college campuses right now is wrong."Johnson visited Columbia with other members of his caucus last week. House Republicans sparred with protesters while speaking to the media

party's presumptive nominee, also criticized Biden in an interview with Sean Hannity on Fox News.

at George Washington University in

Washington, D.C., on Wednesday.

Biden has to do something," he said. "Biden is supposed to be the voice of our country, and it's certainly not much of a voice. It's a voice that nobody's heard."He repeated his criticisms on Wednesday during a campaign event in Waukesha, Wisconsin."The radical extremists and far-left agitators are terrorizing college campuses, as you possibly noticed," Trump said. "And Biden's nowhere to be found. He hasn't said anything."Kate Berner, who served as deputy communications director for Biden's campaign in 2020, said Republicans already tried the same tactic four years ago during protests over George Floyd's murder by a police officer."People rejected that," she said. "They saw that it was just fearmongering. They saw that it wasn't based in reality."

Apart from condemning antisemitism, the White House has been reluctant to directly engage on the issue.

US claims global chemical weapons ban breach by Russia in Ukraine wara

The US alleged that Russia violated the chemical weapons ban by deploying the choking agent chloropicrin against Ukrainian troops and using riot control agents "as a method of warfare" in Ukraine.

Washington The United States on Wednesday accused Russia of violating the international chemical weapons ban by deploying the choking agent chloropicrin against Ukrainian troops and using riot control agents "as a method of warfare" in Ukraine."The use of such chemicals is not an isolated incident and is probably driven by Russian forces' desire to dislodge Ukrainian forces from fortified positions and achieve tactical gains on the battlefield," the State Department said in a statement. The Russian embassy in Washington did not immediately respond to a request for comment.Chloropicrin is listed as a banned choking agent by the Haguebased Organization for the Prohibition of

Chemical Weapons (OPCW), which was created to implement and monitor compliance with the 1993 Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC).German forces fired the gas against Allied troops during World War I in one of the first uses of a chemical weapon.Earlier this month, Reuters reported the Ukrainian military as saying Russia has stepped up its illegal use of riot control agents as it presses its biggest advances in eastern Ukraine in more than two years. In addition to chloropicrin, Russian forces have used grenades loaded with CS and CN gases, the Ukrainian military says. It says at least 500 Ukrainian soldiers have been treated for exposure to toxic substances and one was killed by suffocating on tear gas. While civilians usually can escape riot control gases during protests, soldiers stuck in trenches without gas masks must either flee under enemy fire or risk suffocating. The State Department said it was delivering to Congress its determination that Russia's use of chloropicrin against Ukrainian troops violated the CWC.Moscow's use of the gas "comes from the same playbook as its operations to poison" the late opposition

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leader Alexei Navalny in 2020 and Sergei Skripal and his daughter Yulia in 2018 with the Novichok nerve agent, the statement said.Russia denied involvement in both cases.

The department also determined that Russia breached the CWC's prohibition on the use of riot control agents as a method of warfare, the statement said.It said it was sanctioning three Russian state entities linked to Moscow's chemical and biological weapons programs, including a specialised military unit that facilitated the use of chloropicrin against Ukrainian troops.Four Russian companies that support the three entities were also sanctioned, it said. The sanctions freeze any US assets belonging to the targeted

entities and generally prohibit Americans from doing business with them.Separately, the US Treasury imposed sanctions on three entities and two individuals involved in purchasing items for Russian military institutes involved in the country's chemical and biological weapons programs. The sanctions were among new measures announced by the United States on Wednesday targeting Russia over its 2022 full-scale invasion of Ukraine.The CWC bans the production and use of chemical weapons. It also requires the 193 countries that have ratified the convention, which include Russia and the US, to destroy any stocks of banned chemicals.The State Department was expected to convey its determination that Russia violated the CWC to the OPCW.

Russia and Ukraine have accused each other of breaching the treaty in OPCW meetings. But the organisation says it has not been formally asked to open an investigation into the use of prohibited substances in Ukrain.Reuters has not been able to independently verify the use of banned chemical substances by either side.

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Pakistan desires 'Shehzada' as India's PM"; Modi takes veiled swipe at Rahul Gandhi

RNS I Gujrat: In a rally held in Gujarat's Anand, Prime Minister Narendra Modi took a veiled dig at Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, suggesting that Pakistan is eager to see 'Shehzada' become India's prime minister.

Modi described the Congress party as a 'mureed' (follower) of Pakistan, stating, "The Congress is languishing here and Pakistanis are shedding tears."

The Prime Minister's comments came after former Pakistani minister Chaudhry Fawad Hussain expressed admiration for Rahul Gandhi in a video shared on X, where Gandhi criticized the BJP and Modi.

Modi further criticized the Congress party's governance, contrasting it with the BJP's achievements. He claimed that under Congress's 60year rule, 60% of the rural

population lacked access to He highlighted the BJP's

toilets, a feat the BJP accomplished in just 10 years. Accusing the Congress of aiming to amend the Constitution to extend reservations to Muslims, Modi challenged them to give written assurance that they will not do so.

Ranchi Police Arrest Three JBKSS Leaders in Dhanbad;

achievements, such as providing tap water connections to 14 crore households in the last 10 years, compared to the Congress's 3 crore households in 60 years. Modi reiterated his com-

mitment to making India a developed nation by 2047,

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emphasizing his dedication to serving Gujarat and the nation.

He expressed his aspiration for India to stand as a developed nation by the time the country celebrates its 100 years of Independence in 2047, pledging to work tirelessly towards this goal.

Torpedo system successfully tested

RNS I Dhanbad: The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has successfully conducted a flight test of the Supersonic Missile-Assisted Release of Torpedo (SMART) system off the coast

of Odisha. The test took place at around 0830 hrs on May 01, 2024, from Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Island. SMART is a state-of-the-art missile-based lightweight torpedo delivery system developed by DRDO to enhance the Indian Navy's anti-submarine warfare capability. It is designed to operate far beyond the range



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of conventional lightweight tor pedoes.

The canister-based missile system features advanced subsystems, including a two-stage solid propulsion system, electromechanical actuator system, and precision inertial navigation system. It is equipped with an advanced lightweight torpedo as payload and a parachutebased release system.

During the test, the missile was launched from a ground mobile launcher, validating several state-of-the-art mechanisms such as symmetric separation, ejection, and velocity control.





RNS I Ranchi: The Delhi Police has issued a notice to Jharkhand Congress State President Rajesh Thakur in connection with the uploading and sharing of a fake video of Union Home Minister Amit Shah's speech on social media. According to the notice, Thakur has been asked to appear before the investigating officer of Delhi Police Special at 10:30 am on May 2.

He has also been directed to bring along his mobile phones, laptops, tablets, or any other electronic device that may have been allegedly used to share the fake video.

The notice has been sent to Rajesh Thakur under section 160/91 of the Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC).

Thakur, in response, stated that he received the notice from Delhi Police yesterday evening, requesting his laptop. He expressed the opinion that before issuing such notices, Delhi Police should gather complete information about all the facts.

"I am consulting with my legal advisors on the issue and looking forward to how we can seek relief in appearing before the Delhi Police on May 2, as I am currently engaged in election works," Thakur added.

Anupama Singh, Congress candidate files nomination for Dhanbad LS seat



RNS I Bokaro: Anupama Singh, the Congress nominee and wife of Bermo MLA Jayamangal Singh (Anup Singh), along with two other candidates, submitted their nomination papers for the Dhanbad Lok Sabha seat on Wednesday.

Accompanied by Jharia Congress MLA Purnima Neeraj Singh, senior Congress leader and INTUC national secretary AK Jha, Rani Devi (mother-in-law) and Alpana Tiwari, Anupama Singh filed her nomination papers.

The polling for the Dhanbad Lok Sabha seat is scheduled for May 25. The seat has been allocated to the Congress under the INDI Alliance.

The other two candidates who filed their nomination papers were Jagdish Rawani of the Marxists Coordination Committee (MCC) and Dipak Kumar Das of the People's Democratic Party (P).

Chief Jairam Mahato Absconding, Police on Search RNS I Dhanbad: Three leaders of the Jharkhand Bhasha Khatiyani Sangharsh Samiti (JBKSS) were arrested by a Ranchi police team late on Wednesday night from their residence in Topchachi, approximately 40 km from the district headquarters in Dhanbad. The arrested leaders include Farjan Khan, the chief general secretary of the JBKSS However, he managed to es-

central committee, Sanjay Mahto, and Rijwan Krantikari, the president of the minority cell central committee.

JBKSS, a regional outfit led by Jayram Mahto, is contesting from several Lok Sabha seats in Jharkhand, including Ranchi, Dhanbad, Giridih, and Dumka. Jayram Mahto himself, the JBKSS supremo, is a candidate from the Giridih seat.

Earlier on Wednesday afternoon, Ranchi police arrested Jayram Mahto immediately after he filed his nomination for the Giridih seat at the Bokaro collectorate. Jayram Mahto, who faces pending cases in Ranchi and other districts, took two hours to surrender after addressing a scheduled rally.



cape from the spot after the rally, evading the police.

The arrest of Farjan Khan, Sanjay Mahto, and Rijwan Krantikari followed their guarantee that Javram Mahto would surrender after the rally. Police picked them up late at night from Topchachi, where Jayram Mahto is also a resident.

Topchachi police station officer in-charge Vivekanand Srivastava denied information about any arrests when contacted in the morning. However, Topchachi Panchayat chief Sarwar Khan stated that police raided his house at 3 am on Wednesday and took away his nephew Farjan Khan without providing a reason for the arrest.

JBKSS vice-president Dipak Rajak alleged that the state and central governments were displeased with Jay-

from his residence in Topchachi Bazar, while Sanjay Mahto was arrested from Chitarpur village. Bokaro Police have registered an FIR after the disappearance of youth leader Jairam Mahato, who filed a nomination from the Giridih Lok Sabha constituency and is currently absconding. Police are actively searching **IIT-ISM Dhanbad, Launches Rs 1.92 Cr. Tribal Empowerment Center**

RNS I Dhanbad: A Center of एकलन्य मॉडल् + २ बालिका आवासीय विद्यालय, तसरिया Excellence (CoE) dedicated to empowering tribal communities has been inaugurated at the Indian Institute of Technology (Indian School of Mines), Dhanbad, with the backing of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs (MoTA) of the Government of India. The center has secured a project valued at Rs 1.92 crore from MoTA for a 'Capacity Building Program for Basic and Advanced Level Information Technology and Computer Training for Tribals

in Jharkhand? Under the leadership of Professor Rashmi Singh, Assistant Professor of the Department of Management Studies and Industrial Engineering, the CoE will concentrate on formulating capacity-building and skill-enhancement initiatives for tribal populations in Jharkhand. These initiatives aim to boost their job prospects, income levels, livelihoods, and overall economic status.

Functioning as a nexus for collaboration among academia, industry, and government, the center intends to further the welfare of tribal communities in Jharkhand. This endeavor

resonates with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of integrating tribal communities into the mainstream societal framework of India.

Acknowledging the significance of social inclusion, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has designated November 15 as Jan Jatiya Gaurav Divas, marking the birth anniversary of Bhagwan Birsa Munda. Moreover, the CoE will forge partnerships with various industries in Jharkhand, including BCCL, CCL, Tata Steel, SAIL, NTPC, JSPL, Adani Power, Tata Power, among others, to create employment avenues for trained tribal students. Professor Rashmi Singh emphasized that the first project under the center, focusing on information technology and

computer training, has secured

funding of Rs 1.92 crore. The program will initially cater to tribal students in grades 10 to 12 at Eklavya Model Residential Schools in Jharkhand, followed by students from Ashram schools and government schools in the subsequent phase

The CoE team, led by Professor Singh, has already embarked on visits to several Eklavya Model Residential Schools in Jharkhand to kickstart the program. Prof. Singh is also engaged in a similar project funded by the Department of Science and Technology, which focuses on enhancing the economic well-being of Scheduled Tribe communities in Jamtara District, Jharkhand, through game theoretic and operations research techniques.

PM Modi all set to arrive in Chaibasa on Friday

for him.

RNS I Bokaro: A delegation led by social activist D

Siddharth Pandey I Chaibasa: Prime Minister Narendra Modi is set to arrive in Chaibasa on Friday, May 3, to bolster the campaign for Singhbhum MP Geeta Koda in the Lok Sabha elections. The Prime Minister will participate in an election rally organized by the Bharatiya Janata Party at Tata College grounds, scheduled for 3 p.m.

After the event in Chaibasa, he will return to Ranchi, the capital of Jharkhand, before proceeding to Palamu for a meeting on the following day.

The district administration has made elaborate arrangements for the Prime Minister's visit, with tight security measures in place. The Special Protection Group (SPG) has taken control of the event venue, and a meeting was held on Thursday with magistrates and police officers from different districts to ensure law and order during the Prime Minister's visit.

The BJP has completed its preparations

for the event, anticipating a turnout of more than 50,000 people. A large pandal with a capacity exceeding 50,000 has been erected, and identity cards have been issued by the administration for attendees. Separate entry gates have been set up, including a designated gate for officials on duty and another for attendees coming from afar. Seven entry gates and separate exit gates have also been constructed to manage the crowd efficiently.





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K Sah recently conferred at the residence of Dulu Mahato in Baghmara. Mahato, a seasoned three-time MLA representing the Baghmara Vidhan Sabha constituency, has been named as the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) contender for the Dhanbad Lok Sabha Constituency in the impending 2024 LS elections.

During the interaction, luminaries including Gudu Sahu, Praladh Sahu, Nabnit Sahu, Dilip Sahu, and others conveyed their heartfelt wishes for Mahato's success in the upcoming LS polls."

JMM's Tabarak Khan Endorses Joba Majhi for Singhbhum LS Seat



RNS I Chaibasa: Senior JMM leader Mohammad Tabarak Khan has urged Kolhan, known as the land of martyrs, to support former minister and JMM candidate Joba Majhi for the Singhbhum Lok Sabha seat. Under Khan's leadership, a Jharkhand Mukti Morcha program and meeting were held in Nuiya and surrounding villages, as well as in Jaitgarh. Khan highlighted Joba Majhi's popularity among villagers, noting her husband, the late MLA Devendra Manjhi, who was revered for his efforts in conserving water, forests, and land in Kolhan's Saranda, Kolhan, and Podahat regions.

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Remove mosquito habitats

Clear clogged

drain



Use mosquito repellent





Light up your home and use air conditioning



Use netting for windows and gaps



It's Shiv Sena vs Shiv Sena In 3 Out Of 6 Lok Sabha Seats In Mumbai

Mumbai Election Date: The six constituencies in Mumbai are Mumbai South, Mumbai South-Central, Mumbai North, Mumbai North-Central, Mumbai North-East, Mumbai North-West. These are among the 13 seats in Maharashtra that will go to polls in the fifth and final phase on May 20.

Mumbai: Battle lines have been drawn in six parliamentary constituencies in Mumbai, where Eknath Shinde-led Shiv Sena and the Uddhav Thackeray led outfit will battle it out in three seats. While two seats will witness fights between the traditional rivals - the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and the Congress, in one seat the Shiv Sena (UBT) and BJP will fight it out. The six constituencies in Mumbai are Mumbai South, Mumbai South-Central, Mumbai North, Mumbai North-Central,

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Mumbai South, Mumbai South-Central and Mumbai North-West will see a fight between the two Senas, while Mumbai North-East will be a BJP verus Shiv Sena (UBT) face-off.In Mumbai South, sitting MP Arvind Sawant of the Uddhav Thackeray will take on Yamini Jadhav of the Shinde-led Sena. Jadhav represents the a s s e m b l y c o n s t i t u e n c y i n



Byculla assembly constituency in Mumbai. Mumbai North-East, Mumbai North-West. Sena (UBT) leader Anil Desai is pitted against Rahul Shewale of the Shinde-led Sena in Mumbai South-Central. While Desai was a Rajya Sabha member till recently, Shewale is the sitting Lok Sabha member.Amol Kirtikar of the Thackeray camp will take on Ravindra Waikar of the ruling Sena in Mumbai North-West. Waikar who was earlier with the Sena (UBT), joined the Shinde camp recently. He

Mumbai.Congress MLA Varsha Gaikwad, who is the party's Mumbai unit president will fight it out against noted lawyer Ujjwal Nikam fielded by the BJP in Mumbai North-Central, while Union minister and BJP veteran Piyush Goyal will take on Bhushan Patil of the Congress in Mumbai North. While Gaikwad represents the Dharavi assembly segment in Mumbai, Goyal is a Rajya Šabha member.

In Mumbai North-East, BJP's Mihir Kotecha will fight against Sena UBT's

Sanjay Dina Patil. Kotecha is the MLA from Mulund assembly constituency in Mumbai.After filing her nomination form, Gaikwad called on Uddhav Thackeray, who promised his support to her, saying she will be sent to Delhi as an MP. It will be for the first time that Thackeray will vote for a Congress candidate as his residence in Bandra comes under the Mumbai North-Central constituency.Congress and Shiv Sena have traditionally been political opponents in Mumbai till 2019.

"Why Waste Time Here, Go To Italy": Yogi Adityanath Targets Rahul Gandhi

Sangli, Maharashtra: Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath criticised Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, saying that whenever the country is facing a tough time, he run away to Italy.CM Yogi also suggested that Rahul Gandhi should not campaign for elections here as he went to Italy during the pandemic, earthquake and floods.Addressing a public meeting in Maharashtra's Sangli, CM Yogi said, "You have seen Rahul Gandhi, whenever the country faces tough times, he is the first one who leaves the country and runs away. When covid came, he went to Italy. Be it an earthquake, flood or any other disaster, he left for Italy"

When you (Rahul Gandhi) have to go to Italy, why waste time here in elections, go to Italy. When he is outside India, he criticises it and when in India, he behaves as if the country has been inherited by his forefathers," CM Yogi added.He also lashed out at the previous

Congress-led United Progressive Alliance, saying "This is not India of Congress period where after one slap, they used to say wait, Let the peace does not vitiate anywhere. ... If anyone dares to slap, today we dare to punch back with all our strength...," he added, referring to India's rising.Maharashtra, with its 48 Lok Sabha seats, is the second-largest contributor to the Lower House of Parliament after Uttar Pradesh.In the 2019 Lok Sabha elections, the BJP won 23 out of 25 contested seats, while the undivided Shiv Sena secured 18 out of 23 seats. The polling in the state is being held across five phases. Polling for 11 seats in Maharashtra will be held in the third phase on May 7.Of the 48 seats in the state, voting in 13 was conducted across the first and second phases.olling for the first phase and the second phase was held on April 19 and April 26, respectively. The next round of voting will be held on May 7.

PM Modi's 3rd Term Will Eliminate Terrorism From Country: Amit Shah

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Hubballi: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Wednesday said that the third term for Prime Minister Narendra Modi will eliminate terrorism, and Left Wing Extremism from the country."The third term for Prime Minister Modimeans the success of Chandrayaan, Mangal Yaan and Aditya Yaan missions," he said during a public rally in



Karnataka's Hubballi."During the rule of the Congress government under Sonia Gandhi and Manmohan Singh, infiltrators from Pakistan used to explode bombs here and escape. They thought they could get away in the same manner and staged the Uri and Pulwama attacks. They didn't realize that Prime Minister Modi is in charge and within 10 days surgical and air strikes were conducted," the Home Minister added.

He accused the Congress of delaying the Ayodhya Ram temple case and dragging it for 70 years.

"When Prime Minister Modi took charge for the second term, the case was won, a groundbreaking ceremony was conducted and the temple was inaugurated," Home Minister Shah said.

He also claimed that top Congress leaders including party chief Malllikarjun Kharge, Sonia Gandhi, and Rahul Gandhi did not attend the Ram Lalla's Pran Pratistha ceremony fearing they would lose their vote bank. The Home Minister appealed to voters of the Dharwad Parliamentary Constituency to ensure the victory of Union Minister and BJP candidate Pralhad Joshi by a huge margin.He said that Union Minister Joshi ensured that the maximum number of Corona vaccines reached Hubballi-Dharwad cities. Besides this, 19 lakh houses were constructed in Dharwad. "Don't make the mistake of losing him," the Home Minister asserted.

Lok Sabha Elections: Maneka Gandhi Files **Nomination From Sultanpur Seat**

Sultanpur: Bharatiya Janata Party candidate from Sultanpur Lok Sabha seat, Maneka Gandhi, filed her nomination papers on Wednesday.

- Maneka Gandhi is also the sitting MP from the Sultanpur seat. The BJP has again chosen to go with her in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections.Nishad Party chief and Uttar Pradesh minister, Sanjay Nishad, accompanied Maneka Gandhi while filing the nomination.
- The Samajwadi Party has fielded Bheem Nishad from this seat.Sultanpur will vote on May 25, in the sixth phase.After filing her nomination, Maneka Gandhi said, "It is always a competition, but I think we will win. This time, there is less challenge.Responding to Congress leaders Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi Vadra's candidature from Amethi and Raebareli, Maneka said, "Only 2 days are left for nomination, I don't know when they will reveal (the names)."In the 2019 general election, Maneka Gandhi got 4,59,196 votes, while Bahujan Samaj Party candidate, Chandra Bhadra Singh



"Some People Have Made Me A Stranger In My Own Party": BJP's Anil Vij

Without taking any name, Anil Vij said, "Maana kuch logo ne mujhe meri hi party mein begana bana diya hai, parantu kayee baar begane apno say bhi zyada kaam kar jaate hai."

Ambala, Haryana: Former Haryana Home Minister Anil Vij and BJP leader who was excluded from the cabinet after its recent reshuffle, said on Wednesday that some people have made him a "stranger" in his own party.

Addressing a public rally in Ambala, the BJP leader, without taking any name, said, "Maana kuch logo ne mujhe meri hi party mein begana bana diya hai, parantu kayee baar begane apno say bhi zyada kaam kar jaate hai, (It may be true that some people have made me a stranger in my own party, but sometimes strangers do more work than those we consider our own)."

Anil Vij was dropped in the newly formed cabinet, leading to disquiet in the state party unit.Mr Vij had not attended the swearing-in ceremony of the new cabinet and left the Legislature Party meeting midway.State BJP chief Nayab Singh Saini replaced Manohar Lal Khattar



as the Chief Minister just weeks before the Lok Sabha polls.

As many as eight Cabinet members, including the CM, were new faces. Seven out of eight ministers,

who were inducted on March 19, are twoterm MLAs.

However, the former state home minister could not find a place for himself in the new cabinet. The omission of Anil Vij, who was the Harvana home minister, was even more surprising because there was speculation that he would be one of two deputy chief ministers appointed by the BJP after the post was vacated by Dushyant Chautala of the Jannayak Janta Party. A visibly upset Anil Vij left midway from the BJP Legislature Party meeting, which elected Mr Saini as its new leader, and did not attend his swearing-in ceremony held later in the day. When the BJP won a majority in the 90-member

Haryana Assembly in 2014 for the first time, Anil Vij was seen as a front-runner for the chief ministerial position. But, the party picked firsttime MLA ML Khattar for the job.

got 4,44,670 votes.Earlier, Uttar Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Keshav Prasad Maurya took a swipe at the Opposition INDIA bloc saying that they are in ICU and people are not ready to give them oxygen."The Opposition is nowhere in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections. They are lying in the ICU and the public is not ready to give them oxygen.

There is only one slogan in the entire country, that is, 'Abki Baar, 400 Paar' and once again the Modi government with a huge majority is going to be formed in the country," Maurya said.he polling in Uttar Pradesh is happening in all seven phases. The conting is scheduled for June 4. Voting for eight seats in the state was concluded in the first phase on April 19 and another eight seats in the second phase on April 26.In the 2019 Lok Sabha elections in Uttar Pradesh, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) emerged as the winner by securing the majority of seats available.

Hope Palestinian application for UN membership will be reconsidered: India at UN

Speaking at the UN Security Council, India said it hopes that Palestine's bid to become a full member of the United Nations, blocked by the US last month, will be reconsidered and its endeavour to become a member of the world body will be endorsed.

New Delhi: India has voiced hope that Palestine's bid to become a full member of the United Nations, which was blocked by the US last month, will be reconsidered and its endeavour to become a member of the world organisation will be endorsed. The US vetoed a resolution in the UN Security Council on a Palestinian bid to be granted full membership of the United Nations last month. The 15nation Council had voted on a draft resolution that would have recommended to the 193-member UN General Assembly "that the State of Palestine be admitted to membership in the United Nations." The resolution got 12 votes in its favour, with Switzerland and the UK abstaining and the US casting its veto. To be adopted, the draft

resolution required at least nine Council members voting in its favour, with no vetoes by any of its five permanent members - China, France, Russia, the United Kingdom and the United States."While we have noted that Palestine's application for membership at the United Nations was not approved by the Security Council because of the aforesaid veto, I would like to state here at the very outset that in keeping with India's long-standing position, we hope that this would be reconsidered in due course and that Palestine's endeavour to become a member of the United Nations will get endorsed," India's Permanent Representative to the UN Ambassador Ruchira Kamboj said at the UN.India was the first nonArab State to recognise the Palestine Liberation Organization as the sole and legitimate representative of the Palestinian people in 1974. India was also one of the first countries to recognise the State of Palestine in 1988 and in 1996, Delhi opened its Representative Office to the Palestine Authority in Gaza, which later was shifted to Ramallah in 2003.Currently, Palestine is a "non-member observer state" at the UN, a status granted to it by the General Assembly in 2012. This status allows Palestine to participate in proceedings of the world body, but it cannot vote on resolutions. The only other non-member Observer State at the UN is the Holy See, representing t h e



Vatican.Addressing a General Assembly meeting on Wednesday, Kamboj underlined that India's leadership has repeatedly emphasised that only a two-state solution achieved through direct and meaningful negotiations between Israel and Palestine on final status issues will deliver an enduring peace."India is committed to supporting a two-state solution where the Palestinian people are

able to live freely in an independent country within secure borders with due regard to the security needs of Israel," she said.Kamboj stressed that to arrive at a lasting solution, India would urge all parties to foster conditions conducive to resuming direct peace negotiationsat an early date.On

April 2, Palestine sent a letter to UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres requesting that its application for full UN membership be considered again. For a State to be granted full UN membership, its application must be approved both by the Security Council and the General Assembly, where a twothirds majority of the members present and voting is required for the State to be admitted.

To recoup life while it's still throbbing

- In August 2022, Salman Rushdie was almost killed for being "disingenuous". That was one of the reasons put forth by the writer's would-be assassin, who confessed to having read only two pages of 'The Satanic Verses'. Rushdie's fourth novel was also his most controversial. Published in 1988, it had sparked a fatwa, launched a thousand protests, triggered numerous killings (including that of the Japanese translator of the book) and compelled Rushdie to live under the shadow of death. Though he had anticipated an etteration the decade after the fortune it had attack in the decade after the fatwa, it had somewhat receded until the murderous attack on his "last innocent evening" in upstate New York, where Rushdie was to ironically give a talk on the safety of writers. Death, or rather the nearness of it, is what Rushdie reflects on in his new book 'Knife: Meditations After an Attempted Murder'.
- How do writers under the shadow of death confront it, grapple with it every day, and yet make meaning out of it and use it as material? Is death a battle to be fought and won, an inevitability to be made peace with, or a fear that haunts till the last living breath? Poet John Donne throws a gauntlet of irreverence at "proud" death, when he says, "Mighty and dreadful, for, thou art not so/ For, those, whom thou think'st, thou dost overthrow/ Die not, poor death, nor yet canst thou kill me."
- If death made several failed encounters with Rushdie, it was an "imposing itinerant visitor" for Paul Kalanithi, the young neurosurgeon who faced it with equanimity and courage. Diagnosed iaced it with equanimity and courage. Diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer at the age of 36, Kalanithi writes in his memoir 'When Breath Becomes Air', "I began to realise that coming face to face with my own mortality, in a sense, had changed nothing and everything." Nothing, because he knew someday he would have to die though he didn't know when. Everything, because now he knew it more acutely. There was also the more profound realisation that "even when I'm dying, until I actually die, I am still living".In the case of both Rushdie and Kalanithi, it is love and language that illuminate their lives in their darkest phases. Both harness the power of literature to recoup life while it's still throbbing. "Language was my knife," Rushdie ruminates in 'Knife', "the knife I could use to fight back" and a tool to reclaim his world, while Kalanithi, "searching for a vocabulary with which to make sense of death", found it in writing. "Words," he writes, "have a longevity I do not.
- Christopher Hitchens, the literary world's best known contrarian, too, became that "finalist in the race for life" when he was diagnosed with esophageal cancer and recollects how he had been in denial for long."But I can't see myself smiting my brow with shock or hear myself whining about how it's all so unfair: I have been taunting the Reaper into taking a free scythe in my direction and have now succumbed to something so predictable and banal that it bores even me," Hitchens writes in his memoir even me," Hitchens writes in his memo 'Mortality' that documents a very public dying.
- "I have more than once in my time woken up feeling like death" is how Hitchens begins the book. He details his diagnosis as "a very gentle and firm deportation" into the land of malady, a land that he says is quite welcoming, where "everybody smiles encouragingly and there appears to be absolutely no racism" though the humour in this new country is "a touch feeble and repetitive" and the cuisine the worst of any destination. Then comes the rather numbing realisation that "I don't have a body, I am a body". More pervasive though is the wry Hitchensian humour, when he describes how "the novelty of a diagnosis of malignant cancer has a tendency to wear off... even to become banal. One can become quite used to the spectre of the eternal Footman, like some lethal old bore lurking in the hallway at the end of the evening, hoping for the chance to have a word". Are life and death

Navy women script sailing history

Lt Cdr Dilna K (left) and Lt Cdr Roopa A during the flag-in ceremony of INSV Tarini.

Amid the hype and hoopla of the IPL, a significant sporting achievement has been relegated to the margins. On April 21, Lieutenant Commanders Dilna K and Roopa A, two Indian Navy officers, completed a historic transoceanic voyage on the Indian Naval Sailing Vessel (INSV) Tarini. In the process, they became the first Indian women to achieve the distinction of undertaking a transoceanic expedition in double-handed mode. The two travelled by sea, to Mauritius and back, propelling on wind power alone. They spent nearly two months on a small sailing vessel braving rough seas, strong winds, high waves, treacherous currents and much else that nature throws at you in the wilderness of oceans. While India has in its ocean sailing catalogue feats of solo sailing and sailing by a group of people (usually six), this is the first time it has been done doubae-handed — crewed by only two — over such a long distance.Dilna and Roopa will now prepare for their next big challenge. The Navy is preparing to flag off the 'Sagar Parikrama IV'expedition, a circumnavigation of the globe, on INSV Tarini, scheduled to commence in September.

Interestingly, both have an armed forces background Dilna's father was in the Army while Roopa's served in the Air Force. Both were also actively involved in the NCC before joining the Navy and have led Navy's Republic Day marching contingents. Dilna is a commerce graduate who joined the Logistics branch in the Navy. She has also been a national-level shooter. Roopa has been a university rank holder in aeronautical engineering who joined the Navy's Armament Inspectorate branch. She is an active marathon runner. Both have logged an impressive 38,000 nautical miles of sailing under their belt.

Ever since they volunteered for 'Sagar Parikrama IV' in 2022, both women have made INSV Tarini their home. They often stay on the ship even when it is berthed alongside its home port in Goa and they are the ones who clean its decks and sweep its floors and do all the 'ship's husbandry' tasks. The Navy's Ocean Sailing Node in Goa gives them a full range of offshore support, infrastructure and academic guidance. INS Mandovi acts as the mothership nurturing the vessel and the sailors, and the Indian Naval Sailing Association at Delhi handles the overall development of sailing in the Indian Navy.

The Navy has exhaustively trained these officers in all aspects of ocean sailing. Further, a full-fledged medical support team, which includes a psychologist

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and sleep medicine specialist, monitors their health and medical fitness. Above all, they have an ace in the form of the legendary Abhilash Tomy, who joined them as a mentor in August 2023.

In praise of the sailors, Tomy says, "My job was tremendously reduced thanks to the willingness and effort that the women have put in... Personally, I think they have done well, especially in comparison to the other crew who have sailed the route. They have been safe and quite professional in dealing with

Reviewing NOTA





constituencies where NOTA receives the majority of the votes. This calls for a reevaluation of NOTA's role in the electoral process. While NOTA serves as a symbolic gesture of dissent — a negative vote — its true potential lies in catalysing systemic change and deterring parties from fielding unsuitable candidates. Countries like Indonesia mandate a repoll if NOTA emerges 'victorious', thus ensuring that citizens' dissatisfaction is addressed comprehensively. The ECI must explore ways to enhance NOTA's effectiveness, including considering proposals to annul the elections in constituencies where it bags the highest number of votes. This will compel political parties to nominate candidates with an unblemished reputation. Promoting NOTA — or the right to reject — as a 'fictional' nominee can make it a potent tool of democratic expression.

defects in the boat and navigating it, and have brought

Quite fascinatingly, in Cowes, UK, on April 22, a

sailing yacht appropriately called 'Maiden' won the

McIntyre Ocean Globe Race, becoming the first all-

women crew to win an around-the-world yacht race.

The crew included two Indians who sailed in

different legs. Lt Cdr Payal Gupta is a serving Navy

officer and Dhanya Pilo is the daughter of a retired

Navy officer. Their triumph needs a separate telling.

the boat back in an excellent state of preservation.'

mutuall usive or mutuan constitutive binaries? Philosopher Jacques Derrida, mining for some understanding of this quandary from science, philosophy and psychoanalysis, argued that death must be considered neither as the opposite of life, nor as the truth or fulfilment of it, but rather as that which both limits life and makes it possible.

influence the poll result. The latest outcome has raised questions about the integrity of the electoral process and the centrality of voters in a democratic exercise. Should a candidate be

THE electoral no-show in Surat, where BJP

candidate Mukesh Dalal was declared the

winner unopposed, has reignited the debate on

the NOTA (none of the above) option for the

voters. The episode underscores the need for

reforms to ensure that the fundamental right of citizens to choose their representatives is not

violated or denied. The introduction of NOTA in

2013 on the directions of the Supreme Court

was a landmark step aimed at empowering

voters and holding political parties

accountable. However, the Surat fiasco

highlights the limitations of NOTA in its current

form. Lacking teeth, it has repeatedly failed to

Should NOTA necessitate a repoll if it gets more votes

than any contestant?

declared victorious without having faced any opposition? The apex court has issued a notice to the Election Commission of India (ECI) on a plea seeking a repoll in



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Patanjali Ayurved has finally issued an "unconditional public apology" for its disobedience of the directions and orders of the Supreme Court, through large advertisements, but is it enough?

The apex court will obviously deliberate on this issue at its next hearing, but for consumers, who have been misled for years, nothing short of a series of courtdirected 'corrective advertisements' to set right the erroneous impressions created by the company's campaigns and advertisements will do. Consumers have a right to information and informed choice and it is imperative that Patanjali informs, through corrective advertisements, that it advertised its products despite knowing fully well that it was violating the Drugs and Magic Remedies (Objectionable Advertisements) Act and the Drugs and Cosmetics Act and also admits the misrepresentations. The prominence and duration of such advertisements should correspond to the original ones.Such advertisements would not only hold the company accountable for its misdeeds, but also send out a warning to all those businesses who unabashedly peddle lies and half-truths about their products and services, at the cost of consumers' health and safety. In fact, such misrepresentations strike at the very root of the citizen's fundamental right to life and flowing from it, right to health, safe food and drugThe concept of corrective advertisements may have its share of naysayers, particularly among businesses, but I have always been a strong votary of corrective advertisements as the most effective legal remedy for false and misleading advertisements. First, it cures the erroneous impression created by such advertisements in the minds of consumers. Second, if used effectively, it can be a very strong deterrent against misrepresentations because the perpetrator is forced

to invest heavily in advertisements that actually expose him and hold him accountable for misleading the public. Third, even when a false advertisement is pulled down, there is always a time lag between its appearance and its withdrawal, by which time it would have already conveyed the misinformation. It's for this reason that every law, regulation, irrespective of the sector, dealing with false and misleading advertisements should have a provision for corrective advertisement and it must be enforced extensively and effectively. I put particular emphasis on the enforcement because having successfully pushed for the corrective advertisement provision in the Consumer Protection Act as well as the Food Safety and Standards (Advertising and Claims) Regulations, I am extremely disappointed that most often, the provision is ignored . Even when applied by consumer courts, there is a

lack of understanding of its objective and therefore, the corrective advertisement does not serve the intended purpose.One of the best examples of corrective advertisements can be found in the directions of a federal court in the United States in what is commonly known as the Civil Racketeering lawsuit against tobacco companies. Accordingly, in 2017, major tobacco companies had to issue corrective statements as full-page advertisements in



week for one year and also broadcast them as 30 and 45-second prime time shots on major TV networks. The corrective statements had to refer to the manipulation of cigarette design and composition to enhance nicotine delivery, adverse health effects of smoking, addictiveness of cigarette smoking and nicotine, absence of health benefits from smoking low tar, light, ultra-light, mild and natural cigarettes, and adverse health effects of exposure to secondhand smoking.

at least 50 newspapers around the country once a Patanjali's promotion of its drugs makes a strong case

for corrective advertisements because the company has constantly flouted laws with impunity and misled consumers for years. It cocked a snook at the enforcement authorities. It even tried that with the Supreme Court!The Drugs and Magic Remedies (Objectionable Advertisements) Act prohibits advertising and promotion of any drug for the diagnosis, cure, mitigation, treatment and prevention of any disease, disorder or condition specified in the Schedule of the Act. And the Schedule covers almost all diseases, including diabetes, high or low blood pressure, glaucoma, and goitre. Yet, Patanjali advertised drugs for these diseases consistently, despite notices from the Uttarakhand licensing authority, following complaints.

The law also prohibits misleading advertisements, and many of its advertisements, forwarded by the Union Ministry of Consumer Affairs

to the Advertising Standards Council of India (on complaints from consumers), were found to be misleading. And such infractions have gone on for years.

n fact, Patanjali's belligerence also speaks very poorly of the enforcement agencies and calls for strict action against officials who failed to act suo motu, and also on complaints. It also calls for more transparency in the working of enforcement agencies and regular scrutiny of their work through independent agencies.

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एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। देश में बिजली की

खपत अप्रैल में सालाना आधार पर करीब 11 प्रतिशत बढ़कर 144.25 अरब यूनिट रही है। मुख्य रूप से तापमान बढ़ने से बिजली खपत बढ़ी है। सरकारी आंकडों से यह जानकारी मिली है। अप्रैल, 2023 में बिजली की खपत 130.08 अरब यूनिट थी। एक दिन में बिजली की अधिकतम मांग भी अप्रैल, 2024 में बढ़कर 224.18 गीगावाट (एक गीगावाट बराबर 1,000 मेगावाट) हो गई, जबकि अप्रैल, 2023 में यह 215.88 गीगावाट थी। बिजली मंत्रालय ने गर्मियों के दौरान बिजली की अधिकतम मांग लगभग 260 गीगावाट रहने का अनुमान लगाया है। विशेषज्ञों ने कहा कि बिजली की

खपत के साथ-साथ मांग में वृद्धि मुख्य रूप से तापमान बढ़ने और इस्पात तथा बिजली जैसे क्षेत्रों में

औद्योगिक गतिविधियों में तेजी के करने के लिए आपूर्ति जून में 224.1 कारण हुई। उन्होंने कहा कि गर्मी की शुरुआत के साथ बिजली की मांग के साथ-साथ खपत में भी मजबूत वृद्धि



बने रहने का अनुमान है। बिजली मंत्रालय ने 2023 में गर्मियों के दौरान देश में बिजली की मांग 229 गीगावाट तक पहुंचने का अनुमान लगाया था लेकिन बेमौसम बारिश के कारण अप्रैल-जुलाई में यह अनुमानित स्तर तक नहीं पहुंच पाई। हालांकि, अधिकतम मांग को पूरा

गीगावाट की नई ऊंचोई पर पहुंच गई। लेकिन जुलाई में यह घटकर 209.03 गीगावाट पर आ गई। अगस्त, 2023 में अधिकतम मांग 238.82 गीगावाट तक पहुंच गई, जबकि सितंबर में यह 243.27

गीगावाट, अक्टूबर में 222.16 गीगावाट, नवंबर में 204.77 गीगावाट, दिसंबर, 2023 में 213.79 गीगावाट, जनवरी, 2024 में 223.51 गीगावाट और फरवरी, 2024 में 222.72 गीगावाट थी। उद्योग विशेषज्ञों ने कहा कि व्यापक स्तर पर बारिश के कारण 2023 में मार्च, अप्रैल, मई और जून में बिजली की खपत प्रभावित हुई। उन्होंने कहा कि अगस्त, सितंबर और अक्टूबर में बिजली की खपत बढ़ी। इसका मुख्य कारण गर्मी बढ़ने और त्योहारों से पहले औद्योगिक गतिविधियों में तेजी थी।

डीजीसीए का बड़ा एक्शन, गो फर्स्ट एयरलाइन के सभी ५४ विमानों का रजिस्ट्रेशन खत्म

नई दिल्ली। एविएशन इंडस्ट्री को रेग्युलेट करने वाली संस्था-डीजीसीए ने दिवाला प्रक्रिया का सामना कर रही एयरलाइन गो फर्सट द्वारा लीज पर लिए गए सभी 54 विमानों का रजिस्ट्रेशन खत्म कर दिया है। कुछ दिन पहले ही अदालत ने विमानों को किराये पर मुहैया कराने वाली कंपनियों को गो फर्सुट से अपने विमान वापस लेने की मंजूरी दी थी। पिछले साल मई में गो फर्स्ट ने वित्तीय संकट में फंसने के बाद उड़ानों का परिचालन बंद कर दिया था और दिवाला प्रक्रिया में जाने की घोषणा की थी। इस समय उसके खिलाफ दिवाला प्रक्रिया चल रही है। एयरलाइन का परिचालन बंद होने के बाद विमान आपुर्तिकर्ता कंपनियों ने अपने विमानों को गो फर्सुट से वापस लेने के लिए अदालत की शरण ली थी। लंबी कानूनी कार्यवाही के बाद आपूर्तिकर्ताओं को राहत मिली है। इस पृष्ठभूमि में डीजीसीए ने बुधवार को पट्टे पर दिए गए सभी 54 विमानों का गो फर्सुट एयरलाइन के साथ रजिस्ट्रेशन खत्म कर दिया है।

ईमानदार और सहयोगात्मक प्रयासों से यह उपलब्धि हासिल हुई है। सीतारमण ने यह भी कहा कि आईजीएसटी (एकीकृत जीएसटी) निपटान को लेकर राज्यों का कोई बकाया नहीं है। गौरतलब है कि अप्रैल महीने में जीएसटी राजस्व संग्रह सलाना आधार पर 12.4 फीसदी उछलकर 2.10 लाख

करोड़ रुपये के रिकॉर्ड स्तर पर पहुंच गया है। देश में जीएसटी एक जुलाई, 2017 से लागू हुआ था। वर्तमान में जीएसटी प्रणाली पर पंजीकृत करदाताओं की संख्या



गया है कि कर और ब्याज की मांग उसकी वित्तीय, परिचालन या अन्य

यस बैंक पर मणिपुर और पंजाब जीएसटी विभाग ने 6.87 लाख रूपये का लगाया जुर्माना

अपील करेगा।

आशंका नहीं है। हालांकि, यस बैंक ने कहा कि वह इन नोटिस के विरुद्ध

सीमा से कम है। बैंक के मुताबिक

और 1,81,623 रुपये का जुर्माना मणिपुर और पंजाब के जीएसटी विभाग के जारी उक्त नोटिस से लगाया गया है। इस नोटिस में कहा आर्थिक मोर्चे पर तेजी और व्यवस्थित कर संग्रह से जीएसटी दो लाख करोड़ रूपये के पार : वित्त मंत्री

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। केंद्रीय वित्त मंत्री निर्मला सीतारमण ने कहा कि आर्थिक गतिविधियों में तेजी और कर संग्रह में दक्षता की बदौलत माल एवं सेवा कर (जीएसटी) राजस्व संग्रह दो लाख करोड़ रुपये के बेंचमार्क को पार कर गया है। सीतारमण ने 'एक्स' पोस्ट पर जारी एक बयान में कहा कि अर्थव्यवस्था में मजबूत गति और कुशल कर संग्रह की बदौलत जीएसटी संग्रह 2 लाख करोड़ रुपये

नई दिल्ली। निजी क्षेत्र के यस

बैंक को दो जीएसटी मांग नोटिस

मिले हैं, जिनमें बैंक पर 6.87 लाख रुपये से अधिक का जुर्माना लगाया

गया है। बैंक पर मणिपुर और पंजाब

जीएसटी विभाग ने क्रमशः 5.05

लाख रुपये और 1.81 लाख रुपये

जानकारी में बताया कि बैंक को

मणिपर और पंजाब के माल एवं सेवा

कर (जीएसटी) विभाग से 30

अप्रैल, 2024 को दो मांग नोटिस

सहित इनपुट कर क्रेडिट

(आईटीसी) को वापस करने के

अलावा क्रमशः 5,05,940 रुपये

बैंक के मुताबिक इसमें ब्याज

मिले हैं।

से अधिक का जुर्माना लगाया है। यस बैंक ने शेयर बाजार को दी

के बेंचमार्क को पार कर गया है। उन्होंने इस उपलब्धि को हासिल करने में केंद्रीय अप्रत्यक्ष कर एवं



राजस्व विभाग, राज्य और केंद्र बधाई देते हुए कहा कि उनके

1.45 करोड़ है। सरकार ने कच्चे तेल पर विंडफॉल टैक्स घटाकर ८,४०० रूपये प्रति मैट्रिक टन किया

से प्रभावी हो गई है।

इससे पहले केंद्र सरकार ने 16 अप्रैल, 2024 को घरेलू कच्चे तेल पर विंडफॉल टैक्स को 6.800 रुपये प्रति मैट्रिक टन से बढ़ाकर 9,600 रुपये प्रति मैटिक टन कर दिया था। ये कर विशेष अतिरिक्त उत्पाद शुल्क (एसएईडी) के रूप में लगाया जाता

भारत उन देशों में शामिल हो गया, जो हफ्तों की औसत कीमतों के आधार ऊर्जा कंपनियों के असाधारण लाभ पर टैक्स दरों की समीक्षा हर पखवाड़े



अहमदाबाद। अदाणी पोर्ट्स एंड स्पेशल इकोनॉमिक जोन (एपीएसईजेड) को केयर रेटिंग्स ने ट्रिपल ए क्रेडिट रेटिंग दी है। एपीएसईजेड को शीर्ष स्तर की यह

ইসিআইকে বিশ্বাস করার সাথে সাথে, বেঞ্চটি এই মন্তব্য দিয়েছিল যে বৰ্তমান ভোট প্ৰণালীকে সশক্ত করার জন্য যে সম্ভাব্য সৎস্কার প্রয়োজন তা পর্যালোচনা করবে। তবে, সুপ্রীম কোর্ট পেপার ব্যালটে ফিরে যেতের ধারণাকে মন্তব্য

ইসিআই এক্ষুণি অসম্পূর্ণ ভিভিপিএটি স্লিপগুলির পুরো গণনা করা কার্যকর নয় বলে একটি অভিযোগ করেছে।

ইসিআই আরও দাবি করেছে যে, ভিভিপিএ-টি স্লিপগুলির পুরো গণনা করা কার্যকর নয়। বর্তমানে, প্রতি সভাসদকেন্দ্রে পাঁচটি যেভাবে অব্যাহত ইভিএম এর ভিভিপিএটি স্লিপ যাচাই করা হয়।

পেটিশনাধীকারীরা, যারা গণতান্ত্রিক সৎস্কার এবং ইভিএম বা বিনা ইভিএম সহ একটি আরও স্পষ্ট নির্বাচনী প্রণালীর অধিকারী দাবি করেছে, তাদের মতে দেশের ৯৭ কোটি নিব-ন্ধিত ভোটারদের একটি আরও স্পষ্ট নির্বাচনী প্রণালীর অধিকার রয়েছে।



अदाणी पोर्ट्स एंड स्पेशल इकोनॉमिक जोन को मिली ट्रिपल ए क्रेडिट रेटिंग

का सफल ट्रैक रिकॉर्ड है। साथ ही पिछले वर्ष की तुलना में 24त्न

इससे भारत के तमाम पोर्ट्स के लिए अधिक है। एपीएसईजेड के मैनेजिंग 4 फीसदी सीएजीआर की तुलना में डायरेक्टर करण अदाणी ने कहा, हम



एजेंस

नई दिल्ली। केंद्र सरकार ने घरेलू कच्चे तेल पर अप्रत्याशित लाभ कर (विंडफॉल टैक्स) में कटौती की है। कच्चे तेल पर विंडफॉल टैक्स 9,600 रुपये प्रति



सोने की कीमत में कोई बदलाव नहीं, चांदी में ५०० रूपये की गिरावट

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। घरेलू सर्राफा बाजार में सोना सपाट स्तर पर कारोबार कर रहा है। देश के ज्यादातर सर्राफा बाजारों में सोना भाव पर ही कारोबार करता रहा। हालांकि, चांदी की कीमत में आज 500 रुपये प्रति किलोग्राम तक की गिरावट दर्ज की गई है। दिल्ली सर्राफा बाजार में चांदी का भाव 83,400 रुपये प्रति किलोग्राम है।

देश की राजधानी दिल्ली में 24 कैरेट सोना 72,740 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम के स्तर पर कारोबार कर रहा है. जबकि 22 कैरेट सोने की कीमत 66,690 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम दर्ज की गई। इसी तरह मुंबई में 24 कैरेट सोना 72,590 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम और 22 कैरेट सोना 66,540 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम के स्तर पर बिक रहा है। चेन्नई में आज सोने की कीमत में मामुली तेजी दर्ज की गई है। यहां के सोना 66,590 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम कैरेट सोना 66,690 रुपये प्रति 10

रिटेल कीमत आज 73.650 रुपये



दर्ज की गई है। इन प्रमुख शहरों के अलावा अहमदाबाद में 24 कैरेट सोना आज 72,640 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम की कीमत पर और 22 कैरेट प्रति 10 ग्राम के स्तर पर और 22

सर्राफा बाजार में 24 कैरेट सोने की की कीमत पर बिक रहा है। इसी तरह कोलकाता में 24 कैरेट सोना प्रति 10 ग्राम और 22 कैरेट सोने की 72,590 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम और कीमत 67,510 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम 22 कैरेट सोना 66,540 रुपये प्रति

10 ग्राम के स्तर पर पहुंचा हुआ

है।लखनऊ के सर्राफा बाजार में 24

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ग्राम के स्तर पर बिक रहा है।

पटना में 24 कैरेट सोने की

कीमत 72,640 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम

हो गई है, जबकि 22 कैरेट सोना

66.590 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम के स्तर

पर बिक रहा है। इसी तरह जयपर में

66,540 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम के स्तर खपत के साथ-साथ मांग में वृद्धि

नई दिल्ली। देश में बिजली की औद्योगिक गतिविधियों में तेजी के गीगावाट तक पहुंचने का अनुमान

करीब 11 प्रतिशत बढकर 144.25 अरब युनिट रही है। मुख्य रूप से तापमान बढने से बिजली खपत बढी है। सरकारी आंकड़ों से यह जानकारी मिली है। अप्रैल, 2023 में बिजली की खपत 130.08 अरब युनिट थी। एक दिन में बिजली की अधिकतम मांग भी अप्रैल, 2024 में बढ़कर 224.18 गीगावाट (एक गीगावाट बराबर 1,000 मेगावाट) हो गई, जबकि अप्रैल, 2023 में यह 215.88 गीगावाट थी। बिजली मंत्रालय ने गर्मियों के दौरान बिजली की अधिकतम मांग लगभग 260

खपत अप्रैल में सालाना आधार पर

विशेषज्ञों ने कहा कि बिजली की मुख्य रूप से तापमान बढने और

कारण हुई। उन्होंने कहा कि गर्मी की शुरुआत के साथ बिजली की मांग के साथ-साथ खपत में भी मजबूत वृद्धि बने रहने का अनुमान है। बिजली मंत्रालय ने 2023 में गर्मियों के

इस्पात तथा बिजली जैसे क्षेत्रों में दौरान देश में बिजली की मांग 229 224.1 गीगावाट की नई ऊंचाई पर पहुंच गई। लेकिन जुलाई में यह घटकर 209.03 गीगाँवाट पर आ गई। अगस्त, 2023 में अधिकतम मांग 238.82 गीगावाट तक पहुंच गई, जबकि सितंबर में यह 243.27 गीगावाट, अक्टूबर में 222.16 गीगावाट, नवंबर में 204.77 गीगावाट, दिसंबर, 2023 में 213.79 गीगावाट, जनवरी, 2024 में 223.51 गीगावाट और फरवरी, 2024 में 222.72 गीगावाट थी। उद्योग विशेषज्ञों ने कहा कि व्यापक स्तर पर बारिश के कारण 2023 में मार्च, अप्रैल, मई और जून में बिजली की खपत प्रभावित हुई। उन्होंने कहा कि अगस्त, सितंबर और अक्टबर में बिजली की खपत बढी। इसका मुख्य कारण गर्मी बढ़ने और त्योहारों से पहले औद्योगिक

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कारण अप्रैल-जुलाई में यह अनुमानित स्तर तक नहीं पहुंच पाई। हालांकि, अधिकतम मांग को पूरा करने के लिए आपूर्ति जून में गतिविधियों में तेजी थी।

बढ़कर १४४.८९ अरब यूनिट : बिजली मंत्रालय

मारुति सुजुकी को २०२६ के अंत तक छोटी कार खंड के पुनरुद्धार की उम्मीद

एजेंसी

नई दिल्ली। अडाणी विल्मर लिमिटेड का बीते वित्त वर्ष की चौथी (जनवरी-मार्च) तिमाही का एकीकृत शुद्ध लाभ 67 प्रतिशत के उछाल के साथ 156.75 करोड़ रुपये रहा है। अडाणी विल्मर फॉर्च्यन ब्रांड के तहत खाद्य तेल और दैनिक इस्तेमाल के घरेलू उत्पाद (एफएमसीजी)

कारोबार में है। वित्त वर्ष 2022-23 की समान तिमाही में कंपनी ने 93.61 करोड़ रुपये का शुद्ध लाभ कमाया था। अडाणी विल्मर ने शेयर बाजार को दी सूचना में कहा कि उसकी कुल आमदनी मार्च तिमाही में गिरकर 13,342.26 करोड रुपये रही, जो इससे पिछले साल की समान तिमाही में 14,185.68 करोड़ रुपये थी।



अडाणी विल्मर का मार्च तिमाही का शुद्ध लाभ ६७ प्रतिशत बढ़कर १५६.७५ करोड़ रूपये पर

पर बिक रहा है।

पुरे वित्त वर्ष 2023-24 की बात करें तो अडाणी विल्मर का शद्ध लाभ कम आमदनी के कारण गिरकर 147.99 करोड़ रुपये रह गया, जो वित्त वर्ष 2022-23 में 582.12 करोड़ रुपये था। कंपनी की कुल आमदनी बीते वित्त वर्ष में घटकर 51,555.24 करोड़ रुपये रही, जो 2022-23 में 59,148.32 करोड़ रुपये थी।

तिमाही परिणाम पर अडाणी विल्मर के प्रबंध निदेशक (एमडी) और मुख्य कार्यपालक अधिकारी (सीईओ) अंगश् मलिक ने कहा, खुदरा पहुंच बढ़ने से हमने अपने खाद्य तेल और खाद्य कारोबार में मजबूत वृद्धि देखी है। अडाणी विल्मर, अडाणी ग्रुप और सिंगापुर के विल्मर ग्रुप का संयुक्त उपक्रम (जेवी) है।

लगाया था लेकिन बेमौसम बारिश के

नई दिल्ली। कंपनी के एक वरिष्ठ अधिकारी के अनुसार, किफायती मुद्दों और एसयूवी के हमले से पीड़ित होने के बाद, मारुति सुजुकी इंडिया को घरेलू बाजार में 2026 के अंत या 2027 तक छोटी कार खंड के पुनरुद्धार की उम्मीद है। छोटी कार खंड, जो एक समय भारतीय कुल यात्री वाहन बाजार पर हावी था, वर्तमान में 30 प्रतिशत से भी कम है। कंपनी को उम्मीद है कि दोपहिया बाजार में जो पुनरुत्थान देखा गया है, जिसमें 2018-19 से गिरावट भी देखी गई है, उसका छोटी कारों की बिक्री पर भी सकारात्मक प्रभाव पड़ेगा। मारुति सुजुकी इंडिया के वरिष्ठ कार्यकारी अधिकारी, विपणन, ने कहा, कुल (यात्री वाहन) उद्योग में एसयूवी खंड का योगदान 53.6 प्रतिशत हो गया है।

कामदेव को पुत्र की तरह पालने के बाद रति ने उनसे कर लिया विवाह

जिस तरह पश्चिमी देशों में क्यूपिड और यूनानी देशों में इरोस को प्रेम का प्रतीक माना जाता है, उसी तरह हिन्दू धर्मग्रंथों में कामदेव को प्रेम और आकर्षण का देवता कहा जाता है।पौराणिक कथाओं के अनुसार कामदेव भगवान विष्णु और देवी लक्ष्मी के पुत्र हैं।उनका विवाह रति नाम की देवी से हुआ था, जो प्रेम और आकर्षण की देवी मानी जाती है। कुछ कथाओं में यह भी उल्लिखित है कि कामदेव स्वयं ब्रह्मजी के पुत्र हैं और इनका संबंध भगवान शिव से भी है। कुछ जगह पर धर्म की पत्नी श्रद्धा से इनका आविर्भाव हुआ माना जाता है। जोभी हो हम एक रोचूक पौराणिक कथा पढ़ते हैं। कामदेव को सुनँहरे पंखों से युक्त एक सुंदर नवयुवक की तरह प्रदर्शित किया गया है जिनके हाथ में धनुष और बाण हैं । ये तोते के रथ पर मकर (एक प्रकार की मछली) के चिहन से अंकित लाल ध्वजा लगाकर विचरण करते हैं। वैसे कुछ शास्त्रों में हाथी पर बैठे हुए भी बताया गया है। वसंत ऋतु के देवता कामदेव की पूजा वसंत पंचमी की जाती है। उनके कई नाम है जिममें से मदन की प्रसिद्ध है। असम में है उनका खास मंदिर । मदन–कामदेव मंदिर को ' असम का खजुराहो' के नाम से जाना जाता है । यह मंदिर घने जंगलों के भीतर पेड़ों से छुपा हुआँ है । कहते हैं कि भगवान शंकर द्वारा तृतीय नेत्र खोलने पर भस्म हो गए कॉमदेव का इस स्थान पर पुनर्जन्म तथा उनकी पत्नी रति के साथ पुनः मिलन हुआ था।

पौराणिक कथा

पौराणिक कथाओं के अनुसार एक समय ब्रह्माजी प्रजा वृद्धि की कामना से ध्यानमग्न थे। उसी समय उनके अँश से तेजस्वी पुत्र काम उत्पन्न हुआ और कहने लगा कि मेरे लिए क्या आज्ञा है ? तब ब्रह्माजी बोले कि मैंने सृष्टि उत्पन्न करने के लिए प्रजापतियों को उत्पन्न किया था किंतु वे सृष्टि रचना में समर्थ नहीं हुए इसलिए मैं तुम्हें इस कार्य की आज्ञा देता हूं। यह सुन कामदेव वहां से विदा होकर अदृश्य हो गए। यह देख ब्रह्माजी क्रोधित हुए और शाप दे दिया कि तुमने मेरा वचन नहीं माना इसलिए तुम्हारा जल्दी ही नाश हो जाएगा। शाप सुनकर कामदेव भयभीत हो गए और हाथ जोड़कर ब्रह्माजी के समक्ष क्षमा मांगने लगे। कामदेव की अनुनय–विनय से ब्रह्माजी प्रसन्न हुए। उन्होंने कहा कि मैं तुम्हें रहने के लिए 12 स्थान देता हूं– स्त्रियों के कटाक्ष, केश रांशि, जंघा, वक्ष, नाभि, जेंघमूल, अधर, कोयल की कूक, चोंदनी, वर्षाकाल, चैत्र और वैशाख महीना । इस प्रकार कहकर ब्रहमाजी ने कामर्देव को पुष्प का धनुष और 5 बाण देकर विदा कर दिया ।

इन पांच बाणों के नाम हैं – १.मारण, २.स्तम्भन, ३.जुम्भन, ४.शोषण, ५.उम्मादन (मन्मन्थ)। उनका धनुष मिठास से भरे गन्ने का बना होता है जिसमें मधुमविखयों के शहद की रस्सी लगी है । उनके धनुष का बाण अशोक के पेड़ के महकते फूलों के अलावा सफेद, नीले कमल, चमेली और आम के पेड़ पर लगने वाले फूलों से बने होते हैं । ब्रह्माजी से मिले वरदान की सहायता से कामदेव तीनों लोकों में भ्रेमण करने लगे और भूते, पिशाच, गंधर्व, यक्ष सभी को काम ने अपने वशीभूत कर लिया । फिर मछली का ध्वज लगाकर कामदेव अपनी पत्नी रति के साथ संसार के सभी प्राणियों को अपने वशीभूत करने बढ़े । इसी क्रम में वे शिवजी के पास पहुंचे । भगवान शिव तब तपस्या में लीन थे तभी कामदेव छोटे से जंतु का सूक्ष्म रूप लेकर कर्ण के छिद्र से भगवान शिव के शरीर में प्रवेश कर गए । इससे शिवर्जी का मन चंचल हो गया । उन्होंने विचार धारण कर चित्त में देखा कि कामदेव उनके शरीर में स्थित है । इतने में ही इच्छा शरीर धारण करने वाले कामदेव भगवान शिव के शरीर से बाहर आ गए और आम के एक वृक्ष के ीचे जाकर खड़े हो गए । फिर उन्होंने शिवजी पर मोहन नामक बाण छोड़ा, जो शिवजी के हृदय पर जाकर लगा। इससे क्रोधित हो शिवजी ने अपने तीसरे नेत्र की ज्वाला से उन्हें भस्म कर दिया। कामदेव को जलता देख उनकी पत्नी रति विलाप करने लगी। तभी आकाशवाणी हुई जिसमें रति को रुदन न करने और भगवान शिव की आराधना करने को कहा गया । फिर रति ने श्रद्धापूर्वक भगवान शंकर की प्रार्थना की । रति की प्रार्थना से प्रसन्न हो शिवजी ने कहा कि कामदेव ने मेरे मन को विचलित किया था इसलिए मैंने इन्हें भरम कर दिया । अब अगर ये अनंग रूप में महाकाल वन में जाकर शिवलिंग की आराधना करेंगे तो इनका उद्धार होगा । तब कामदेव महाकाल वन आए और उन्होंने पूर्ण भक्तिभाव से शिवलिंग की उपासना की । उपासना के फलस्वरूप शिवजी ने प्रसन्न होकर कहा कि तुम अनंग, शरीर के बिन रहकर भी समर्थ रहोगे । कृष्णावतार के समय तुम रुक्मणि के गर्भ से जन्म लोगे और तुम्हारा नाम प्रद्युम्न होगा ।

हिंदू धर्म के बाद किस धर्म की उत्पत्ति हुई?

वैसे हिंदू धर्म के बाद बहुत से प्राचीन धर्मों का उल्लेख किया जा सकता है, जैसे पेगन, वूंडू आदि लेकिन हिंदू–जैन के बाद यहूदी धर्म ही एकमात्र ऐसा धर्म था जिसने धर्म को एक नहीं व्यवस्था में ढाला और उसे एक नई दिशा और संस्कृति दी। हजरत आदम से लेकर अब्राहम और अब्राहम से लेकर मूँसा तक की परंपरा यहूदी धर्म का हिस्सा है । यह सभी कहीं न कहीं हिंदू धर्म की परंपरा से जुड़े थे। ऐसा माना जाता है कि राजा मनु को ही यहूदी लोग हज. नूह कहते थे। दुनिया के सबसे प्राचीन धर्मों में से एक है यहूदी धर्म। लगभग 4000 साल पुराना यह धर्म वर्तमान में इसराइल का राजधर्म है । यहूदी धर्म की शुरुआत पैगंबर हजरत इब्राहिम (अबराहम या अब्राहम) से मानी जाती है, जो ईसा से 2000 वर्ष

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कर दिया जाता है तो उसमें दिव्यता

समाहित हो जाती है। वह और भी पवित्र

शरीर को पुष्ट करता है। गिलास भर पानी

पीने से कहीं अच्चा चरणामृत होता है जो

और गुण वाला बन जाता है, जो हमारे

मिटते हैं।

सकारात्मक बनाने के लिए हिन्दू धर्म में

निर्मित किए गए हैं। सकारात्मक भाव से

मन शांतचित्त रहता है । शांतचित्त मन से ही

The Researchers'

पूर्व हुए थे । हज.इब्राहिम के बाद यहूदी इतिहास में सबसे बडा नाम 'ंपैगंबर मूसा' का है। हजरत मूसा ही यहूदी जाति के प्रमुख व्यवस्थाकार हैं। ह.मूसा को ही पहले से चली आ रही एक परंपरा को स्थापित करने के कारण यहूदी धर्म का संस्थापक माना जाता है। हज.मूसा के बाद यहूदियों को विश्वास है कि कयामत के समय हमारा अगला पैगंबर आएगा। मूसा मिस्र के फराओ के जमाने में हुए थे। दुनिया के प्राचीन धर्मों में से एक यहूदी धर्म से ही ईसाई और इस्लाम धर्म की उत्पत्ति हुई है । इस्लाम की एक ईश्वर की परिकल्पना, खतना, बुतपरस्ती का विरोध, नमाज, हज, रोजा, जकात, सूदखोरी का विरोध, कयामत, कोशर (हराम–हलाल), पवित्र दिन (सब्बाब), उम्माह जैसी सभी बातें यहूदी धर्म से ली गई

हैं । पवित्र पवित्र भूमि, धार्मिंक ग्रंथ, अंजील, हदीस और ताल्मुद की कल्पना एक ही है । ईसाई और इस्लाम में आदम, हव्वा, इब्राहीम, नूह, दावूद, इसाक, इस्माइल, इल्यास, सोलोमन आदि सभी ऐतिहासिक और महान लोग यहूदी परंपरा से ही है । हजरत अब्राहम को यहूदी, मुसलमान और ईसाई तीनों धर्मों के लोग अपना पितामह मानते हैं। आदम से अब्राहम और अब्राहम से मूसा तक यहूदी, ईसाई और इस्लाम सभी के पैगंबर एक ही है किंतु मूसा के बाद यहूदियों को अपने अगले पैंगबर के आने का अब भी इंतजार है ।

> माध्यम से हमें यह भी बताते हैं कि देवी– देवताओं के धाम जाने के बाद फिर पुनर्जन्म होता है अर्थात देवी–देवताओं का भँजन करने से, उनका प्रसाद खाने से व उनके धाम तक पहुंचने पर भी जन्म-मृत्यु का चक्र खत्म नहीं होता है ।(श्रीगीता

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- अंत में हमें उन्हीं देवी–देवताओं के स्वर्ग, इत्यावि धामों मे वास मिलता है जिसकी हम
- आराधना करते रहते हैं ।
- श्रीमद् भगवद् गीता
- कारण लोगों के मन में भी आपके प्रति अच्छे भावों का विकास होता है । इससे किसी के भी मन में आपके प्रति राग–द्वेष नहीं पनपता और आपके मन में भी उसके प्रति प्रेम रहता है ।
- लगातार भगवान से जुड़े रहने से चित्त की दशा और दिशा बदल जाती है। इससे दिव्यता का अनुभव होता है और जीवन के संकटों में आत्मबल प्राप्त होता है । देवी और देवता भी संकटों के समय साथ खडे रहते हैं ।

पुरुषों का भूत – हिन्दू धर्म में गति और कर्म

है– भूत, प्रेत, पिशाच, कृष्मांडा, ब्रहमराक्षस,

वेताल और क्षेत्रपाल। संभी को यम के अधीन

रहना होता है । आर्यमा नामक देवता को पितरों

का अधिपति कहा गया है, जो चंद्रमंडल में रहते

हैं । उक्त सभी के उपभाग भी होते हैं । आयुर्वेद के

शुरुआती पद है या कहें कि जब कोई आम व्यक्ति

मरता है, तो सर्वप्रथम भूत ही बनता है। प्रेत योनि

में जाने वाले लोग अदृश्य और बलवान हो जाते

हैं। सभी मरने वाले इँसी योनि में नहीं जाते और

अनुसार 18 प्रकार के प्रेत होते हैं । भूत सबसे

अनुसार मरेने वाले लोंगों का विभाजन किया गया

आखिर क्या फायदा होगा नैवेद्य अर्पित कर उसे खाने से?

हदय को सेहतमंद बनाता है।

• लगातार प्रसाद वितरण करते रहने के

- भजन, कीर्तन, नैवेद्य आदि धार्मिंक कर्म करने से जहां भगवान के प्रति आस्था बढती है वहीं शांति और सकारात्मक भाव का अनुभव होता रहता है । इससे इस जीवन के बाद भगवान के उस धाम में भगवान की सेवा की प्राप्ति होती है और अगला जीवन और भी अच्छे से शांति व
- - समृद्धिपूर्वक व्यतीत होता है । श्रीमदभगवदगीता के अनुसार

श्रीकृष्ण और कामदेव

पौराणिक कथाओं के अनुसार भगवान श्रीकृष्ण को भी कॉमदेव ने अपने नियंत्रण में लाने का प्रयास किया था । कॉमदेव ने भगवान श्रीकृष्ण से यह शर्त लगाई कि वे उन्हें भी स्वर्ग की अप्सराओं से भी सुंदर गोपियों के प्रति आसक्त कर देंगे । श्रीकृष्ण ने कामदेव की सभी शर्त स्वीकार की और गोपियों संग रास भी रचाया लेकिन फिर भी उनके मन के भीतर एक भी क्षण के लिए वासना ने घर नहीं किया।

रति ने पाला कामदेव को पुत्र की तरह

फिर उनसे कर लिया विवाह

जब शिव ने कामदेव को भस्म कर दिया तब ये देख रति विलाप करने लगी तब जाकर शिव ने कामदेव के पून : कृष्ण के पूत्र रूप में धरती पर जन्म लेने की बात बताई । शिव के कहे अनुसार भगवान श्रीकृष्ण और रुक्मणि को प्रद्युम्न नाम का पुत्र हुआ, जो कि कॉमदेव का ही अवतार था। कहते हैं कि श्रीकृष्ण से दुश्मनी के चलते राक्षस शंभरासुर नवराज प्रद्युम्न का अपहरण करके ले गर्या और उसे समुद्र में फेंक आया। उस शिशुँ को एक मछली ने निगल लिया और वो मछली मछुआरों द्वॉरा पकड़ी जाने के बाँद शंभरासूर के रसोई घर में ही पहुंच गई। तब रति रसोई में काम करने वाली मायावती नाम की एक स्त्री का रूप धारेण करके रसोईघर में पहुंच गई। वहां आई मछली को उसने ही काटा और उसमें से निकले बच्चे को मां के समान पाला–पोसा। जब वो बच्चा युवा हुआ तो उसे पूर्व जन्म की सारी याद दिलाई गई । इतना ही नहीं, सारी कलाएं भी सिखाई तब प्रद्युम्न ने शंभरासुर का वध किया और फिर मायावती को ही अपनी पत्नी रूप में द्वारका ले आए ।

मुद्भल पुराण के अनुसार कामदेव का वास यौवन, स्त्री, सुंदर फूल, गीत, पराग कण ्या फुँलों का रस, पक्षियों की मीठी आवाज, सुंदर बाग–ँबगीचों, वसंत ऋतु, चंदन, काम–वासनाओं में लिप्त मनुष्य की संगति, छूपें अंग, सुहानी और मंद हवा, रहने के सुंदर स्थान, आकर्षक वरूत्र और सुंदर ऑभूषण धारण किए शरीरों में रहता है । इसके अलावा कामदेव स्त्रियों के शरीर में भी वास करते हैं, खासतौर पर स्त्रियों के नयन, ललाट, भौंह और होटों पर इनका प्रभाव काफी रहता है।

कामदेव मंत्र

कामदेव के बाण ही नहीं, उनका 'क्लीं मंत्र' भी विपरीत लिंग के व्यक्ति को आकर्षित करता है । कामदेव के इस मंत्र का नित्य दिन जाप करने से न सिर्फ आपका साथी आपके प्रति शारीरिक रूप से आकर्षित होगा बल्कि आपकी प्रशंसा करने के साथ-साथ वह आपको अपनी प्राथमिकता भी बना लेगा । कहा जाता है कि प्राचीनकाल में वेश्याएं और नर्तिकयां भी इस मंत्र का जाप करती थीं, क्योंकि वे अपने प्रशंसकों के आकर्षण को खोना नहीं चाहती थीं । ऐसा माना जाता है कि इस मंत्र का लगातार जाप करते रहने की वजह से उनका आकर्षण, सौंदर्य और कंति बरकरार रहती थी।

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हिन्दू धर्म में गति और कर्म अनुसार मरने वाले लोगों का विभाजन किया है- भूत, प्रेत, पिशाच, कूष्मांडा, ब्रह्मराक्षस, वेताल और क्षेत्रपाल । उक्त समी के उप भाग भी होते हैं । आयुर्वेद के अनुसार १८ प्रकार के प्रेत होते हैं। भूत सबसे शुरुआती पद है या कहें कि जब कोई आम व्यक्ति मरता है तो सर्वप्रथम भूत ही बनता है। इसी तरह जब कोई स्त्री मेंरती है तो उसे अलग नामों से जाना जाता है। माना गया है कि प्रसुता, स्त्री या नवयुवती मरती है तो चुड़ैल बन जाती है और जब कोई कुवारी कन्या मरती है तो उसे देवी कहते हैं। जो स्त्री बुरे कर्मों वाली है उसे डायन या डाकिनी करते हैं। इनसभी की उत्पति अपने पापों, व्याभिचार से, अकाल मृत्यु से या श्राद्ध न होने से होती है।

सभी मरने वाले अदृश्य तो होते हैं, लेकिन बलवान नहीं होते। यह आत्मा के कर्म और गति पर निर्भर करता है । बहुत से भूत या प्रेत योनि में न जाकर पुनः गर्भधारण कर मानव बन जाते हैं। पितृ पक्ष में हिन्दू अपने पितरों का तर्पण करते हैं । इसँसे सिद्ध होतां है कि पितरों का अस्तित्व आत्मा अथवा भूत–प्रेत के रूप में होता है । गरूड़ पुराण में भूत–प्रेतों के विषय में विस्तुत वर्णन मिलता है । श्रीमंद्भागवत पुराण में भी धुंधँकारी के प्रेत बन जाने का वर्णन आता है ।

कितने प्रकार के होते हैं भूत

स्त्री का भूत - हालांकि स्त्री और पुरुष एक शरीरिक विभाजन है तथा आत्मिक तौर पर कोई स्त्री और पुरुष नहीं होता। लेकिन जिसके चित्त की दशा जैँसी होती है उसे वैसी योनि प्राप्त होती है । यदि कोई आत्मा स्त्री बनकर रही है तो वह खुद को अनंतकाल तक स्त्री ही महसूस करते हुएँ अन्य योनियां धारण करेगी। खैर ! जब कोई स्त्री मरती है तो उसे अलग नामों से जाना जाता है । माना गया है कि प्रसूता स्त्री या नवयुवती मरती है तो चुड़ैल बन जाती है और जब कोई कुं आरी कन्या मरती है तो उसे देवी कहते हैं। जो स्त्री बुरे कर्मों वाली है उसे डायन या डाकिनी कहते हैं। इन सभी की उत्पत्ति अपने पापों, व्यभिचार, अकाल मृत्यु या श्राद्ध न होने से होती है । प्रेतबाधा : भूतादि से पीडित व्यक्ति की पहचान उसके स्वभाव एवं क्रिया में आए बदलाव से की जाती है। अलग–अलग स्वभाव में परिवर्तन के अनुसार जाना जाता है कि व्यक्ति कौन से भूत से पीर्डित है।

भूत पीड़ा : यदि किसी व्यक्ति को भूत लग गया है, तों वह पागल की तरह बात करने लगता है । मूढ़ होने पर भी वह किसी बुद्धिमान पुरुष जैसा व्यवहार भी करता है । गुरसा ऑने पर वह कई व्यक्तियों को एक साथ पछाड सकता है । उसकी आंखें लाल हो जाती हैं और देह में सदा कंपन बना रहता है ।

पिशाच पीडाः पिशाच प्रभावित व्यक्ति सदा खराब कर्म करना है, जैसे नग्न हो जाना, नाली का पानी

पीना, दूषित भोजन करना, कटु वचन कहना आदि। वह सदा गंदा रहता है और उसकी देह से बदब आती है । वह एकंात चाहता है । इससे वह कमजोर होता जाता है ।

प्रेत पीड़ा: प्रेत से पीड़ित व्यक्ति चिल्लाता और इधर-उधर भागता रहता है। वह किसी का कहना नहीं सुनता । वह हर समय बुरा बोलता रहता है । वह खाँता-पीता नही हैं और जोर-जोर से श्वास लेता रहता है ।

शाकिनी पीड़ा : शाकिनी से ज्यादातर महिलाएं ही पीडित रहती हैं। ऐसी महिला को परे बदन में दर्द बना रहता है और उसकी आंखों में भी दर्द रहता है। वह अक्सर बेहोश भी हो जाती है। कंापते रहना, रोना और चिल्लाना उसकी आदत बन जाती है ।

चुड़ैल पीड़ा : चुड़ैल भी ज्यादातर किसी महिला को ही लगती हैं। ऐसी महिला यदि शाकाहारी भी है तो मांस खाने लग जाएगी। वह कम बोलती, लेकिन मुस्कुराती रहती है। ऐसी महिला कब क्या कर देगी ? कोई भरोसा नहीं।

यक्ष पीडा : यक्ष से पीडित व्यक्ति लाल रंग में रुचि लेने लगता है । उसकी आवाज धीमी और चाल तेज हो जाती है । वह ज्यादातर आंखों से इशारे करता रहता है। इसकी आंखें तांबे जैसी और गोल दिखने लगती हैं।

ब्रह्मराक्षस पीड़ाः जब किसी व्यक्ति को ब्रह्मराक्षस लग जाता है, तो ऐसा व्यक्ति बहुत ही शक्तिशाली बन जाता है। वह हमेशा खामोश रहकर अनुशासन में जीवन–यापन करता है । इसे ही ' जिन्न' कहते हैं । ये बहुत सारा खाना खाते हैं और घंटों तक एक जैसी ही अवस्था में बैटे या खड़े रहते हैं । जिन्न से ग्रस्त व्यक्ति का जीवन सामान्य होता है । ये घर के किसी सदस्य को परेशान भी नहीं करते हैं, बस अपनी ही मस्ती में मस्त रहते हैं । जिन्नों को किसी के शरीर से निकालना अत्यंत ही कटिन होता है । इस तरह से और भी कई तरह के भूत होते हैं जिनके अलग–अलग लक्षण और लक्ष्य होते हैं। उपरोक्त जानकारी शास्त्रों के आधार है ।

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BUSINESS

Kotak Mahindra bank shares fall after joint MD KVS Manian resigns

New Delhi Shares of Kotak Mahindra fell almost 4% in early trade on Thursday after joint MD KVS Manian resigned from the private lender with immediate effect. The stock has declined by 11% over the past five days and was trading at Rs 1563.50, 3.72% lower on the BSE at teg time this article was being written. Manian's resignation comes days after Kotak Mahindra Bank was barred by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) from onboarding new customers online or issuing new credit cards. The banks's board has approved his resignation, as disclosed in a regulatory filing to the exchanges.

Manian, previously a whole-time director at the bank, was promoted to the role of joint MD starting March 1, 2024, following the appointment of Ashok Vaswani as the new MD and CEO. The former joint MD said in his resignation, that he was exploring other opportunities in the financial sector."The variety of assignments handled during my career with the company have enriched me as a professional. I was truly fortunate to have had the opportunity to work with colleagues with brilliant minds and unlimited passion to imagine and achieve things that are out of the ordinary. There are just too many of such people to be named in such a short letter," said Manian.Nomura India in a report said that Kotak Mahindra Bank could face reputational impact following the RBI's action. The brokerage will monitor how the situation unfolds, particularly given the stern tone of the RBI's press release.Manian mentioned that he briefly worked with CEO Ashok Vaswani but feels that the future direction of the bank "is truly transformational."

Sensex, Nifty rise in volatile trade; Power Grid gains 3%

- New Delhi Benchmark stock market indices opened the trading session on a positive note despite high volatility on Dalal Street. The S&P BSE Sensex was up 149.28 points at 74,632.06 at 10 am, while the NSE Nifty50 gained 38.85 points to 22,643.70.
- The other broader market indices also gained momentum in early trade, taking cues from the benchmarks. Among sectoral indices, Nifty Auto was the top gainer, followed by Nifty Financial Services and Nifty Pharma. On the other hand, Nifty Realty fell over 1.1% and was the top loser among sectoral indices. The top five gainers on the Nifty50 were Power Grid, BPCL, M&M, Asian Paints and Grasim. The top drags were Kotak Mahindra Bank, Hindalco, Tata Consumer Products, Maruti and Wipro.
- Kotak Mahindra Bank shares fell after its joint MD KVS Mani resigned from his position with immediate effect. His resignation comes days after the the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) took action against the private lender
- Prashanth Tapse, Senior VP (Research), Mehta Equities Ltd, said, "Today's trading is expected to be volatile as the Federal Reserve maintains interest rates at a 23-year high due to inflation concerns."
- 'Positive factors include record-high GST revenue, FIIs and DIIs being net buyers, and WTI oil prices falling below \$80 a barrel," he added.

Tapse went on to say that investors anticipate a preelection rally and Federal Reserve Chair Powell dismissing talks of 'stagflation'.

Gold, silver price : Precious metals record hike on MCX

Questions over Adani's bid for Chennaibased power company Coastal Energen

The Rs 3,500 crore resolution plan has been approved by lenders of Coastal Energen, and is due for approval by the NCLT.

NEW DELHI. Former promoter of Chennai-based power company Coastal Energen Pvt Ltd has moved NCLT against the resolution plan submitted by the Consortium of Dickey Alternate Investment Trust (DAIT) and Adani Power Ltd.The plea submitted by suspended director MK Parmeshawaram in the Chennai bench of the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) has pointed out 'glaring irregularities' in the way the resolution plan was approved by the lenders. A copy of the plea is with the New Indian

Express.The Rs 3,500 crore resolution plan has been approved by lenders of Coastal Energen, and is due for approval by the NCLT.According to the plea filed by the promoters of the power company before the NCLT, Adani Power piggybacked Dickey Alternate Investment Trust to get a backdoor entry into the bidding process after the Adani's expression of interest (EoI) was rejected by the resolution professional (RP) for delayed submission.As per the plea, the EoI terms required any entity submitting an EoI as a consortium to do so at the outset, submitting the required documents and annexures as a

consortium and not in an individual capacity."This raised the questions about the legitimacy of DAIT's involvement in a consortium with Adani Power, especially since DAIT has



already submitted a resolution plan in its individual capacity, and the Adani Power's EoI had been rejected for delayed submission," reads the plea submitted by the former promoter. The submission made by the promoter also highlights that there are no documented deliberations or discussions between the

Google lays off 200 'core' team employees, to shift jobs to India, Mexico: Report

New Delhi, Google has laid off at least 200 employees from its 'core' team, just ahead of its blowout first-quarter earnings report on April 25. According to a report with CNBC, the tech giant will also move some roles to India and Mexico. This comes nearly two days after Google fired employees from its Flutter, Dart, and Python teams just weeks before its annual developer conference.At least 50

of the positions eliminated were in engineering at the company's offices in Sunnyvale, California, the report claimed.The layoffs were announced by Asim Husain, vice president of Google Developer Ecosystem, who sent an email to his employees last week. He also spoke at a town hall and



told employees that this was the biggest planned reduction for his team this year, it said."We intend to maintain our current global footprint while also expanding in high-growth global workforce locations so that we can operate closer to our partners and developer communities," the email by Husain read.According to Google's

Waning demand, high base

effect pull down car sales

demand. Even as the underlying

demand drivers remain supportive,

segment is likely to moderate to 3-6%

(from an elevated base) during

website, the 'core' team builds the technical foundation behind the company's flagship products.

The team is responsible for underlying design elements, developer platforms, product components, and infrastructure at Google.In April this year, news agency Reuters reported that Tesla plans to lay off 6,020 employees in Texas and California as part of its strategy to address declining

demand and decreasing profit margins. This came amid increasing pressure on the company due to a decrease in sales and increased competition in the electric vehicle market.

The EV manufacturer saw a decline in its quarterly profits for the first time since 2020.

RP and the lenders regarding the inclusion of Adani Power as prospective resolution applicant. It also says no justifications were given for condoning the delay in submission of EoI by Adani Power.The plea made by the expromoter also points fingers at the possible conflict of interest 'undisclosed' by the RP and the Committee of Creditors (CoC).

An Adani Power spokesperson refused to comment on the issue. It must be pointed out here that the expromoters of the company had offered a one-time settlement of debt with the lenders. The offer included a

total payment of Rs 5,847 crore, including 15% ownership of the company to its lenders to settle its debts. Coastal Energen is promoted by Ahmed AR Buhari, and is undergoing a corporate insolvency resolution process since February 2022. The company owes Rs 2,000 crore to different lenders.

Maharashtra controls 41% of Rs 55 lakh cr mutual fund AUM; Delhi's share at 8.4%

MUMBAI: The dominance of Maharashtra continued unabated with its share in assets under management touching a tad less than 41% in March, mutual fund body Amfi data showed on Wednesday. The next top four states' contribution is a little over half of this western state, which rose from Rs 22.41 lakh crore in February this year to Rs 22.52 lakh crore in March. With Maharashtra controlling nearly 40.93% of the industry, the top 5 states corner 68% of the market that has 44 fund houses with a combined AUM of Rs 55.01 lakh crore as of March, as per an analysis of the state-wise spilt of mutual fund investments. The next four are New Delhi at 8.41%, Karnataka at 6.92%, Gujarat at 6.89% and Bengal at 5.20%. During the past fiscal the MF industry grew 37%, taking the assets under management to Rs 55.01 lakh crore, driven by the massive inflows into open-ended equity schemes, which clipped past 10% in March to Rs 22,633 crore from Rs 20,534 crore in March 2023.Despite the industry notchig up 37% more in FY24, as many as five of the 37 states and Union Territories saw a sequential decline in



- NEW DELHI sBoth gold and silver prices recorded a hike on the Multi Commodity Exchange (MCX) on Thursday, May 2, 2024. Gold futures, maturing on June 5, 2024, stood at Rs 71,175 per 10 grams on the MCX, after recording a jump of Rs 450 or 0.64 per cent. The previous close was recorded at Rs 70,725
- Meanwhile, silver futures, maturing on July 5, 2024, witnessed a hike of Rs 159 or 0.20 per cent and were retailing at Rs 81,386 per kg on the MCX against the previous close of Rs 81,227. The gold and silver prices in India depend on several factors, including the value of the rupee against the dollar. Global demand also plays a key role in determining the trends observed in the rate of precious metals.

Commercial LPG cylinder price cut Rs 19, ATF up 0.7%

- NEW DELHI. State-owned oil marketing companies (OMCs) on Wednesday reduced price of commercial LPG cylinders, used by businesses such as hotels and restaurants, by Rs 19 with immediate effect.
- The price of a 19-kg commercial LPG cylinder will cost Rs 1,745.50 in Delhi. In April, the price of the same cylinder was reduced by Rs 30.5. However, there is no change in the price of the domestic LPG cylinder. But OMCs such as Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL), Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL), and Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited



(BPCL) hiked aviation turbine fuel (ATF) prices by 0.7%. As per the price notification, ATF price in Delhi has been raised by Rs 749.25 per kilolitre to Rs 101,642.88 per kl.Earlier this year, on February 1 and March 1, commercial LPG prices had risen by Rs 14 and Rs 25.5 per cylinder, respectively, before the first reduction on April 1. The OMCs revise ATF and LPG prices on the first day of every month based on international fuel prices and exchange rates. In March, domestic cooking gas prices were cut by Rs 100 and extended Rs 300 subsidy for LPG cylinders for Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana beneficiaries

units. Sales of the three top players -Maruti Suzuki (MSIL), Hyundai The industry is now pinning hopes on Motor (HMIL) and Tata Motors barely managed to remain in green last month.

NEW DELHI: Impacted by waning

pent-up demand over a very high

base, passenger vehicle (PV)

wholesales are estimated to have

grown by a meagre 1.50% year-on-

year in April 2024 to about 340,000

The relatively subdued growth partly stems from waning pent-up replacement demand, which supported the industry over the past couple of years, and also the effect of a higher base," said Srikumar Krishnamurthy, Senior VP & Co-Group Head - Corporate Ratings, ICRA Limited.

"The domestic PV industry reached an all-time high volume of 4.2 million units in FY24, with retail sales being FY2025," added Krishnamurthy.

new launches, a normal monsoon and a favourable elaaaection outcome to generate fresh demand and push sales growth numbers higher. The country's largest carmaker Maruti Suzuki's (MSIL) domestic PV sales stood at 137,952 units in April 2024 compared to 137.320 units sold in April 2023 - a The industry is now pinning hopes on flat growth. This is a big slump sequentially given the carmaker had sold 152,718 units in March 2023.

MSIL sales were lifted by the utility vehicle segment as demand for its mini and compact cars continued to remain under tremendous pressure.

13, 500 units) in April 2024, posting a YOY growth of 9.5%. HMIL's domestic sales, however, grew by just 1% YoY to 50,201 units last month. "In the first month of the new financial year, it looks like industry sales grew about 1.5%. This is because of the

the new Swift to revive its fortune in

registered total sales of 63,701 units

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the compact segment.

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AUM in March as against just two in February. Andhra, Goa, Kerala, the Lakshadweep and Sikkim saw sequential declines in the reporting month with the Lakshadweep seeing the highest contraction of 57.90%, followed by Sikkim at 3.22% and Kerala at 0.59%. Interestingly, the top 5 states in terms of sequential growth are Daman & Diu, Manipur, Dadra & Nagar Haveli, Meghalaya, and Tripura. The Union Territory of Daman & Diu saw the highest sequential growth at 3.60% followed by Manipur at 3.09% and Dadra & Nagar Haveli at 2.62%.

Equity-oriented schemes continued to get the maximum share from all the states for third consecutive month contributing the most towards AUM at 51.96%

India's manufacturing growth remains strong despite slight easing in April

aided by healthy replacement The carmaker is now betting big on

the volume growth for the PV Hyundai Motor India (HMIL)

The HSBC final India Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI), compiled by S&P Global, dipped to 58.8 in April from a 16-year high of 59.1 in March.

India's manufacturing sector growth remained strong in April even as it eased slightly compared to the previous month. The performance was primarily attributed to sustained demand, prompting businesses to increase their procurement of raw materials at a near-record pace, according to a recent business survey.

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indicated solid expansion, marking the 34th consecutive month of growth.

The PMI, which separates growth from contraction, remained comfortably above the 50-mark.Pranjul Bhandari, Chief India Economist at HSBC, highlighted that April's manufacturing PMI recorded

the second-fastest improvement in operating conditions in three-and-a-half years, buoyed by robust demand.Despite the slight easing in output and new orders sub-indexes from March, they still represented the second-best readings in over three years, signaling strong demand

both domestically and internationally. Business optimism alo saw an uptick as firms anticipated sustained demand and increased production volumes in the next 12 months. This positive sentiment translated into increased hiring for a second consecutive month, potentially addressing the concerning issue of lackluster job growth in the country.As businesses geared up for higher production levels, they increased their stocks of raw materials at the third-fastest rate since the survey's inception over 19 years ago. However, the surge in demand led to a modest uptick in both input and output prices, although inflation remained within the central bank's target range of 2-6%."On the price front, higher costs of raw materials and labour led to

a modest uptick in input costs, but inflation remains below the historical average," said Bhandari."However, firms passed these increases onto consumers through higher output charges, as demand remained resilient, resulting in improved margins," she added

Off Track

Aamir Khan To Have A Cameo Appearance As Don For Imran Khan's Comeback Film Happy Patel: Report



fter a hiatus of almost 9 years, Bollywood actor Imran Khan is all set to make his comeback in cinema. The actor is all set to star in a comedy venture produced by his maternal uncle Aamir Khan's production house. However, Buzz says that Aamir will also be starring in the film. According to a report by peepingmoon.com Aamir Khan will be making a brief cameo appearance in the movie. Reportedly, Aamir will be playing the role of Don, which will add more thrill to the plot. If these reports are true, this will mark Aamir and Imran's first on-screen appearance in a film together. The upcoming film is said to be a satirical spy comedy based on the popular American film series, Austin Powers. A source close to the production house revealed, "It's a spy film with a dash of comic touch and explores an untapped and brand new terrain in Bollywood cinema. Imran will be playing a secret agent in this film, alongside Vir Das, who is also directing, writing, and co-producing it. This is a fun entertainer packed with comedy, action, drama, and lots of twists, much like their highly acclaimed black comedy, Delhi Belly."

Described as a laughter-filled riot, the film embraces a blend of familiar elements and a unique, refreshing setting that harks back to Imran's past works. According to an industry insider, filming has already begun in Goa for this eagerly anticipated movie. The source revealed, "Imran has finally locked in his comeback project, nearly eight months after he hinted at the possibility of returning to movies last year. He will star in and play Happy Patel in a quirky comedy produced by Aamir Khan Productions. The film is a laugh-riot and is set in a familiar yet uniquely fresh world, reminiscent of Imran's previous works. Shooting has already commenced in Goa.

Actress Kranti Redkar Shares She Lost 5 Kg In 10 Days



Katrina Katrina Kaanf

Says Rajneeti, ZNMD Played A Big Role In Her Career: 'I'd Call Them Moments In My Life'

ven after more than 21 years in Bollywood, Katrina Kaif feels she still has a long way to go and more to achieve. Currently, she's busy trying to work with her favorite directors. Recently, she got to work with Sriram Raghavan for the first time on their film Merry Christmas, which was released earlier this year. The film, also featuring Tamil actor Vijay Sethupathy, was based on Frédéric Dard's French novel Le Montecharge (Bird in a Cage). Speaking to Variety, Katrina expressed her love for the book, praising its tender, poetic, and mysterious qualities, reminiscent of Hitchcock, and its mix of drama, mystery, and murder presented in a unique way.Praising Raghavan, she said that his characters on screen have a realness and depth to them. "There's a certain rawness and realness to the characters in his films when you watch them on screen. They're very flawed, they're very imperfect, but



there's like a tangible, humane quality about them. They feel very real, like I've seen this person or I know this person. He has a certain grip on having something relatable to what he depicts on screen, even though sometimes the situations are so outlandish, but yet the characters are so you can feel you can understand what they're going through, and you relate to their emotions," she said.However, Merry Christmas isn't the

only movie she's proud of. Katrina Kaif also mentioned a few titles that played a big role in her career. These include Namastey London (2007), Welcome (2007), Singh Is King (2008), New York (2009), Ajab Prem Ki Ghazab Kahani (2009), Rajneeti (2010), and Zindagi Na Milegi Dobara (2011).She also said she doesn't just see them as movies but like top moments in her life. "I wouldn't call them films, I would call them moments in my life. They were surrounded by an entire emotion, an entire feeling. It wasn't just playing a character and going home, it seeped into my life at that time, the film would become my entire life. That film, that crew, that moment, that environment would become my whole

life. I'd be consumed and then the film would release and there would be a moment of emptiness and loss. And then you would go on to the next one. These are all incredible moments for me as an actor, as a performer," added Katrina.

Ranveer Singh Teams Up With Prasanth Varma For A Mythological Thriller 'Rakshas'

Ranveer Singh is gearing up to team up with 'HanuMan' director Prasanth Varma for his upcoming film. Buzz is that the film that he has signed is set against the backdrop of Indian mythology and that the film has been tentatively titled Rakshas. Reportedly, Ranveer's character will also have shades of negative forces in the film.A source close to the development informed Pinkvilla that "it's a part of the Prasanth Varma Cinematic Universe, where the director is introducing several characters before bringing them all together in the finale. Ranveer is blown away by the vision and longterm plans that his director has for the universe and is excited to embark on the journey of Rakshas soon."Reportedly, the script and the pre-visualisation of the film have been in place, and the makers are now figuring out the timelines of the shoot. The source added, "Ranveer has met

Prasanth Varma and the team multiple times over the last few weeks and has already done a pooja for the film on the occasion of Hanuman Jayanti in Hyderabad.Rakshas is positioned as a historical drama unfolding in the pre-independence era, enriched with mythological elements. Ranveer's role in the film is rumoured to embody a complex character with shades of negativity and darkness. While the specifics of his character arc remain undisclosed, the narrative promises to delve into the realm of Indian mythology.

Ranveer Singh is also slated to appear in Rohit Shetty's 'Singham Again', featuring an ensemble cast including Deepika Padukone, Ajay Devgn, Akshay Kumar,



Tiger Shroff, and Kareena Kapoor Khan. Additionally, he is involved in Farhan Akhtar's 'Don 3'.Last year, Farhan Akhtar unveiled Ranveer Singh as the new Don in the teaser for Don 3: The Final Chapter. The teaser included Ranveer's voiceover, resonating with the awakening of a lion: "Sher jo so raha hain woh jagega kab, puchte hai yeh sab. Unse keh do phir jaag utha hoon main, aur phir samne jald aane ko."

A ctress Kranti Redkar is one of the popular actresses in the Marathi cinema. She often shares pictures and videos that set the internet on fire. Recently, she dropped a video and shared about losing 5 kg in 10 days. The video is now gaining traction on social media.n the viral video, the actress is seen taking a weight loss challenge. She wore a traditional ensemble as she recorded a video for her fans. Keeping it minimal, she wore perfectly drawn eyebrows, bindi, mascaraladen eyelashes, and a brown lip shade. In the video, she was also seen pairing her outfit with a pair of exquisite earrings.

So far, the video has garnered over 7,59,000 views and is still increasing. Several social media users have commented on the video. One user wrote, "We don't want to name anyone else, we want what we have". Another user added, "You look very beautiful". "Don't lose weight for anyone," wrote one person.Some time back, she posted a similar video sharing a quick way to lose weight. The clip generated a huge noise on the internet. In the video, Kranti revealed the secret to losing two and a half kilos in a short period. She jokingly suggested, "I lost two and a half to three kilos in the last one and a half weeks. Now, how did I do it? What's the secret? Well, there's no secret. It's quite simple. Just apply white nail polish on your right hand. If it's a gel and a bit pricier, even better."

- Kranti Redkar is well-known for her performances in films such as Gangaajal, Shikshanachya Aaicha Gho and Majha Navra Tujhi Bayko. Her notable projects also include movies like Karaar, Rocky, Baalaa, Murder Mestri and Yudh. Astitvachi Ladai. She made her directorial debut with Kaakan in 2015.
- Kranti Redkar, who is married to IPS officer Sameer Wankhede, became a mother to twins named Zyda and Ziya a few years after their wedding. During a challenging time when Sameer faced criticism from Maharashtra politicians for his role in the narcotics case involving Shah Rukh Khan's son, Aryan Khan, on a Mumbai cruise, Kranti remained supportive of her husband.