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Trump's V-P hopeful killed her dog, now says Biden's pet should be shot too

South Dakota governor Kristi Noem, already under fire for killing her family's 14-month-old dog and boasting about it, on Sunday took aim at another family's pet: Commander, Prez Joe Biden's bite-prone German shepherd. Appearing on CBS, Noem, a Republican, suggested that Commander, who was banished from the White House last fall after bloodying a number of Secret Service agents, should also have been put down.

"Joe Biden's dog has attacked 24 Secret Service people," she said. "So, how many people is enough people to be attacked and dangerously hurt before you make a decision on a dog?" Commander was sent to an undisclosed location after the Secret Service recorded 24 biting episodes. Noem, who had been widely seen as a contender to be ex-prez Trump's running mate, wrote in her new memoir about a female wire-haired pointer named Cricket that she had hoped to use to hunt pheasant on her ranch. She said the dog proved "untrainable", "dangerous to anyone she came in contact with" and "less than worthless" as a hunting dog - so she shot her in a gravel pit. "I hated that dog," she wrote.

Australia: China fighter released flares in our helicopter's path



MELBOURNE. Australia has protested to Beijing that a Chinese fighter jet endangered an Australian navy helicopter with flares in international waters, officials said Monday. The incident occurred on Saturday as the Australian air warfare destroyer HMAS Hobart was enforcing UN Security Council sanctions against North Korea in international waters in the Yellow Sea, the defence department said.

A Chinese Chengdu J-10 fighter jet released flares in the flight path of an Australian navy Seahawk deployed from the Hobart 300 metres in front of the helicopter and 60 metres above, defence minister Richard Marles said. "This was an incident which was both unsafe and unprofessional," Marles told Nine News television. "We will not be deterred from engaging in lawful activities and activities which are there to enforce UN sanctions in respect of North Korea," Marles added.

There were no injuries or damage, the defence department said, adding the Australian government expressed concerns to the Chinese govt. There was no immediate comment from Beijing on Monday.

Boeing capsule heads to ISS today in 1st crewed flight



CAPE CANAVERAL. Boeing Co's new Starliner astronaut capsule is poised for launch of its long-delayed inaugural crewed test flight to the International Space Station, two years after its first voyage without humans to the orbital laboratory.

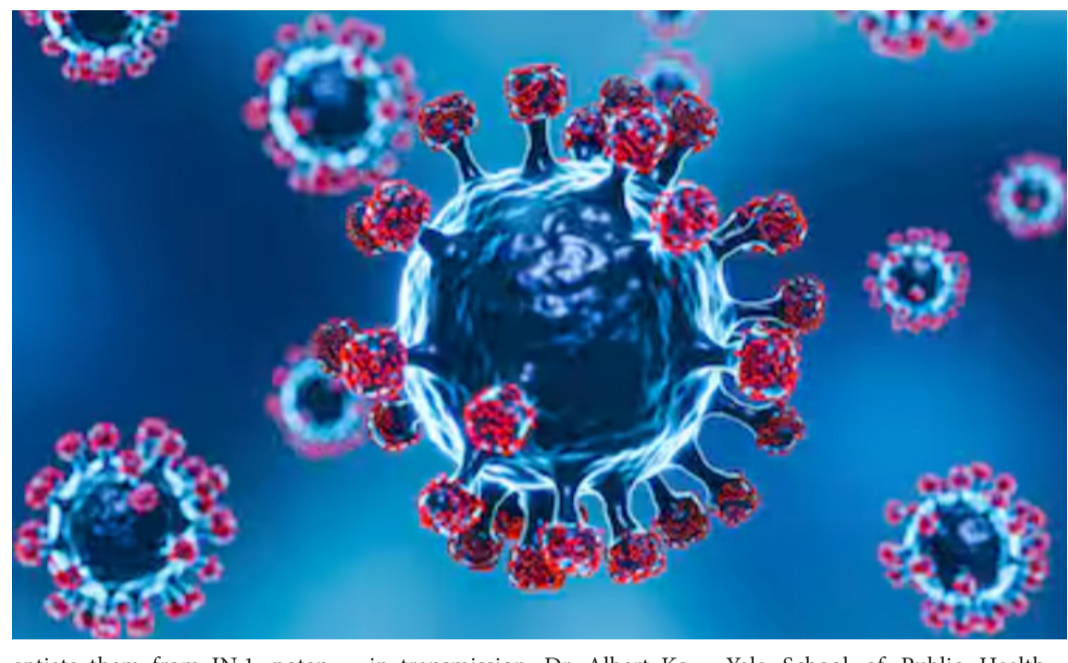
The gumbdrop-shaped CST-100 Starliner with two astronauts aboard was due for liftoff at 10.34pm (8.04am IST Tuesday) from Nasa's Kennedy Space Center in Florida, carried atop an Atlas V rocket furnished by the Boeing-Lockheed Martin joint venture United Launch Alliance (ULA). Riding aboard the Starliner, designed to carry up to seven crew members, are veteran Nasa astronauts Barry "Butch" Wilmore, 61, a retired US navy captain, and Sunita "Sunni" Williams, 58, a former navy aviator and test pilot. They have logged a combined 500 days in space over the course of two missions each to the space station. Wilmore is the designated commander for flight, with Williams in the pilot seat.

Although Starliner is designed to fly autonomously, the crew can assume control of the spacecraft if necessary, and the test flight calls for Wilmore and Williams to practice maneuvering the vehicle manually. If all goes as planned, the capsule will arrive at the space station after a flight of about 26 hours and dock with ISS early Wednesday. Wilmore and Williams are expected to remain at the space station for about a week before riding the Starliner back to Earth for a parachute and airbag-assisted landing in the US - a first for crewed Nasa missions. The Starliner will give Nasa its first alternative to sending astronauts to low-Earth orbit from US soil since Elon Musk's SpaceX began doing so in 2020.

FLiRT— a new COVID-19 variant, is on surge in US

RNS: The United States is experiencing a surge in a new COVID-19 variant known as FLiRT, raising concerns about a potential summer wave of infections. The FLiRT variants, including KP.2, have emerged as a dominant strain in the country, surpassing the previously dominant Omicron sub-variant, JN.1. According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), KP.2 now accounts for one in four infections nationwide.

Following KP.2, JN.1 remains the next most common variant, comprising 22% of cases. Another FLiRT variant, KP.1.1, is also circulating but is less prevalent, accounting for about 7.5% of infections nationwide.



transmissible, it is still early to determine its full impact. Virologist Andrew Pekosz from Johns Hopkins University explains that the rapid emergence of these variants is typical for viruses like influenza, but the speed of this development is concerning.

Despite the rise in FLiRT variants, experts are cautiously optimistic. Dr. William Schaffner, an infectious disease specialist at Vanderbilt University Medical Centre, notes that while the new variant appears to be highly transmissible, current vaccination efforts are still effective against it.

Experts emphasize the need for continued monitoring and vaccination to combat the spread of the FLiRT variants and prevent a potential surge in cases.

These new variants possess two additional mutations that differentiate them from JN.1, potentially giving them an advantage in transmission. Dr. Albert Ko, Yale School of Public Health, an infectious disease expert at notes that while KP.2 is highly

US company fined \$650,000 for hiring children to clean meatpacking plants

World A Tennessee-based sanitation company has agreed to pay more than half a million dollars after a federal investigation found it illegally hired at least two dozen children to clean dangerous meat processing facilities in Iowa and Virginia. The US Department of Labor announced on Monday that Fayette Janitorial Service LLC entered into a consent judgment, in which the company agrees to nearly \$650,000 in civil penalties and the court-ordered mandate that it no longer employs minors. The February filing indicated federal investigators believed at least four children had still been working at one Iowa slaughterhouse as of Dec. 12.

US law prohibits companies from employing people younger than 18 to work in meat processing plants because of the hazards. The Labor Department alleged that Fayette used 15 underage workers at a Perdue Farms plant in Accomac, Virginia, and at least nine at Seaboard Triumph Foods in Sioux City, Iowa. The work included



sanitizing dangerous equipment like head splitters, jaw pullers and meat bandsaws in hazardous conditions where animals are killed and rendered. One 14-year-old was severely injured while cleaning the drumstick packing line belt at the plant in Virginia, the investigation alleged.

Perdue Farms and Seaboard Triumph Foods said in February they terminated their contracts with Fayette. The agreement stipulates that Fayette will hire a third-party consultant to monitor the company's compliance with child labor laws for at least three

years, as well as to facilitate training. The company must also establish a hotline for individuals to report concerns about child labor abuses. A spokesperson for Fayette told The Associated Press in February that the company was cooperating with the investigation and has a "zero-tolerance policy for minor labor." The Labor Department has called attention to a growing list of child labor violations across the country, including the fatal mangled of a 16-year-old working at a Mississippi poultry plant, the death of a 16-year-old after an accident at a sawmill in Wisconsin, and last year's report of more than 100 children illegally employed by Packers Sanitation Services Inc., or PSSI, across 13 meatpacking plants. PSSI paid over \$1.5 million in civil penalties. The Labor Department's latest statistics indicate the number of children being employed illegally in the US has increased 88% since 2019.

Israel pushes on with Rafah offensive hours after Hamas accepts truce deal

Israel has commenced its planned military offensive in Rafah hours after Hamas accepted an agreement brokered by Egypt and Qatar for a ceasefire in Gaza aimed at ending the seven-month war. The Jewish nation said the Palestinian militant group's terms did not meet its "core demands" and planned to continue further negotiations on a truce agreement.

On Tuesday morning, the Israel Defense Forces announced that it was "conducting targeted strikes against Hamas terror targets in eastern Rafah".

The Associated Press said in a report, citing Palestinian and Egyptian officials, that Israeli tanks entered Rafah, the last Hamas stronghold in Gaza, reaching as close as 200 metres from the border with Egypt. In a statement on Monday, Hamas announced that it had accepted the deal and the group's chief, Ismail Haniyeh, informed the two mediating nations of its agreement. However, the office of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said the deal fell short of the country's demands, and would send a delegation to meet the negotiators in an effort to reach an agreement, Reuters news agency reported.

On Monday, the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) issued evacuation orders to some 1 lakh residents of eastern Rafah after it struck the city in retaliation for a Hamas rocket attack on the Kerem Shalom border crossing. Israeli authorities said that three of its soldiers were killed in the Hamas attack, while Palestinian officials announced that the counter-attack in Rafah led to the death of 19 people, including a baby.

Here are the latest developments: Israeli forces reiterated its appeal to Palestinians to evacuate Rafah as strikes continue to pound the city. IDF spokesman Rear Admiral Daniel Hagari said "we also call upon those staying in specific areas which we have communicated and defined through every means - radio, media, internet, and flyers to leave", the BBC reported.

In response to the Israeli offensive, the armed wing of the Palestinian Islamic Jihad said its militants launched rockets towards southern Israel from Gaza and targeted "Sderot, Nir Am, and settlements in the Gaza envelope", reports AFP. The "Gaza envelope" refers to a zone of southern Israel close to the enclave. A senior Hamas official, speaking to AFP, said Israel must now decide whether it accepts or "obstructs" a truce after seven months of war.

Hamas member Taher Al-Nono told Reuters the truce proposal met the group's demands for reconstruction efforts in Gaza, return of displaced Palestinians and a swap of Israeli hostages for Palestinian prisoners in Israeli jails.

Pakistan SC suspends Peshawar HC order denying reserved seats to Imran-backed party

ISLAMABAD. Pakistan's Supreme Court suspended on Monday a high court verdict that a political party aligned with candidates backed by incarcerated former prime minister Imran Khan was not eligible for reserved seats for women and minorities in the national and provincial legislatures.

Since the Khan-led Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) was barred by the top court from contesting the Feb 8 elections under its traditional electoral symbol of a cricket bat on technical grounds, the party had subsequently struck an alliance with another party, Sunni Ittehad Council (SIC), in an attempt to secure reserved seats in parliament.

Under Pakistan's election rules, political parties are allotted reserved seats — (there are 60 for women and 10 for minorities in the National Assembly)

— in proportion to the number of parliamentary seats they win in the election. This completes the NA's total strength of 336 seats.

In March, the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) had ruled that SIC was



not eligible for reserved seats and decided to distribute the seats among other parliamentary parties, with the ruling Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) and the Pakistan

Peoples Party (PPP) becoming major beneficiaries. The verdict was rejected by PTI as unconstitutional and the alliance had filed a plea against the electoral watchdog's decision in the Peshawar HC, but it rejected the appeal.

In response, SIC moved the Supreme Court last month urging it to allot the party the reserved seats in the national and provincial assemblies and set aside the Peshawar HC ruling. Accepting SIC's appeal for a hearing, the apex court clarified that the Peshawar HC order upholding ECP's decision was suspended to the extent of the remaining reserved seats distributed among other parties.

After losing the extra reserved seats, PM Shehbaz Sharif's coalition government had lost its two-thirds majority in the National Assembly.

In male-dominated China, women create secret nooks to voice their power

SHANGHAI. In bars tucked away in alleys and salons and bookstores around Shanghai, women are debating their place in a country where men make the laws. Some wore wedding gowns to take public vows of commitment to themselves. Others gathered to watch films made by women about women. The bookish flocked to female bookshops to read titles like "The Woman Destroyed" and "Living a Feminist Life". Women in Shanghai, and some of China's other biggest cities, are negotiating the fragile terms of public expression at a politically precarious moment. China's ruling Communist Party has identified feminism as a threat to its authority. Female rights activists have been jailed. Concerns about harassment and violence against women are ignored or outright silenced. Prez Xi Jinping has diminished the role of women at work and in public office. There are no female members of Xi's inner circle or the Politburo, the executive policymaking body. He has invoked more traditional roles for women, as caretakers and mothers, in planning a new "childbearing culture" to address a



shrinking population. But groups of women around China are quietly reclaiming their own identities. Many are from a generation that grew up with more freedom than their mothers.

explore more about the power of women," said Du Wen, the founder of Her, a bar that hosts salon discussions. Frustrated by the increasingly narrow understanding of women by the public, Nong He, a film student, held a screening of documentaries about women by female Chinese directors. "I think we should have a broader space for women to create," she said. At quietly advertised events, women question misogynistic tropes in Chinese culture. "Why are lonely ghosts always female?" one woman recently asked, referring to Chinese literature's depiction of homeless women after death. "They share tips for beginners to feminism," said Tang Shuang, the owner of Paper Moon, which sells books by female authors. Anxiety about attracting the wrong kind of attention is always present. When Tang opened her store, she placed a sign in the door describing it as a feminist bookstore that welcomed all genders. "But my friend warned me to take it out because I could cause trouble by using the word feminism." There is always the possibility that officials will crack down. "They never tell you clearly what is forbidden," she said.

ED gets 6 days custody of OSD Sanjiv Lal & household help Jehangir Alam

RNS I Ranchi: A day after the Enforcement Directorate (ED) seized Rs 35.23 crore from the premises linked to Rural Development Minister Alamgir Alam, the agency got custody of OSD Sanjiv Lal and household help Jehangir Alam for six days from the Ranchi PMLA court.

The agency, in its remand petition, informed the court that names of senior bureaucrats and politicians had emerged during the investigation into the tender scam. The ED said that several officials from top to bottom of the Rural Development Department are involved in this nexus and the huge payments were usually received in cash which were later laundered and need to be unearthed.

The ED said that Sanjeev Lal takes care of the collection of commission on behalf of some influential persons



and plays a pivotal role in managing the tenders and collection of commission from engineers, also the said percentage of commission is distributed in a mechanised manner to higher-ups of government.

Notably, the latest case of money laundering is linked to the suspended chief engineer Veerendra Kumar Ram, who was arrested on February 23 last year.

Ram, posted in the Water resource department, was on deputation, as chief engineer

to Rural Works Department and Rural Development Department (Special Division), Government of Jharkhand.

"Veerendra Kumar Ram used to collect commissions in terms of allocation of tender and execution of work and the said commission / fixed share of 1.5% was distributed among his seniors and politicians," the ED said.

"The whole modus operandi in respect of collection of commission and later distribution of the same is being illustrated by VK Ram

during his statement made under Section 50 of PMLA, 2002," the ED said.

The ED said that the said commission is collected by Sanjeev Lal through certain persons and in one of the instances V K Ram said that crores of the commission was handed over to Sanjeev Lal in September 2022.

"During, the course of the investigation involvement of other Assistant Engineers was also found in the collection and distribution of commission, and the same is under investigation."

"During raids on May 6, at various locations in Ranchi incriminating material/ documents were found along with huge stocked-up cash of Rs 32.20 crores found from the premises of Jahan-gir Alam and an additional amount of Rs 2.93 crores seized from the premise of another associate," the ED said.

Court extends judicial custody of Arvind Kejriwal till 20 May



RNS I New Delhi: Delhi's Rouse Avenue Court today extended judicial custody of Delhi Chief Minister, Arvind Kejriwal till 20th of May, in the money laundering case connected to the liquor policy scam.

Special judge Kaveri Baweja of Rouse Avenue Court passed the order on the expiry of his judicial custody in the Enforcement Directorate (ED) case. Kejriwal was arrested by the ED on the 21st of March.

On 10th of April, the Delhi High Court had dismissed Kejriwal's plea challenging his arrest, observing that ED was able to place enough material, statements of approvers and AAP's own candidate stating that Kejriwal was given money for Goa elections.

The Delhi Chief Minister has challenged the said order of the Delhi High Court before the Supreme Court which is hearing his plea today.

LS Poll: Third phase concludes with about 62 % voter turnout



RNS I New Delhi: The third phase of the Lok Sabha elections concluded today with approximately 62 percent of the electorate turning out to vote by 8:30 PM. This phase saw 93 Lok Sabha seats from ten states and one Union Territory go to the polls.

Despite the heat wave conditions in several parts of the country, polling remained largely peaceful, with voters from all sections of society participating enthusiastically.

According to reports, Assam recorded a voter turnout of 75.30 percent, Bihar 56.55 percent, Chhattisgarh 67.16 percent, Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu 65.23 percent, Goa 74.47 percent, Gujarat 56.88 percent, Karnataka 68.71 percent, Madhya Pradesh 63.36 percent, Maharashtra 55.21 percent, Uttar Pradesh 57.34 percent, and West Bengal 73.93 percent.

The Election Commission confirmed that voting took place for 25 seats in Gujarat, 14 seats in Karnataka, 11 seats in Maharashtra, 10 seats in Uttar Pradesh, nine seats in Madhya Pradesh, seven seats in Chhattisgarh, five seats in Bihar, four seats each in Assam and West Bengal, and two seats each in Goa and Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu.

With the conclusion of the third phase, polling has now been completed in 20 states and Union Territories, covering 283 Parliamentary Constituencies for the General Elections 2024. A total of 1331 candidates were in the electoral fray in this phase.

Several prominent candidates, including senior BJP leaders Amit Shah, Mansukh Mandaviya, Jyotiraditya Scindia, Pralhad Joshi, Shivraj Singh Chouhan, and Basavaraj Bommai, as well as Congress leader Digvijay Singh, Samajwadi Party leader Dimple Yadav, and NCP leader Supriya Sule had their fate sealed in the EVMs in this phase.

In a noteworthy development, 75 international delegates from 23 countries visited polling stations in six states to witness the poll process. They appreciated the magnitude, transparency, and the festive mood of the voters.

The three phases of polling covered the entire northeastern part of the country, as well as Left Wing Extremism-affected and vulnerable areas in Chhattisgarh, Maharashtra, and Madhya Pradesh, all of which were conducted smoothly and peacefully.

CCL Hosts Induction Program for New Management Trainees



RNS I Ranchi: The Central Coalfields Limited (CCL) organized a Management Trainee Induction Program today, aiming to enhance talent, promote excellence, and familiarize newly appointed officers with the company's various functions.

The event was graced by CCL's Director (Finance) Pawan Kumar Mishra, Director (Personnel) Harsh Nath Mishra, Director (Technical/Planning and Project) Satish Jha, Director (Technical/Operations) Harish Duhan, and Chief Vigi-

lance Officer Pankaj Kumar, among others.

During the inaugural session, the directors shared valuable advice and insights from their work experiences with the trainees.

A total of 12 Management Trainees, including a female mining engineer, embarked on their professional journey at the company, highlighting CCL's commitment to diversity and inclusivity.

GM (HRD) RK Pandey extended a warm welcome to all dignitaries and participants. The Directors

and Chief Vigilance Officer emphasized the importance of dedication and sincere efforts in fulfilling assigned roles, encouraging trainees to actively engage with senior officers to enrich their experiences.

The induction program, organized by the Human Resource Development Department and Officer Establishment Department, aimed to ensure a remarkable start for the new trainees at Coal India/CCL."

Boeing Starliner's launch postponed, Astronaut Sunita Williams' space journey on hold

RNS: The highly anticipated lift-off of the Boeing Starliner, set to carry astronaut Sunita Williams to space for the third time, has been post-

poned due to a technical issue. The Starliner was scheduled to launch from the Kennedy Space Center in Florida's Cape Canaveral at 8:04 am India time. However, just 90 minutes before lift-off, the launch of the Atlas V rocket was called off. NASA announced that an off-nominal condition on an oxy-

gen relief valve was the reason behind the delay.

Both Sunita Williams and NASA's Barry Wilmore, who were prepared to fly the Starliner to the International Space Station (ISS), safely exited the spacecraft following the postponement.

The delay comes as a disappointment for Williams, who was looking forward to her third space mission. The Starliner mission is of significant importance for NASA and Boeing, aim-



ing to demonstrate the spacecraft's capabilities to transport astronauts to and from the ISS.

Despite the setback, NASA and Boeing engineers are working diligently to resolve the technical glitch and re-schedule the launch at the earliest possible opportunity. The safety of the astronauts and the success of the mission remain the top priorities for both organizations.

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Tender Scam: ED seizes Rs 1.5 crore from contractor's premises in Jharkhand

RNS I Ranchi: The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has seized Rs 1.5 crore from the premises of a contractor in Jharkhand, as part of its ongoing investigation. The ED conducted fresh searches at five locations today, following yesterday's raids on properties linked to Jharkhand Rural Development Minister Alamgir Alam.

The agency found that Rajiv Kumar Singh, the contractor, had been involved in the routing of over 10 crores in cash. Earlier, on Monday, the ED had raided the premises of Alamgir Alam's Officer on Special Duty (OSD) Sanjeev Lal, his servant Jehangir Alam, two engineers, and



contractor Munna Singh, recovering Rs 35.23 crore from their premises.

The ED's operations are not limited to these searches. They are also conducting raids on a builder near Singh More,

as well as two builders near Ratu and the ITI bus stand in Ranchi. Additionally, the ED team has raided the premises of contractor Rajiv Singh in the Doranda area of Ranchi.

RNS I Dhanbad: The Civil Engineering department of IIT (ISM) Dhanbad has embarked on a collaborative venture with Teree Arme, Reinforced Earth India Pvt Ltd, a pioneer in the reinforced earth technique, to conduct joint research on real site issues and provide research internships for IIT (ISM) students.

The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed at the office of the Dean (Research & Development) of IIT (ISM) Dhanbad. Atanu Adhikari, Chief Development Officer of Teree Arme India, and Professor Sagar Pal, Dean (Research & Development) of IIT (ISM), signed the MoU in the pres-



ence of Col. Soumendra Banerjee, Vice President of

Teree Arme, and Professor Sarat Kumar Das, Head of the

Department of Civil Engineering. Professor Sowmyia

Chawla, Associate Professor of the Department of Civil Engineering and coordinator of joint collaborative projects, highlighted that under the MoU, both organizations will collaborate on executing projects on the ground.

"While IIT (ISM) will handle the modelling and research aspects, Teree Arme will execute the projects on the ground with the support of IIT (ISM)'s technical expertise," explained Chawla.

Chawla also emphasized the benefits of this MoU for internship opportunities, noting that a six-month internship with Teree Arme will enhance the placement prospects of B.Tech and M.Tech students.

Influenced by PM Modi over hundreds of minorities joined BJP at Ranchi

RNS I Ranchi: Over hundreds of minorities have joined the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in Ranchi, underscoring the influence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi ahead of the Lok Sabha elections.

Mohammad Anwar, along with his supporters, joined the BJP and was welcomed by Ranchi MLA Sipi Singh with a ceremonial belt. At Sanjay Seth's office in Argora, hundreds of Muslims and individuals from other communities also joined the BJP, citing inspiration from PM Modi. The event was organized by Varun Sahu and conducted by Johnny Worker and Mohd. Rabbani.



Expressing his views, Mohammad Anwar praised PM Modi's leadership, highlighting the country's progress under his governance. He commended the Prime Minister's inclusive approach, noting that every scheme benefits all communities equally. He

also lauded PM Modi's international leadership. Several individuals, including Md. Rabbani, Johnny Worker, Raja Ansari, Estiya Khan, and others, joined the BJP on the occasion, expressing their support for the party and its vision.

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PM Modi Urges People To Vote In Record Numbers In Phase 3 Of Lok Sabha Polls

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah, will both cast their vote in the third phase of the Lok Sabha elections today.

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday urged the people to cast their votes in the third phase of the Lok Sabha elections to turn out in record numbers.

"Urging all those who are voting in today's phase to vote in record numbers. Their active participation will certainly make the elections more vibrant," PM Modi posted on X. Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah, will both cast their vote in the third phase of the Lok Sabha elections today.

The polling started for 93 Lok Sabha seats across 11 states and union territories in the third phase of the general election on Tuesday at 7:00 am. The states and union territories where the elections are being held in this phase are Assam (4), Bihar (5), Chhattisgarh (7), Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu (2), Goa (2), Gujarat (25), Karnataka (14), Maharashtra (11), Madhya Pradesh (8), Uttar Pradesh (10) and West Bengal (4). The BJP has bagged the Surat seat unopposed.



A total of 17.24 crore voters are eligible to cast their franchise in this phase at 1.85 lakh polling stations. Seventy-five delegates from 23 countries will see the poll process, the poll panel said. Voting will not take place for Jammu and Kashmir's Anantnag-Rajouri Lok Sabha seat on Tuesday as the Election

Commission of India (ECI) has postponed the polling to the sixth phase to be held on May 25. Originally, voting was scheduled to be held on 94 Lok Sabha seats in the third phase. However, elections were rescheduled from the second to the third phase in the Betul Lok Sabha seat of Madhya Pradesh due to the death of the BSP candidate. The BJP candidate in Surat has been declared the winner unopposed and due to the revised polling schedule in the Anantnag-Rajouri seat, the total seats now going to poll are 93.

Prominent leaders to contest in today's poll battle include Union Home Minister Amit Shah, former Madhya Pradesh chief ministers Shivraj Singh Chouhan and Digvijaya Singh, Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia, Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya, Samajwadi Party leader Dimple Yadav, and NCP (SP) leader Supriya Sule, among

others. In 2019 general election the BJP won 72 of the 93 seats that go to the polls today. Polling for more than half of the total number of constituencies will be completed by the end of this phase. The Lok Sabha elections are being held across seven phases,

from April 19 to June 1. The counting is scheduled for June 4.

The Narendra Modi-led BJP is seeking a third term in power, while the opposition INDIA bloc is aiming to wrest power by stopping the juggernaut.

"It's An Election To Defeat Unemployment, Inflation": Priyanka Gandhi

New Delhi: Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra urged people on Tuesday to vote in large numbers in the third phase of the ongoing Lok Sabha polls, asserting that this is an election to protect democracy and the Constitution. Voting is being held in 93 constituencies spread over 11 states and Union territories in the third phase of the parliamentary polls. In a post in Hindi on X, Priyanka Gandhi said, "Dear people of the country, this election is an election to protect democracy and the Constitution of the country. This is an election to defeat historic unemployment, rampant inflation,

institutional corruption and economic crisis."

"Every single vote is important. Vote after giving it a deep thought and in large numbers, using your discretion. Vote for the future of you and your children," the Congress general secretary said. More than 1,300 candidates, including around 120 women, are in the fray in the third phase of the election. As many as 17.24 crore people, including 8.39 crore women, are eligible to vote in this phase and 1.85 lakh polling stations manned by 18.5 lakh officials have been set up.

"Vote To Save Constitution, Protect Democracy": Mallikarjun Kharge

New Delhi: Urging people to vote in large numbers in the ongoing Lok Sabha polls, Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge on Tuesday said they will exercise their franchise not just to elect their representatives but to decide whether they want to secure their constitutional rights or witness the nation "veer towards dictatorship".

Voting is being held in 93 constituencies spread over 11 states and Union territories in the third phase of the parliamentary polls. In a post on X, Mr Kharge said, "Vote to save Constitution, vote to protect democracy! 11 crore people in 93 constituencies shall exercise their democratic right, not just to elect their representatives, but shall decide whether they want to secure their constitutional rights or witness our great nation veer towards dictatorship." "I sincerely urge you to choose democracy, so that our institutions can return to



their independent form and are not pressed under the thumb of brute power," the Congress chief added. Mr Kharge also listed the five "Nyay" the Congress has pitched to people. "Yuva Nyay" shall ensure "Rozgar Kranti" (employment revolution), where the future of

youngsters will become bright and secure, Mr Kharge said. "Naari Nyay shall ensure social and economic independence of 50 per cent of our population -- our sisters and mothers. Kisaan Nyay shall ensure that there is no injustice to our annadata farmers, who sweat in the fields to feed us," he added. "Shramik Nyay" shall ensure that the hands that build India are socially protected, the Congress leader said. "Hissedari Nyay" shall ensure equality and equity for all, he added. "When you press that button on the EVM, keep in mind that you are deciding not just your future, but the collective future of 140 crore fellow Indians," Mr Kharge said.

Welcoming the first-time voters, he said they are the flag-bearers of change. Remember, the sound of the voting button shall strengthen the Constitution. Come out in large numbers and vote. Choose wisely," the Congress chief said.

"Not An Ordinary Election": Rahul Gandhi As 11 States Vote In Phase 3

New Delhi: Terming the 2024 Lok Sabha polls as "not an ordinary election", Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Tuesday urged the voters to come out in large numbers. In a post on X, Rahul said, "Today is the third phase of voting! I request all of you to come out in large numbers and vote to protect your rights. Remember, this is not an ordinary election, it is an election to protect the democracy and constitution of the country."

Earlier, Congress National President Mallikarjun Kharge urged countrymen to come in large numbers and vote in the third phase of the ongoing Lok Sabha election and asked the people when they press the button on the EVM, to keep in mind that they are deciding not just their future but the collective future of 140 crore fellow Indians. In a post on X, Kharge said that a correct decision now can create an India where



"Justice" is supreme. The Republican Party of India (Athawale) national president and Union

Minister Ramdas Athawale on Monday wrote to the Chief Election Commissioner, Rajiv Kumar, urging action against Congress leader Rahul Gandhi for making "false" allegation that RSS and Prime Minister Narendra Modi want to abolish the Constitution to end the basic rights of Dalits and deprived sections of society. Meanwhile, voting is underway for 93 Lok Sabha seats across 11 states and union territories in the third phase of the general election on Tuesday.

The states and union territories where the elections are being held in this phase are Assam (4), Bihar (5), Chhattisgarh (7), Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu (2), Goa (2), Gujarat (25), Karnataka (14), Maharashtra (11), Madhya Pradesh (8), Uttar Pradesh (10) and West Bengal (4). The BJP has bagged the Surat seat unopposed.

Supreme Court Hears Arvind Kejriwal's Request For Bail To Campaign

New Delhi: The Supreme Court will deliberate today on whether to grant interim bail to Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, who has been under arrest since March 21 and is currently confined in Tihar jail under judicial custody, in connection with a money laundering case linked to the scrapped Delhi excise policy. A bench comprising Justices Sanjiv Khanna and Dipankar Datta will begin proceedings by considering the plea of the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) leader. The Supreme Court on May 3, hinted at the possibility of granting interim bail to Mr Kejriwal in light of the ongoing Lok Sabha elections. Acknowledging the potentially time-consuming nature of the legal proceedings, the court expressed its willingness to hear arguments from the Enforcement Directorate (ED) regarding interim relief to the AAP chief before elections in Delhi that are scheduled for May 25. During the previous hearing, Additional



Solicitor General SV Raju, representing the ED, expressed opposition to Mr Kejriwal's bail, citing statements made by AAP leader Sanjay Singh following his release on bail in a related case. We are not commenting on it either way. We are just saying we will hear on interim bail and not saying we will grant interim bail. We may or may not grant interim bail," the Supreme Court had said. The bench also raised questions regarding Mr Kejriwal's official duties, particularly in relation to signing official documents, given his current legal predicament. Additionally, fresh controversy erupted after Delhi Lieutenant Governor VK Saxena recommended a National Investigation Agency (NIA) probe against Mr Kejriwal, alleging political funding from the banned group 'Sikhs for Justice.'

In response, AAP leaders denounced the LG's recommendation as yet another political ploy orchestrated by the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) to tarnish Mr Kejriwal's image.

Amit Shah To Adhir Chowdhury: Big Guns Contesting Lok Sabha Polls Phase 3

A total of 92 seats across 11 states and Union Territories will be going to polls in the third phase of Lok Sabha election today.

New Delhi: A total of 92 seats across 11 states and Union Territories will be going to polls in the third phase of Lok Sabha election today. Out of 1352 candidates, there are several heavyweights whose poll fortunes will make national headlines. Earlier, 94 seats were to vote in this phase. But while results for the Surat seat have been declared because the BJP candidate has no opposition, polling for Anantnag has been deferred due to bad weather. Amit Shah: Union Home Minister Amit Shah is contesting Lok Sabha polls from the Gandhinagar constituency in Gujarat. The Congress has fielded Sonal Patel from the BJP stronghold. The Gandhinagar seat, which was represented by BJP veteran Lal Krishna Advani six times, has been with the BJP for about 35 years now. In the 2019 election, Mr Shah had recorded a thumping victory over the Congress's Chatursinh Javanji Chavda, defeating him by a margin of

over 5 lakh votes. Supriya Sule: Among the most watched candidates in this phase is NCP leader and Sharad Pawar's daughter, Supriya Sule. A four-time MP who has been a member of both Houses of parliament, Ms Sule is contesting from her family stronghold Baramati that she has represented thrice. This battle, however, is different from her earlier fights. This time, Ms Sule is up against another Pawar - Ajit Pawar's wife and her sister-in-law, Sunetra. The Pawar vs Pawar contest is taking part against the backdrop of the mutiny within NCP, led by Sharad Pawar's nephew Ajit Pawar. The Baramati battle, therefore, is not just about a seat, but a show of strength that will determine if the veteran politician, who is backing daughter Supriya, still holds sway over the NCP rank and file. Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury: Of the four West Bengal seats going to polls in the third phase is Baharampur, the fort of Congress

leader in Lok Sabha, Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury. A five-time MP from the seat, Mr Chowdhury is known to hold considerable clout in the north Bengal constituency. This time, he is up against the BJP's Nirmal Kumar Saha and Trinamool's pick, former cricketer Yusuf Pathan. Of the seven Assembly segments that are part of the Lok Sabha seat, six are with the Trinamool Congress and the ruling party in Bengal will be trying hard to unseat Mr Chowdhury, among the most-vocal critics of Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee. Shivraj Singh Chouhan: The BJP veteran and former Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has made a return to the Lok Sabha poll arena, and the seat allotted to him is one he won five times in a row. The Vidisha Lok Sabha

constituency has been held by the BJP for 35 years now and has been represented by the party's stalwarts,



former PM late Atal Bihari Vajpayee and former Union Minister, late Sushma Swaraj. This time, Mr Chouhan is up against veteran Congress leader Pratap Bhanu Sharma, who won the Vidisha seat twice in the 1980s. Jyotiraditya

Scindia: Four years after his switch to the BJP, Jyotiraditya Scindia is gearing up for his first poll fight with the lotus symbol. The Civil Aviation minister is contesting from his family stronghold Guna, which has earlier been represented by his father Madhavrao Scindia and grandmother Vijaya Raje Scindia. Mr Scindia has recorded four victories from Guna before losing the 2019 election on a Congress ticket. This time, he is up against the Congress's Rao Yadavendra Singh Yadav. Digvijaya Singh: Congress veteran Digvijaya Singh, who has been a Rajya Sabha member for a decade now, is now eyeing a Lok Sabha return with a poll pass from Madhya Pradesh's Rajgarh seat, which has represented twice in the past. Mr Singh is up against the BJP's Rodmal Nagar, who won from Rajgarh.

Catch 22, and the quest for sanity

Groucho Marx is credited as saying that he refused to join any club which would admit him as a member, implying that he only wanted to join a club that wouldn't admit him! Rule one that could generate from this is that you can only join a club which would admit you, but a club that would admit you isn't a good enough club to join! That is a typical Catch 22. Almost like a rule that states that the government can change only if you vote, but you can vote only if you support the government. I am sure all of us can come up with rules like this, being governed by bureaucracies, whose only work seems to be to put up such obstacles for everything. You can only apply for benefits for the homeless if you have an identity card with an address. But if you have an address, you are not homeless and you cannot avail of the benefits.

The inspiration for this column is not any maze of bureaucratic rules but a book (which was made into a film later), a cult classic, called 'Catch 22'. Its writer Joseph Heller was born on May 1, 1923, 101 years ago. Like others of his generation, he took part in World War-II. He joined the US Army Air Corps in 1942, when he was 19. He served in Italy and flew about 60 combat missions. This experience of war went into writing 'Catch 22' (1962). If I were to choose two books about WW-II, I would select this one and Kurt Vonnegut's 'Slaughterhouse-Five, or, The Children's Crusade: A Duty-Dance with Death' (1969). As you can see, it always takes time to think and write about traumatic cataclysmic events.

Heller actually began writing the novel in 1953, much after the war. He has said that what he thought of first were a couple of lines about the main character Yossarian and the chaplain. He thought of writing a very short novel and began to think of other characters and the plot. He finished one chapter within a week and it was published as a standalone story a couple of years later, in 1955, when he had not progressed much with the book. The story was published as 'Catch-18'. However, when it eventually became a novel, the title was changed to 'Catch 22', which certainly sounds better!

The novel is about the war experiences of Yossarian, who is in the Army Air Corps (as Heller himself was). Yossarian tries to escape combat missions (we see him faking an illness to escape the insane war), but he is forced by the military administration to stay on. His officer in command keeps raising the number of missions you have to fly in order to complete a tour of duty and return home. So, the airmen in his unit can never get a break. Only a mental breakdown can allow the medical staff to certify that an officer is in no condition to fly. An army psychiatrist explains that the catch in the rule that allows a pilot to be certified as not being mentally fit to fly combat missions is that it also states that the pilot has to request mental evaluation first. However, such a request demonstrates that the officer is sane! This then is Catch 22, a term that has taken on a life of its own outside the book. It is a crazy world after all. This bureaucratic world that enmeshes us with rules which we sometimes admire — it takes such a wicked and smart brain to think them up — is part of all varieties of ideological systems. This is the stuff of Jaspal Bhatti's comedies (and think how easily this world could become tragic in its absurdity). However, what the novel and the term bring out is the way in which the lives of ordinary people do not matter at all to the powers that be.

Significance of Sudhir Kakar's works

Sudhir Kakar, who passed away recently, finally found his calling after meandering through engineering and then economics (PhD) when his fortuitous meeting with Erik Erikson in Ahmedabad revealed his life's purpose to him! Erikson became his guru. Kakar trained in Freudian psychoanalysis at the Psychoanalytic Institute in Frankfurt with Erikson's recommendation.

He went on to write 20 non-fiction and six fictional books and is known mainly for his original work on identity formation in Indians in relation to the culture that they grow up in. By culture, he alluded to the cultural unconsciousness which seeps into Indians of all castes, religions and hues and which encompasses myths that we encounter daily in the form of movies, festivals, folk songs and traditions.

Born in Nainital a year (1938) before Sigmund Freud died, he traversed the then undivided Punjab with his civil servant father. His idealisation of Gandhi as a pioneer of practical spirituality may have stemmed from an early attendance of one of Gandhi's prayer meetings with an aunt. "Gandhi is not inferior to Christ in goodness and sanctity and a promise of sanity in the madness of this world," he wrote in 'The Seeker, A Novel'.

'Inner World — A Psychoanalytic Study of Childhood and Society in India' (1981) was Kakar's major work on the development of a family or societal ego in Indians rather than an individual ego. Replete with allegorical references to popular myths, it purports to explain the lack of animosity in Indian women towards men despite their inferior status. An Indian woman's identity is/was inextricably linked with the birth of her children as her role in the family and society was validated only then. It contains Sita and Draupadi's quotes (of doubtful veracity, and written probably by men of those times) as partly the reason that women accept their status since they are the ego ideals for Indian women. It also talks of the Ganesha complex — an inverted Oedipus complex as the father envies the unique position of the male child vis a vis the mother.

In 'Culture and the Psyche — Selected Essays', he highlighted the high value in Hindu society on connectedness not only with the family, but society and the universe. The stronger fusion and extended dependence on the mother (and other family members) ensure that Indians grow up with more ambiguity and more accepting of dualities. In 'Indians — A Portrait of a People', which he co-



wrote with his second wife Katharina, a scholar of contemporary religions, he emphasised again how the cultural part of our personal identity is wired before we attain adulthood. In 'Shamans, Mystics and Doctors', he elaborated on the role of traditional healers in Indian society. However, he faced criticism that he exoticised many of the traditional healers rather than producing a more nuanced expose.

His 'Colours of Violence', in which he explored religious conflict, is a pertinent commentary that is relevant to the current sociopolitical climate. It analyses how modernisation leads to heightened anxiety among people, who face loss of traditional customs and take solace in building a new cultural identity by aligning with groups such as the right and left wing. The ego ideal of the revered leader of the group represents past historical figures and a vision of a shared future, thus raising self-esteem of the followers of the group's ideology.

Kakar was an ardent advocate of developing psychoanalysis and even a psychology of non-western cultures. Joseph Heinrich said that WEIRD — Western Educated, Industrialised, Rich and Democratic — psychologists, sociologists and philosophers have been the producers of psychology which the rest of the world blindly followed. Kakar, along with thinkers such as Dr JS Neki and Dr NN Wig, wished to bring a more Indian context to psychotherapeutic interventions. His extensive writings are extremely relevant for understanding how culture and psyche mould one's identity and personality, while some of his other works appear reductionistic and are open to debate.

It is surprising then that though most psychiatrists and psychologists read Freudian concepts, there is still no mention of Sudhir Kakar's work on culture and psyche. He will be remembered for his significant work, plus his erudition and humaneness.

Manipur's ordeal

Year after clashes erupted, it's time to heal wounds

MANIPUR has been in the throes of an ethnic crisis ever since clashes broke out on May 3 last year. A 'Tribal Solidarity March' organised that day in protest against the majority Meitei community's demand for Scheduled Tribe status had triggered clashes between the valley-based Meiteis and the tribal Kukis, who live in the hills. The conflict has claimed more than 200 lives and displaced thousands of people in the BJP-ruled state. Both the Central and state governments have neither been able to resolve the differences between the warring communities nor restore peace and normalcy. Despite an incessant clamour for the removal of Chief Minister N Biren Singh over alleged misgovernance and incompetence, the BJP has stubbornly persisted with him.

In his address on Independence Day last year, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had declared that the entire nation was with Manipur and that the Central and state governments were making every effort to find a



solution to the vexed issue. He had also claimed that the situation in the violence-hit state was improving.

However, the PM has not visited the state after trouble broke out, drawing flak from Opposition parties, which have accused him of abandoning the people of Manipur.

Since this northeastern state is not electorally significant in the national scheme of things — it sends just two MPs to the Lok Sabha — it has been reduced to a mere footnote during campaigning. Still, it is commendable that the Manipuris' nightmarish ordeal has not shaken their faith in democracy. A high turnout of 81 per cent was recorded at six polling stations in Outer Manipur Lok Sabha constituency during repolling on April 30. Miscreants' attempts to disrupt voting by damaging EVMs and threatening voters have proved futile. The resilience of the state's people should spur the powers that be to heal their wounds. Things have been allowed to drift for too long — it's time to make amends for the sake of peace and stability in the beleaguered border state.

A-bout Bhushan Jr in fray

When half the population 'loses', the other half too loses when men from the clan of, say Brij Bhushan or Prajwal Revanna, become lawmakers

Moments after winning a bronze at Rio de Janeiro in 2016, Sakshi Malik forgot years of pain and taunts and broken ligaments and dislocated joints; this is what it takes to win an Olympics medal. At the same Rio Olympics, there was a sickening sound and an anguished scream when Vinesh Phogat's knee got impossibly twisted during her bout against Sun Yunan. This is what it takes to win medals in top international events — a broken leg and ligaments, and years and blood and sweat and tears, for 'India's daughters' to be lionised. But daughters lose, too, and far too often for comfort. After Karan Bhushan Singh, son of former Wrestling Federation of India president and Member of Parliament Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh, was given the ticket to contest the Lok Sabha election from Kaiserganj, the family stronghold, wrestler Sakshi Malik said: "India's daughters have lost."

Addressing the BJP, she added: "Leave the arrest, today by giving the ticket to his son, you have broken the morale of crores of daughters of the country. If the ticket goes to only one family, is the country's government so weak in front of one man? Only votes are needed in the name of Lord Shri Ram, what about the path shown by him?" It's interesting that Sakshi, India's only woman wrestler to win an Olympics medal, invoked Lord Rama — in a dismal world, bereft of hope and justice, the final resort for the believers is god; among Indian athletes, the most rooted to Indian traditions and customs and religion are the wrestlers. Sakshi invoking Lord Rama is symbolic of the most devout of Indian sportspersons losing faith in the system. The imperatives of power are severe — chillingly unfeeling, cold-hearted, insensitive; siyast ke seene mein dil nahin hota (politics is heartless), as they say. So, while Brij Bhushan Singh does have an ongoing sexual



harassment case against him, and the Delhi Police did file a chargesheet in connection with the case in June last year, the fact is that he and his clan are highly electable — too powerful a man to be alienated in what could be a close General Election. Perhaps, in political circles, allegations of 'mere' sexual harassment don't amount to too big a sin — in the outgoing Lok Sabha, 44 per cent of the MPs have a criminal record; nine are accused of murder, and three of rape.

According to the Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR), among the serious charges against the MPs

are murder, attempt to murder, creating communal disharmony, kidnapping, rape and other crimes against women. No major political party is unblemished — according to the ADR, 118 (40 per cent) of the BJP's 294 MPs had mentioned criminal cases in their affidavits. Out of the 46 Congress MPs, 26 (57 per cent) had declared criminal cases in the affidavits. So, with MPs with murder and rape cases against them completing their terms in the Lok Sabha, perhaps parties really believe that the sexual harassment case against Brij Bhushan Singh isn't serious enough for his clan to be banished from

Parliament. This is a strong indictment of the state of our democracy, and leads to disenchantment; when politicians are caught lying, dog-whistling, instigating riots, stealing public money or, as in the case of JD(S) Member of Parliament Prajwal Revanna, committing sexual crimes, this adage is thrown up: 'In a democracy, we deserve the leaders we elect.' But do we Indians really deserve the likes of Brij Bhushan or Prajwal? Aren't they new royalty, foisted upon us? They're dynasts of democracy, behaving like the potentates who ruled their riyasat as per their whims and fancies before Independence. Democracy, designed to end succession and rule by birth, has strengthened satraps and their fiefdoms across the country. Sakshi's comment that "India's daughters have lost" is interesting, too; it's true that only women can really feel and know what it's like to be a woman in India — the stares, comments, whistles; public groping; the impossibility of venturing out for a serene walk or drive at night in most parts of India. Women only can feel the fear when a powerful politician they've accused of harassment continues to wield and accrue power. Yet, when half the population of a country "loses", the other half loses, too — though the hurt and fear may not be personal in their case, men too lose when men from the clan of, say Brij Bhushan or Prajwal (grandson of a former Prime Minister, no less), become lawmakers.

The state of women, the crimes against them, invoke a very stirring question, raised by American activist Catharine A MacKinnon: 'Are women human?' It can be argued that by being denied human rights, a very large section of them is being treated as sub-human. Yet, there's hope, and it lies in the spirit of Vinesh, who slays her demons every night as she pursues that elusive Olympics medal.

सूचीम कोर्ट भिडिपिएटि मामलार राय संरक्षण करलो

सूचीम कोर्ट आज इलेक्ट्रॉनिक डेटा प्रोसेसिंग (इडिएम) एर डेटा गणनाय डेटा रिकॉर्डिंग (डिडिआर) पेपार प्रिण्टिंग सहजै पैच मास पर्यंत पुरो प्रतिरोध करी विचार करी हखे एकटा तालिका प्रतिरोधक पेटीशनर। मामलाटि निर्ये सूचीम कोर्टेर एकटा बेष, यात न्यायविचारक सञ्जीव खान्ना एवं दीपकर दत्त उपस्थित छिलेन, इडिएम एर काज्जर सम्पर्के निर्देश दिये एक धाराविशेष प्रश्न करेछिलेन। सुनानि समये, बेषटि इडिएम एवं डिडिआर एर तादेर निरापत्ता वैशिष्ट्य सम्पर्के इडिआर कर्मकर्तादेर साथे व्यापकतावे इन्टिग्रेटि करे। इडिआर निश्चित करेछे ये इडिएम कोनो पर्याये पैच मास पर्यंत परिवर्तन करी असम्भव। एटि आरोो स्पष्ट करेछे ये माइक्रोकन्ट्रोलिगर शारीरिकतावे अ्याक्सेस करी याय ना एवं एकरा प्रोथिगाम तादेरके खुलासा हखेछे। इडिआर युक्ति दियेछे ये एकर पर्यंत ४१,७२९ घंटेनार क्रमवर्धमान प्रमाण रयेछे, एवं प्राय चार कोटि डिडिआर पेपार प्रिण्टि म्याच हखेछे। इडिआरके विश्वास करार साथे साथे, बेषटि एहि मन्डव दियेछिल ये वर्तमान डेटा प्रणालीके सञ्ज करार जन्य ये सञ्चार संरक्षण प्रयोजन ता पर्यालोचना करवे। तवे, सूचीम कोर्ट पेपार ब्यालटि फिरेर येतेर धारणाके मन्डव करेछे ना। इडिआर अक्षुण्ण असम्पूर्ण डिडिआर प्रिण्टिगुलिगे गणना करी कार्यकर नय बले एकटा अडिओग करेछे। इडिआर आरु दावि करेछे ये, डिडिआर प्रिण्टिगुलिगे पुरो गणना करी कार्यकर नय। वर्तमाने, प्रति सञ्चारकेके पैचटि येबावे अव्याहृत इडिएम एर डिडिआर प्रिण्टि याचाई करी हय। पेटीशनारी, यारा गणतंत्रिक संरक्षण एवं इडिएम वा बिना इडिएम सह एकटा आरु स्पष्ट निर्वाचनी प्रणालीर अधिकारी दावि करेछे, तादेर मते देशेर ९९ कोटि निश्चित डेटा रिकॉर्डेर एकटा आरु स्पष्ट निर्वाचनी प्रणालीर अधिकार रयेछे।

Ways to protect yourself from Dengue

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

दिन-भर उतार चढ़ाव के बाद सपाट स्तर पर शेयर बाजार बंद, निवेशकों को 2.83 लाख करोड़ की चपत

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। घरेलू शेयर बाजार में पूरे दिन अफरा-तफरी माहौल बना रहा। दिन भर के कारोबार के बाद शेयर बाजार मिले-जुले परिणाम के साथ सपाट स्तर पर बंद हुआ। आज के कारोबार की शुरुआत मजबूती के साथ हुई थी लेकिन मुनाफामसूली के दबाव के कारण सेंसेक्स और निफ्टी की चाल में दिन भर उतार चढ़ाव होता रहा। पूरे दिन के कारोबार के बाद सेंसेक्स 0.02 प्रतिशत की मजबूती के साथ और निफ्टी 0.15 प्रतिशत की गिरावट के साथ बंद हुए। आज के कारोबार के दौरान आईटी, रियल्टी, ऑटोमोबाइल और प्राइवेट बैंक सेक्टर के शेयरों में खरीदारी होती नजर आई। इसी तरह हेल्थकेयर और एफएमसीजी इंडेक्स भी बढ़ने के साथ बंद हुए। ऑयल एंड गैस, कंज्यूमर ड्यूगल्स, पावर और पीएसयू बैंक इंडेक्स गिरावट के साथ बंद हुए। ब्रॉड मार्केट में भी लिकाव के साथ बंद हुए। ब्रॉड मार्केट में भी लिकाव के साथ बंद हुए। ब्रॉड मार्केट में भी लिकाव के साथ बंद हुए।

403.41 लाख करोड़ रुपये (अस्थायी) हो गया। पिछले सप्ताह के आखिरी कारोबारी दिन यानी शुक्रवार को इका मार्केट कैपिटलाइजेशन 406.24 लाख करोड़ रुपये था। इस निशान में और 26 शेयर लाल निशान में बंद हुए। बीएसई का सेंसेक्स आज 318.53 अंक की मजबूती के साथ 74,196.68 अंक के स्तर पर खुला। कारोबार की शुरुआत होते ही खरीदारी के सपोर्ट से ये सूचकांक 481.54 अंक की तेजी के साथ 74,359.69 अंक के स्तर पर पहुंच गया। लेकिन इसके बाद बाजार में मुनाफामसूली शुरू हो गई, जिससे इस सूचकांक में तेज गिरावट आ गई। बाजार में दिन भर लिकावों और बिकवालों के बीच एक दूसरे पर हावी होने की होड़ चलती रही। बिकवाली के दबाव में ये सूचकांक 91.86 अंक की कमजोरी के साथ 73,786.29 अंक तक गिर भी गया। कारोबार के अंत में लाल निशान में बंद हुए। सेंसेक्स में शामिल 30 शेयरों में से 15 शेयर बढ़ने के साथ और 15 शेयर गिरावट के साथ बंद हुए, जबकि निफ्टी में शामिल शेयरों में से 24 शेयर हे

आधार हाउसिंग फाइनेंस लिमिटेड के इक्विटी शेयरों का आईपीओ 8 मई को खुलेगा

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। आधार हाउसिंग फाइनेंस लिमिटेड (कंपनी) बुधवार, 8 मई को अपने इक्विटी शेयरों की इनीशियल पब्लिक ऑफरिंग (आईपीओ) खोलेंगे। आईपीओ में 10 हजार मिलियन रुपये तक के इक्विटी शेयरों का एक नया इश्यू (फेश इश्यू) और बीसीपी टॉपको वीआईआई पीटीई लिमिटेड (प्रमोटर सेलिग्न शेयरधारक) द्वारा ऑफर फॉर सेल में 20 हजार मिलियन रुपये तक के इक्विटी शेयरों की बिक्री की पेशकश शामिल है। इक्विटी शेयरों की पेशकश 30 अप्रैल के रेट हेरिंग प्रॉस्पेक्टस (आरएचपी) के माध्यम से की जा रही है, जो बेंगलुरु में कंपनी रजिस्टर, कर्नाटक (आरओसी) के पास दायर किया गया है। आरएचपी के माध्यम से जारी किए गए इक्विटी शेयरों को बीएसई लिमिटेड और नेशनल स्टॉक एक्सचेंज ऑफ इंडिया लिमिटेड जैसे स्टॉक एक्सचेंजों पर सूचीबद्ध करने का प्रस्ताव है। ऑफर के प्रयोजनों के लिए, नामित स्टॉक एक्सचेंज एनएसई होगा। ब्लैकस्टोन के प्राइवेट इक्विटी एशिया के हेड अमित दीक्षित ने कहा, "आधार हाउसिंग फाइनेंस सर्वोत्तम वैश्विक तरीकों को लेकर आए हैं और कंपनी को उत्पत्ति से संग्रह तक अपनी प्रक्रियाओं को डिजिटल बनाने में सक्षम बनाया है।



लिमिटेड के लिए यह लिस्टिंग एक महत्वपूर्ण मील का पथर है और इस बात का एक बड़ा उदाहरण है कि हम क्या करते हैं, हम भारत का निर्माण करने वाले व्यवसायों का निर्माण करते हैं। हम व्यवसाय को बढ़ाने के लिए अपने पैमाने, नेटवर्क और ब्लैकस्टोन प्राइवेट इक्विटी के सैनियर मैनेजिंग डायरेक्टर मुकेश मेहता ने कहा, आधार हाउसिंग फाइनेंस लिमिटेड के वॉच भारतीयों को अपना घर बनाने में सक्षम बनाने और कंपनी के परिवर्तन और विकास में भूमिका निभाने के मिशन का

हिस्सा बनना फायदेमंद है। हमारी प्राथमिकता कंपनी के नेतृत्व के साथ धनिष्ठ तालमेल के माध्यम से निर्माण करना और ब्लैकस्टोन की पूंजी, संसाधनों और हमारी प्रौद्योगिकी विशेषज्ञता तक पहुंच का उपयोग करना है। आधार हाउसिंग फाइनेंस लिमिटेड के मैनेजिंग डायरेक्टर और चीफ एजीक्यूटिव ऑफिसर ऋषि आनंद ने कहा, "यह व्यक्तियों और परिवारों को अपने घरों की चाबियों के साथ सशक्त बनाने की दिशा में हमारी यात्रा में एक बड़ी उपलब्धि है। घर बनना, तो देश बनना" के सच्चे अर्थ के साथ, हम राष्ट्र निर्माण और मजबूत समुदायों की नींव रखने की जिम्मेदारी स्वीकार करते हैं। आईपीआईआई सिक्वॉरिटीज लिमिटेड, सिटीग्रुप ग्लोबल मार्केट्स इंडिया प्राइवेट लिमिटेड, कोटक महिंद्रा कैपिटल कंपनी लिमिटेड, नोमुरा फाइनेशियल एडवाइजरी एंड सिक्वॉरिटीज (इंडिया) प्राइवेट लिमिटेड और एस्बीआई कैपिटल मार्केट्स लिमिटेड ऑफर के बुक रनिंग लीड मैनेजर हैं।

पेट्रोल-डीजल की कीमत स्थिर, कच्चा तेल 84 डॉलर प्रति बैरल के करीब



एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। अंतरराष्ट्रीय बाजार में कच्चे तेल की कीमत में उतार-चढ़ाव जारी है। ब्रेट ब्रुकड का मूल्य 84 डॉलर और डब्ल्यूटीआई ब्रुकड 79 डॉलर प्रति बैरल के करीब है। सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र की तेल एवं गैस विपणन कंपनियों ने सोमवार को पेट्रोल-डीजल के मूल्य में कोई बदलाव नहीं किया है। इंडियन ऑयल की वेबसाइट के मुताबिक, दिल्ली में पेट्रोल 94.72 रुपये, डीजल 87.62 रुपये, मुंबई में पेट्रोल 104.21 रुपये, डीजल 92.15 रुपये, कोलकाता में पेट्रोल 103.94 रुपये, डीजल 90.76 रुपये, चेन्नई में पेट्रोल 100.75 रुपये और डीजल 92.34 रुपये प्रति लीटर की दर पर उपलब्ध है। अंतरराष्ट्रीय बाजार में इस सप्ताह के पहले दिन शुरुआती कारोबार में ब्रेट ब्रुकड 0.28 डॉलर यानी 0.34 फीसदी की उछाल के साथ 83.24 डॉलर प्रति बैरल पर ट्रेड कर रहा है। वहीं, वेस्ट टेक्सस इंटरमीडिएट (डब्ल्यूटीआई) ब्रुकड 0.31 डॉलर यानी 0.40 फीसदी की बढ़त के साथ 78.45 डॉलर प्रति बैरल पर कारोबार कर रहा है।

जस्टिस एस्के मिश्रा बने जीएसटी अपीलीय न्यायाधिकरण के पहले अध्यक्ष

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। केंद्रीय वित्त एवं कॉर्पोरेट मामलों की मंत्री निर्मला सीतारमण ने सोमवार को सेवानिवृत्त जस्टिस संजय कुमार मिश्रा को जीएसटी अपीलीय न्यायाधिकरण के पहले अध्यक्ष के रूप में पद की शपथ दिलाई। इसके साथ ही वे जीएसटी अपीलीय न्यायाधिकरण के पहले अध्यक्ष बन गए हैं। वित्त मंत्रालय ने जारी एक बयान में कहा कि केंद्रीय वित्त और कॉर्पोरेट मामलों की मंत्री निर्मला सीतारमण ने राजधानी नई दिल्ली में सेवानिवृत्त न्यायमूर्ति संजय कुमार मिश्रा को जीएसटीएटी के अध्यक्ष के रूप में सत्यनिष्ठा और गोपनीयता की शपथ दिलाई। न्यायमूर्ति मिश्रा झारखंड हाई कोर्ट के मुख्य न्यायाधीश रह चुके हैं। न्यायमूर्ति मिश्रा का चयन देश के मुख्य न्यायाधीश की अध्यक्षता वाली खोज-सचयन समिति ने किया है।



जिएसटीएटी का गठन केंद्रीय जीएसटी अधिनियम, 2017 के स्थानों पर 31 राज्य पीठों को अधिसूचित किया है। गौरतलब है कि यह अपीलीय प्राधिकरण जीएसटी विवादों का त्वरित, निष्पक्ष, विवेकपूर्ण और प्रभावी समाधान सुनिश्चित करेगा। इसके अलावा उच्च न्यायालयों पर बोझ कम करने में भी मदद मिलेगी।

इंडियन बैंक का मार्च तिमाही में मुनाफा 55 फीसदी बढ़कर 2,247 करोड़ रुपये

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र के इंडियन बैंक ने वित्त वर्ष 2023-24 की चौथी तिमाही के नतीजे का ऐलान कर दिया है। 31 मार्च, 2024 को समाप्त चौथी तिमाही में मुनाफा 55 फीसदी बढ़कर 2,247 करोड़ रुपये रहा है। इससे पिछले वित्त वर्ष 2022-23 की (जनवरी-मार्च) चौथी तिमाही में बैंक को 1,447 करोड़ रुपये का शुद्ध लाभ हुआ था। इंडियन बैंक के मुताबिक जनवरी-मार्च तिमाही में बैंक की कुल आय बढ़कर 16,887 करोड़ रुपये हो गई, जो वित्त वर्ष 2022-23 की चौथी तिमाही में 14,238 करोड़ रुपये थी। बैंक ने कहा कि वित्त वर्ष 2023-24 की चौथी तिमाही में बैंक की शुद्ध ब्याज आय (एनआईआई) नौ फीसदी बढ़कर 6,015 करोड़ रुपये हो गई, जो वित्त वर्ष 2022-23 में 5,282 करोड़ रुपये था। इसके अलावा तिमाही में 5,508 करोड़ रुपये थी।



बैंक को पूरे वित्त वर्ष 2023-24 का शुद्ध लाभ पिछले 53 फीसदी बढ़कर 8,063 करोड़ रुपये हो गया है, जो इससे पिछले बैंक का कुल आय भी बढ़कर 63,482 करोड़ रुपये हो गई है, जो वित्त वर्ष 2022-23 में 52,085 करोड़ रुपये रही थी।

सर्पा बाजार में मामूली तेजी, सोने-चांदी की कीमत में उछाल

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। घरेलू सर्पा बाजार में आज मामूली तेजी नजर आ रही है। देश के ज्यादातर सर्पा बाजारों में सोने के भाव में आज 100 रुपये तक का उछाल दर्ज किया गया है। इस तेजी के कारण 24 कैरेट सोना 71,820 रुपये से 71,990 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम के स्तर के बीच कारोबार कर रहा है। इसी तरह 22 कैरेट सोना 65,840 रुपये से 65,990 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम की कीमत पर बिक रहा है। सोने की तरह ही चांदी में आज मामूली तेजी आई है। इस तेजी के कारण आज दिल्ली सर्पा बाजार में चांदी 82,900 रुपये प्रति किलोग्राम के स्तर पर कारोबार कर रहा है। देश की राजधानी



दिल्ली में 24 कैरेट सोना आज 71,970 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम के स्तर पर कारोबार कर रहा है, जबकि 22 कैरेट सोना की कीमत 65,990 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम दर्ज की गई। इसी तरह मुंबई में 24 कैरेट सोना 71,820 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम और 22 कैरेट सोना 65,840 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम के स्तर पर बिक रहा है। जबकि चेन्नई में 24 कैरेट सोने की रिटेल कीमत 71,990 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम और 22 कैरेट सोने की कीमत 65,990 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम दर्ज की गई है। इसी तरह मुंबई में 24 कैरेट सोना 71,820 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम और 22 कैरेट सोना 65,840 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम के स्तर पर बिक रहा है। लखनऊ के सर्पा बाजार में 24 कैरेट सोना आज 71,870 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम के स्तर पर और 22 कैरेट सोना 65,990 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम के स्तर पर बिक रहा है। वहीं पटना में 24 कैरेट सोने की कीमत 71,870 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम है।

आरबीआई मानदंडों के मसौदे के कारण पीएसयू बैंक शेयरों को लगा झटका

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक के मसौदा नियमों में निर्माणधीन परियोजनाओं पर उच्च प्रावधान मानदंडों के प्रस्ताव के बाद सोमवार को कारोबार के दौरान सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र के बैंकों के शेयरों में गिरावट आई। सोमवार के कारोबार में पीएसयू बैंक निफ्टी इंडेक्स 3.66 फीसदी गिरकर 7,252.85 पर बंद हुआ। 3 मई को, RBI ने प्रोजेक्ट फाइनेंस करने वाले ऋणदाताओं के लिए एक विवेकपूर्ण रूपरेखा का मसौदा जारी किया, जिसमें उन प्रोजेक्ट ऋणों पर चरणबद्ध तरीके से मौजूदा 0.4 फीसदी से 1-5 फीसदी तक मानक परिसंपत्ति प्रावधान में वृद्धि का प्रस्ताव दिया गया, जो तनावग्रस्त नहीं हैं। मसौदा नियमों के अनुसार, जब कोई परियोजना निर्माण चरण में होती है, तो ऋणदाताओं को ऋण राशि का 5 फीसदी प्रावधान अलग रखना होगा। परियोजना चालू होने पर यह घटक 2.5 फीसदी हो जाएगा और जब परियोजना में दायित्वों को चुकाने के लिए पर्याप्त नकदी प्रवाह होगा तो यह 1 फीसदी हो जाएगा। मसौदा नियमों में यह भी कहा गया है कि बैंकों को उस तारीख की स्पष्ट व्यवहार्यता होनी चाहिए जिस दिन किसी परियोजना का वाणिज्यिक परिचालन शुरू होने की उम्मीद है और परिचालन में देरी होने की स्थिति में प्रावधान बढ़ना चाहिए।

निवेश फर्म केकेआर भारतीय चिकित्सा उपकरण कंपनी हेल्थियम का अधिग्रहण करेगी

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। अग्रणी वैश्विक निवेश फर्म केकेआर ने सोमवार को निश्चित समझौते पर हस्ताक्षर करने की घोषणा की, जिसके तहत केकेआर द्वारा प्रबंधित फंड वैश्विक निजी इक्विटी सलाहकार फर्म एपैक्स पार्टनर्स एलएलपी द्वारा सलाह दी गई फंडों की एक सहयोगी कंपनी ने भारतीय चिकित्सा उपकरण कंपनी हेल्थियम में डेटेक का अधिग्रहण करेगी। कंपनी के अनुसार, अधिग्रहण केकेआर-प्रबंधित फंड के स्वामित्व वाले एक विशेष प्रयोजन वाहन द्वारा किया जाएगा, जो हेल्थियम सहित हेल्थियम समूह में एक नियंत्रित हित हासिल करेगा। लॉन्ग-टर्म निवेशकों को अनुमोदनों की प्राप्ति के अधीन है और 2024 की तीसरी तिमाही (कत) में बंद होने की उम्मीद है। कंपनी ने उल्लेख किया है कि वित्तीय विवरण का खुलासा नहीं किया गया है। अक्षय खुलासा, पार्टनर और केकेआर में इंडिया प्राइवेट इक्विटी के प्रमुख ने



एक बयान में कहा है हेल्थियम को 2018 में एपैक्स फंड्स द्वारा अधिग्रहित किया गया था, जिसने कंपनी को एक घरेलू सिवनी खिलाड़ी से एक वैश्विक चिकित्सा उपकरण नेता में बदल दिया। एपैक्स फंड्स के समर्थन से, कंपनी ने सीईओ के रूप में अनिश बाफना और सीएफओ के रूप में विशाल माहेश्वरी की नियुक्ति के साथ गहन उद्योग अनुभव को जोड़ने के लिए अपनी प्रबंधन टीम को मजबूत किया, जिससे हेल्थियम को विकास के लिए स्थान मिला। बाफना ने कहा, "जैसा कि हम अपनी बाजार स्थिति को और मजबूत करने और विस्तारित करने पर विचार कर रहे हैं, हमें केकेआर के स्तर के निवेशक का स्वागत करते हुए खुशी हो रही है, जो गहरी वैश्विक स्वास्थ्य देखभाल विशेषज्ञता और भारतीय बाजार का ज्ञान लाता है। 1992 में स्थापित, हेल्थियम विश्व स्तर पर सर्जिकल उत्पादों की एक विस्तृत श्रृंखला का विकास, निर्माण और बिक्री करता है।

भारत और घाना के बीच भुगतान प्रणालियों को आपस में जोड़ने पर बनी सहमति

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। भारत और घाना के बीच भुगतान प्रणालियों को लेकर अहम समझौता हुआ है। दोनों देशों ने छह महीने में घाना अंतर-बैंक भुगतान और निपटान प्रणाली पर यूपीआई को चालू करने पर अपनी सहमति जताई है। इससे उपयोगकर्ताओं को आपस में तत्काल, कम लागत वाले धन हस्तांतरण में मदद मिलेगी। वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्रालय ने सोमवार को जारी एक बयान में कहा कि भारत और घाना अब आपस में आर्थिक लेन-देन को मजबूत कर सकेंगे। दोनों ही देशों ने भुगतान प्रणालियों को आपस में जोड़ने का अहम फैसला किया है। इसके तहत अब यूपीआई पेमेंट्स इंटरफेस (यूपीआई) और घाना इंटरबैंक पेमेंट एंड सेटलमेंट सिस्टम्स (जीएचआईपीएसएस) को जोड़ा जाएगा। भारतीय के मुताबिक भारत-घाना ने डिजिटल परिवर्तन समाधान;



स्थानीय मुद्रा निपटान प्रणाली पर एक समझौता ज्ञान (एमओयू) की संभावनाओं के बारे में चर्चा की और अफ्रीकी महाद्वीपीय मुक्त व्यापार वाणिज्य मंत्रालय ने कहा कि दोनों पक्षों ने भारत सरकार के वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्रालय के वाणिज्य विभाग के अतिरिक्त सचिव अमरदीप सिंह



समझौते (एफसीएफटीए) द्वारा पेश किए गए अवसरों पर भी विचार-विमर्श किया। इसके साथ ही दोनों देशों ने डिजिटल अर्थव्यवस्था, कपड़ा, नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा और स्वास्थ्य सेवा क्षेत्रों को फोकस क्षेत्रों के रूप में पहचाना और उस पर चर्चा की। भारतिया के नेतृत्व में भारत के सात सदस्यीय प्रतिनिधिमंडल ने घाना गणराज्य में भारत के उच्चायुक्त मनीष गुप्ता और वाणिज्य विभाग की आर्थिक सलाहकार सुश्री प्रिया पी. नायर के साथ 2 से 3 मई, 2024 तक अकरा में अपने घाना समकक्षों के साथ एक संयुक्त व्यापार समिति (जेटीसी) की बैठक की। जेटीसी की सह-अध्यक्षता घाना गणराज्य के व्यापार और उद्योग उप मंत्री माननीय माइकल ओकेरे-बाफी और वाणिज्य विभाग के अतिरिक्त सचिव अमरदीप सिंह भाटिया ने की। उल्लेखनीय है कि भारत का यूपीआई पेमेंट्स इंटरफेस (यूपीआई) पहले ही सिंगापुर और यूएई जैसे देशों तक पहुंच चुका है। इसके लिए नाइजीरिया के साथ भी बातचीत चल रही है। भारत और घाना इस दिशा में तेजी के साथ काम कर रहे हैं।

गाजा युद्धविराम वार्ता की संभावना कम होने से तेल चढ़ा, सऊदी ने कीमतें बढ़ाई

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। अरब दुनिया के लिए जुन में कच्चे तेल की कीमतों में बढ़ोतरी के बाद सोमवार को तेल बाजार में तेजी आई और गाजा युद्धविराम समझौते की संभावना कम हो गई। विश्व बैंक की रिपोर्टों में तेजी आई और डब्ल्यूटीआई 6.8 फीसदी गिर गया, क्योंकि निवेशकों ने कमजोर अमेरिकी नौकरियों संघर्ष अभी भी बढ़ सकता है। ब्रेट ब्रुकड वायदा 0.852 जीएफटी पर 73 सेंट या 0.9 फीसदी बढ़कर 83.69 डॉलर प्रति बैरल हो गया, जबकि

प्रीमियम भी कम हो गया क्योंकि गाजा युद्धविराम के लिए बातचीत चल रही थी। हालांकि, समझौते की संभावनाएँ कम हो गई क्योंकि हमसा ने बंधकों की रिहाई के बदले युद्ध को समाप्त करने की अपनी मांग दोहराई और इजराइल दक्षिणी गाजा पट्टी में लंबे समय से खतरे में पड़े हमलों को शुरू करने के लिए तैयार दिखाई दिया। सोमवार को, इजराइल की सेना ने फिलिस्तीनी नगरिकों से सीमित दायरे अभियान के तहत राफा को खाली करने का आह्वान किया।

सऊदी अरब द्वारा अधिकांश क्षेत्रों के लिए जुन में कच्चे तेल की कीमतों में बढ़ोतरी के बाद सोमवार को तेल बाजार में तेजी आई और गाजा युद्धविराम समझौते की संभावना कम हो गई। विश्व बैंक की रिपोर्टों में तेजी आई और डब्ल्यूटीआई 6.8 फीसदी गिर गया, क्योंकि निवेशकों ने कमजोर अमेरिकी नौकरियों संघर्ष अभी भी बढ़ सकता है। ब्रेट ब्रुकड वायदा 0.852 जीएफटी पर 73 सेंट या 0.9 फीसदी बढ़कर 83.69 डॉलर प्रति बैरल हो गया, जबकि



मदर्स डे पर विशेष

अपने बच्चों को हमेशा पलकों की छांव में रखने वाली मां आज भी यही चाहती है कि उसके बच्चों पर किसी बुरे व्यक्ति का साया न पड़े। उसे अपने आंचल में छुपा कर रखती है। बच्चों को अच्छे-बुरे का पहला ज्ञान तो वही देती है।

घर की पाठशाला की पहली गुरु

मां को गुरु दर्जा यों ही नहीं मिला। बच्चों को अनुशासन का पहला पाठ वही तो पढ़ाती है। नवजात के जन्म से लेकर नर्सरी में जाने तक मां वस्तुतः एक आदर्श पुरुष या नारी को ही तैयार कर रही होती है। अक्षर ज्ञान से लेकर रंगों का ज्ञान, प्रकृति से रूबरू कराने से लेकर अपने आसपास के बारे में इस तरह बताती-सिखाती चलती है कि बच्चा जब घुटनों के बल खड़ा होता है या दौड़ता है तो वह अपनी मां की नसीहतों को अवचेतन में रखता है। नसीहत देने की आदत मांओं की पुरानी आदत रही है। अब इसमें भी बदलाव आया है। हालांकि बेटियां आज भी अपनी मां से सलाह लिए बिना कभी कोई कदम नहीं उठाती। मगर बेटे अब बदल रहे हैं।



बच्चों की आकांक्षाओं को

उड़ान देती सुपर माँम

बदल रही है मां की भूमिका

बच्चों को अपने आंचल से बांधे रखने का दौर अब खत्म हो चुका है। ज्यादातर आधुनिक मांएं इस बात को समझ चुकी हैं कि नसीहत देने से अच्छा है कि बच्चों की वे मार्गदर्शक बनें। वे अपने बेटे-बेटियों को ज्ञान के पंख देकर उन्हें उड़ान भरने देना चाहती हैं। कामकाजी ही नहीं, घरेलू महिलाएं भी बच्चों के करियर की चिंता करती हैं। बच्चे पांचवी क्लास पार करते हैं तो उन्हें मांएं कुछ बनने की प्रेरणा देना शुरू कर देती हैं।

माताओं में बढ़ता आत्मविश्वास

कम पढ़ी-लिखी मांओं में भी इन दिनों गजब का आत्मविश्वास देखा जा सकता है। वे हर हाल में बच्चों को पढ़ाना चाहती हैं। खुद नहीं पढ़ सकती तो ट्यूटर रख लेती हैं। कभी-कभार स्कूल जाकर बच्चे की प्रगति रिपोर्ट भी ले लेती हैं। परवरिश में कोई कसर नहीं छोड़ती। पिता बेशक सुबह बिस्तर पर सोया रहे। मगर यह मां ही है, जो बच्चे को उठाकर स्कूल के लिए तैयार करती हैं। उनका बस्ता ठीक करने से लेकर लंच बाक्स तक तैयार करती हैं। यहाँ नहीं उन्हें स्कूल वैन तक नहीं बैठाती हैं। कुछ मांएं तो स्कूल तक छोड़ने जाती हैं। चाहे वे रिश्ते पर ले जाएं या फिर अपनी कार में। बच्चों की बेहतर परवरिश के लिए कई मांओं ने अपने करियर तक की परवाह नहीं की। ऐसी कई मिसाल हैं जिनमें महिलाओं ने बच्चों का भविष्य बनाने के लिए अपने भविष्य को दांव पर लगा दिया।

भारतीय माताएं सबसे सजग

दुनिया भर में भारतीय मांएं सबसे सजग हैं। उनमें लगातार बदलाव आ रहा है। अगर कोई महिला कामकाजी नहीं भी है तो भी वह अपने बच्चों के भविष्य के लिए उतनी ही चिंतित हैं। वह उतनी ही व्यस्त हैं जितनी कोई कामकाजी महिला। अगर वह थोड़ी भी पढ़ी लिखी है तो वह अखबारों से न्यूज चैनलों से ज्ञान हासिल कर रही है। यहाँ तक कि वह इंटरनेट खंगाल कर भी बच्चों के बारे में कई जानकारी हासिल करने के साथ उन्हें नवीनतम सूचनाएं दे रही हैं। वह अब दूसरों से राय नहीं लेतीं, वह सूचना तंत्र से अपनी राय खुद बना रही हैं।

अब दीन-हीन नहीं है मां

एक जमाना था कि पिता ही बच्चों के भविष्य का निर्णय करते थे। अनुशासन का डंडा उन्हीं का चलता था। पिता डाक्टर हो तो वह बच्चों को भी अपने जैसा बनाने की जिद पाल लेता था। और मांएं दरवाजे पर खड़ी सिर पर आंचल डाले चुपचाप सुनती रहती थीं। लेकिन अब ऐसा नहीं है। वह हस्तक्षेप करती हैं, क्योंकि वह बच्चों की क्षमता के बारे में अपने पति से ज्यादा जानती हैं। आखिर नर्सरी से लेकर हायर सेकेंडरी तक बच्चों को तैयार करने में उसकी भी कुछ भूमिका रही है। स्कूल की डायरी पढ़ने से लेकर वह होमवर्क भी तो कराती रही है। वह दीन-हीन कैसे हो सकती है? उसकी बात भी क्यों नहीं सुनी जानी चाहिए। फिल्म तारे जमीन पर में वह बच्चा मुसीबत में आखिर मां को ही पुकारता है क्योंकि पिता उसकी दित तो समझता नहीं।

सहेली भी दोस्त भी

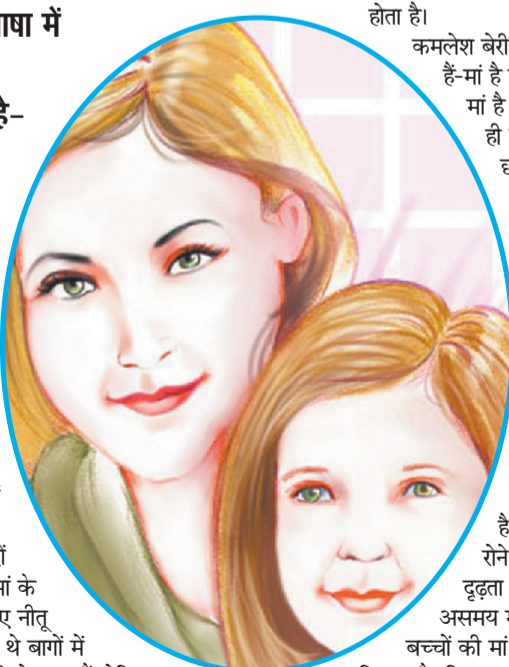
बच्चों के साथ मां का इतना गहरा रिश्ता होता है कि वह उनके बड़े होने पर बेटों की सहेली या बेटों की दोस्त जैसी हो जाती है। बेटे बताएं या न बताएं मगर बेटियां हर बात मां को बताती हैं क्योंकि उनके जीवन में कोई विश्वसनीय है तो सिर्फ वही। यह एक ऐसा भावनात्मक रिश्ता है जो सिर्फ मां से ही बन पाता है। भारतीय समाज के हर वर्ग में इस रिश्ते की सुगंध को आप महसूस कर सकते हैं। रिश्ते में परम्परा का बोध आज भी है मगर जीवन में आधुनिकता आने के साथ मांएं बच्चों को आंचल में छुपाए रखने की बजाय इस छांव से बाहर निकाल कर जीवन की दौड़ में आगे बढ़ने की प्रेरणा दे रही हैं। इसलिए क्योंकि वह जानती हैं बेटा एक कदम भी बढ़ाएगा तो वह उसके पीछे खड़ी है। अगर गलत दिशा में गया तो भी वह उसे रोक लेगी क्योंकि वह एक सुपर माँम है।

रिश्ते तो बहुत हैं मां सिर्फ एक है

मां की ममता को किसी परिभाषा में बांधना मुश्किल है। श्रीमती विमलेशा श्रीवास्तव कहती है- दुनिया में आने के बाद बच्चा सबसे पहले मां को ही पहचानता है और उसके मुँह से निकलने वाला पहला शब्द मां ही होता है।

मदर्स डे पर बच्चों की भावनाएं चरम पर होती हैं। कोई मां के साथ अपने रिश्ते को खुबसूरत कविता के रूप में बयान करता है तो किसी के लिए मां के प्रति प्यार के इजहार के लिए शब्दों की सीमा नाकाफी होती है। अपनी मां के परिश्रम और लगन की गाथा बताते हुए नीतू अग्रवाल भावुक हो उठी। उनके शब्द थे बागों में फूल बहुत हैं लेकिन गुलाब एक है, रिश्ते बहुत हैं लेकिन मां सिर्फ एक है।

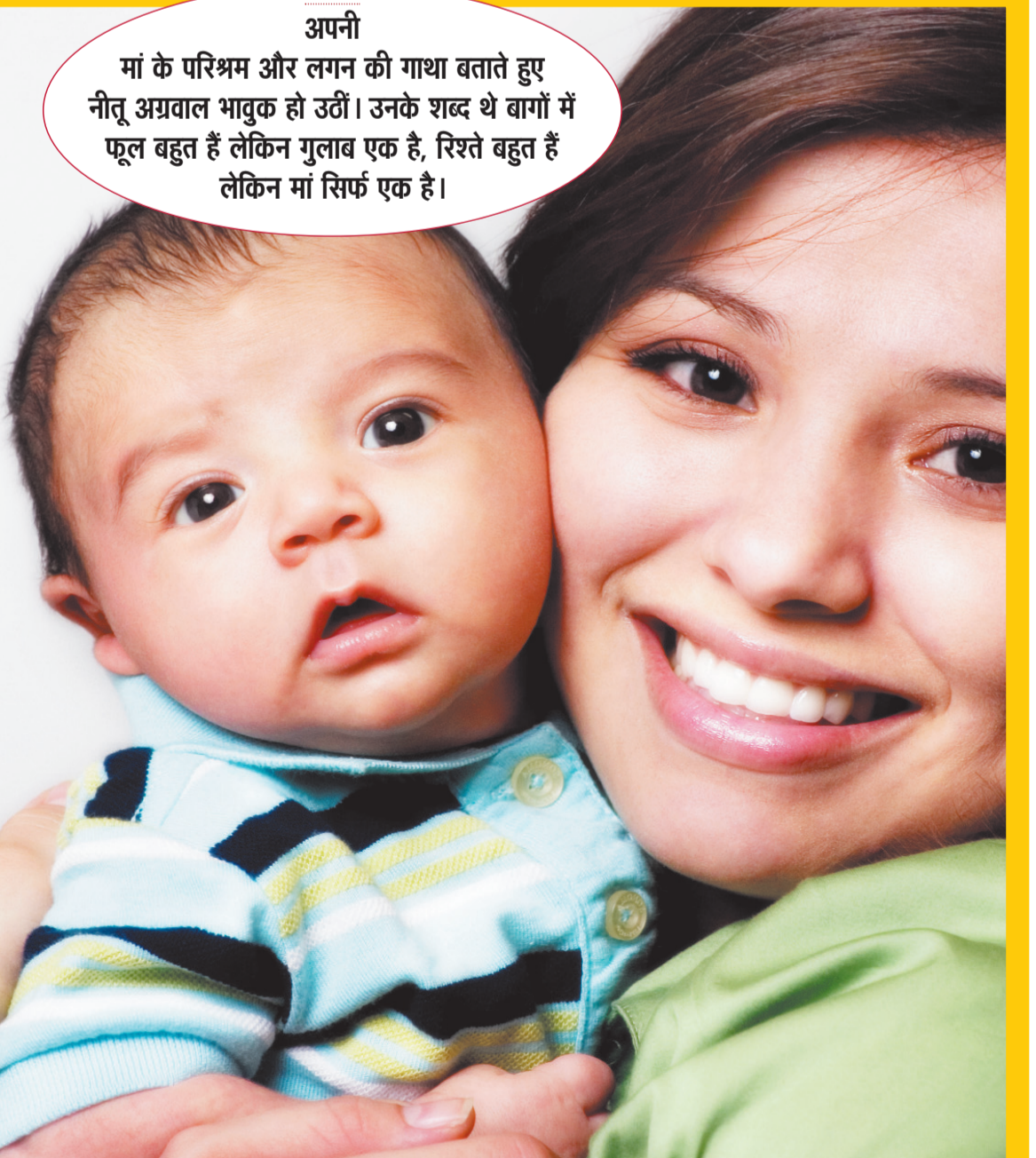
प्रेमलता सरिन (योग प्रशिक्षिका) के अनुसार धरती की तरह मां भी अपने जीवन में बच्चों का सुरक्षा कवच बनती है। मां की ममता को किसी परिभाषा में बांधना मुश्किल है। श्रीमती विमलेशा श्रीवास्तव कहती है-दुनिया में आने के बाद बच्चा सबसे पहले मां को ही पहचानता है और उसके मुँह से निकलने वाला पहला शब्द मां ही



होता है।

कमलेश बेरी अपनी अनुभूति कविताओं में व्यक्त करते हैं-मां है प्रीत, मां है मीत, नेह का सागर मां ही है, मां है प्रकाश, मां है आकाश, जीवन की भोर मां ही है...। कार्मेल कान्वेंट स्कूल की नन्ही छात्रा प्रज्ञा मालवीय ने कहा, भगवान हर जगह हमारे साथ नहीं रह सकते इसलिए उन्होंने माँह के रूप में अपनी सबसे प्यारी छवि को हमारे पास भेजा है। ज्योति जोशी भावुक शब्दों में कहती हैं, मुझे अपनी मां का साथ जिंदगी की कड़ी धूप में शीतल छाया की तरह लगता है। मेरी हर समस्या का इलाज मेरी मां के पास है चाहे अचराल डालना हो या कोई पकवान बनाना हो या फिर कोई भी व्यक्तिगत उलझन, मेरी हर परेशानी मां के पास जाकर खत्म हो जाती है। मेरी मां कहती हैं कि जो भी स्थिति आए रेने या कमजोर होने के बजाए उसका सामना दृढ़ता के साथ करो। आशा साहू बताती हैं, मैंने असमय मौत का शिकार हुई अपनी जेठानी के बच्चों की मां बनकर सर्वप्रथम मातृत्व को महसूस किया और फिर अपने बच्चों के साथ ही जेठानी के बच्चों को भी मां की कमी महसूस नहीं होने दी। आज मुझे बच्चों व नाती-पोतों के भरे-पूरे परिवार की सदस्य के रूप में गर्व का अहसास होता है। संध्या रामकृष्ण बायवार के शब्द कविता में कुछ यूँ ढले- मां की महिमा क्या गाऊँ, मां की कहानी क्या सुनाऊँ, हे मां तू है महान, तू हमको जन्म दिया, मिले हर जन्म में तेरी को, मां तुझे सलाम।

अपनी मां के परिश्रम और लगन की गाथा बताते हुए नीतू अग्रवाल भावुक हो उठीं। उनके शब्द थे बागों में फूल बहुत हैं लेकिन गुलाब एक है, रिश्ते बहुत हैं लेकिन मां सिर्फ एक है।



NEWS BOX

KKR spend night in Varanasi after flight fails to land in rain-hit Kolkata

A jubilant KKR team was not able to land in Kolkata on 6 May, Monday, due to thunderstorms in the city. KKR were forced to stay the night in Varanasi after their charter flight was diverted multiple times away from Kolkata. The Shreyas Iyer-led side would have hoped to take some time off after their massive 98-run win against LSG before they host MI at Eden Gardens. But that was not the case as they were stuck in the flight till 3 AM on Tuesday, 7 May morning. KKR's flight, originally scheduled to land in Kolkata on 6 May evening was first diverted to Guwahati due to bad weather and then they failed in their second attempt to land in Kolkata at midnight. After that, the flight was diverted back to Uttar Pradesh as they spent the night in Varanasi. KKR's social media team posted a detailed account of the ordeal on their social media.

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The Indian Meteorological Department had forecasted heavy thundershowers in Kolkata on Monday. The rain gave respite to the people in Bengal which was suffering through the worst heatwave seen in the recent times.

Kolkata experienced a brutal heatwave in April and May 2024, setting new records for



scorching temperatures. April saw an unprecedented number of extremely hot days, with nine exceeding 40°C – the highest ever recorded for the month in at least the past 26 years. The month ended with a bang, registering the hottest April day since 1954, with temperatures reaching a scorching 43°C. May continued the trend, with the 1st of May recording the highest temperature for that date in 24 years, reaching 42°C. "The thunderstorm that breaks the heatwave on Monday is likely to pull the mercury down three-four notches. One can expect about 10 mm-20 mm rainfall accompanied by a nor'wester. The rainfall activity is likely to linger till May 12 with smaller, isolated showers, after reaching its peak on Tuesday," said Regional Meteorological Centre (RMC) scientist Sourish Bandyopadhyay to Times of India.

Tilak's confidence, Suryakumar's phenomenal knock impresses MI batting coach Pollard

New Delhi. MI batting coach Kieron Pollard lauded the confidence of the young Tilak Varma and hailed Suryakumar Yadav's match-winning hundred against SRH in the IPL 2024 match at the Wankhede Stadium. Suryakumar Yadav's remarkable century, complemented by a disciplined bowling display, paved the way for MI's convincing seven-wicket victory over SRH in the IPL 2024 match on Monday. Suryakumar's explosive 102 not out off just 51 deliveries marked his second IPL hundred, steering his team to a resounding win within 17.2 overs. Despite Hyderabad's recovery to post 173 for eight, MI surged from the bottom of the points table to ninth position, while Hyderabad, despite the defeat, held onto the fourth spot with 12 points from 11 games.

"His knock was phenomenal. He played the situation just about perfectly when he went in. It was a tricky situation where the ball was nipping around and moving around a bit. He got beaten a few times but held his nerve, and that's the sort of discipline we ask for," Pollard said in the post-match press conference after the win over MI.

"Then he got into his work about maneuvering the field, placing the gaps, and counter-attacking. But it's no surprise for us; that's how he practices and plays. And when he scores, and he scores big, you often come out on the winning side," Pollard added. MI's batting coach, Kieron Pollard, praised Tilak Varma's performance, noting his confidence while batting. Pollard expressed his satisfaction with the young player's consistent self-assurance whenever he takes to the crease. Joining hands with Suryakumar Yadav, Tilak Varma played a pivotal role in the chase, calmly adding 37 runs off 32 balls. Their unbroken 143-run partnership is now the highest fourth-wicket or lower alliance for MI in IPL history. "He's a talented youngster. Since he entered our Mumbai Indians camp, he has done well for us over the last three seasons," he said on the impact and continuous rise to being a talisman for the Blue and Gold. We are delighted with the confidence he exudes every time he walks to the crease. We continue to encourage the talented youngsters to go out and play their game."

"You see, we were under pressure. Tilak came down to bat against Pat Cummins in the fifth over, and it's in two covers. We applaud his intent and bravery in the dressing room and encourage the guys to push the limits. We continue to push the boundaries. Tilak, he's a talent. Hopefully, he can continue to be successful and consistent in whatever cricket he plays," Pollard said.

Sanju Samson has been fantastic: Shane Bond praises RR captain's leadership in IPL 2024

Shane Bond was impressed with Sanju Samson's leadership qualities

RR have been impressive in IPL 2024, winning eight of their ten games

The Royals have been riding high lately, securing the second

RR bowling coach Shane Bond has lauded captain Sanju Samson's leadership in the ongoing season, saying that the Rajasthan skipper has been brilliant with the bat too in IPL 2024. The Royals have been riding high lately, securing the second spot in the standings with eight wins out of ten matches. A victory against DC could catapult them back to the top, knocking Kolkata Knight Riders from their perch. Despite a nail-biting loss to SRH in their previous game, the atmosphere within the Royals' camp remains positive. I am really impressed obviously coming into this team for the first time. It's been fantastic, he (Samson) is a fun guy. I think what he has been learning for the couple of years is



managing his time, managing his energy. IPL is an energy-sapping competition, especially the backend and it's exciting to see his leadership. He has played beautifully and

I am happy that he has been selected in the T20 World Cup squad," Shane Bond said in the pre-match press conference. Their success this season can be attributed to their

strong batting lineup, featuring Rryan Parag, Sanju Samson, Yashasvi Jaiswal, and Jos Buttler, all of whom have amassed over 300 runs each, a feat unmatched by any other team in the league. Additionally, the team can rely on the power-hitting prowess of Shimron Hetmyer and Rowman Powell, along with the promising talent of Dhruv Jurel in the lower order. RR have been impressive in the ongoing IPL, winning eight of their ten games and currently second in the points table. "We only lost 2 games in the tournament so we understand we are a tough team to beat. Credit to the boys, they played beautifully throughout the tournament," Bond added.

A significant subplot to look for on Tuesday is the battle between Pant and Samson. While both keeper-batters have been included in India's T20 World Cup team, it remains unclear who would be the ultimate choice for the playing 11. A solid IPL season finale might make the case for either of the two. When these two teams faced earlier this season in Jaipur, the Royals emerged victorious by a narrow 12-run margin. A similar result on Tuesday might effectively end DC's IPL campaign.

Australia coach McDonald backs captain Mitchell Marsh to be fit ahead of T20 World Cup

Mitchell Marsh is expected to recover fully before T20 World Cup 2024

Marsh has joined the pre-T20 World Cup training camp in Brisbane

Andrew McDonald backed captain Mitchell Marsh to be back to full fitness

New Delhi Australia coach Andrew McDonald has backed captain Mitchell Marsh to be back to full fitness before the start of the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024. Marsh was pulled out of the IPL early last month due to a hamstring rupture, and his recovery has been far slower than planned since returning from India. Marsh joined a cohort of Australia's squad members, not engaged in the IPL, for the initial three-day pre-tournament training camp in Brisbane. Another such camp is scheduled over the next two weeks before the squad leaves for the Caribbean on May 25th. Initially, Marsh wasn't slated to attend the first camp due to

his hamstring injury. However, his recovery allowed him to participate and bat in the nets over the last couple of days. Nonetheless, McDonald reiterated that Marsh's bowling fitness would only be



nearing completion closer to the tournament. You probably won't see him bowl in the next couple of weeks here," McDonald told reporters at Allan Border Field on Tuesday. "It'll probably happen the week before we leave. And then he'll be able to ramp that up when we're over there.

We'll be able to cherry-pick the moments during the tournament where he'll be useful with the ball. We've got some all-round depth in the squad, which gives us good coverage anyway. "[His recovery was] probably a little slower than expected on the back of the hamstring. But we've got plenty of time now that he has been ruled out of the IPL. The first game is just short of a month away now. So ample time for him to get ready. But really positive to see the skipper on the park." McDonald said there was no concern about Marsh's lack of match practice over the last two months, given that Australia will play some practice games before their debut match against Oman. "No real concern about match fitness," McDonald said. "We've got a

couple of practice games when we get to Trinidad in the support period. So he'll likely get plenty of match opportunities. And if not, we'll be able to simulate those through practice, which our coaching staff are pretty good at."

Erik ten Hag takes blame for Manchester United's thrashing vs Crystal Palace

New Delhi Manchester United's woes this season were laid bare again in their 4-0 Premier League hammering by Crystal Palace on Monday, but manager Erik Ten Hag believes he is the right man to fix a team that is limping to the end of the campaign. United had several injury issues ahead of the game and were forced to play midfielder Casemiro at centre-back, where he was exposed on a number of occasions as Palace's mobile front three pulled their visitors apart. It leaves United in eighth with three league games remaining and facing several unwanted records. They currently have a club record number of losses (13) in a Premier League season and have already faced their most shots (618) in a single campaign. If they let in three more goals this term they will set a new mark for their most conceded in a campaign.

"I will keep fighting. I have prepared the team in the best way I can," Ten Hag told SkySports. "It (the performance) was not good enough and I have to take the



responsibility for that. "But I will find the energy and prepare them for the next game. We have nine points to play for and we have to fight for those." The manager refused to lay the blame on Casemiro alone for the poor defensive display. You can't put it on one player, it is a team performance. We did not adapt to the different situations," Ten Hag said. "It's clear, we didn't act how we want to, it's not good enough." There are always reasons, everyone could see our backline today, where we had huge problems. But at the end of the day we have to deal with these issues and we should have done better."

Jake Fraser-McGurk comments on T20 World Cup snub: Didn't earn it yet

New Delhi. Young Australian batter Jake Fraser-McGurk was not named in the sides T20 World Cup 2024 squad despite an incredible showing over the last few months. Fraser-McGurk, who has lit the Indian Premier League 2024 in his debut season reacted to the decision from Cricket Australia. Speaking on the Willow Talk podcast, Fraser-McGurk showed incredible maturity and said that he thought that he had not earned the spot yet.



Australia have a packed top order with the likes of David Warner, Mitchell Marsh and Travis Head occupying the top spots. With Warner playing his final World Cup, it was going to be unlikely that Fraser-McGurk would get a shot in the playing XI of the Australian side. "The communication was really good. There's two ways you can look at it. You can look at it through, 'this is what I've done to prove my case,' and then there's also, 'look, a month and a half ago I wasn't even in the picture.'" Fraser-McGurk said in the Willow Talk podcast.

IPL 2024: Jake Fraser-McGurk lights up IPL "They probably had a good idea of what [the squad] was a month and a half ago, trying to build that and get the connection in the team. And it's also hard to fit in. You've got David Warner, our best opener ever in three formats. You've got Travis Head, who is lighting it up over here and has lit it up over the past 18 months. And then Mitch Marsh is the same and he's also the captain," he further added. HAPPY TO WAIT HIS TURN The 22-year-old said that it was unlikely for him to make it to the top 5

batting positions in the playing XI and he was happy to wait his turn. The 22-year-old said that he hoped to make it to the travelling reserves of the group, which could be a great learning opportunity for him. "I can't really see myself batting five or six because we're pretty set there with Tim David, Cam Green and those sort of blokes. That's the way I think about it. That's fine. There's hopefully going to be more time for that," Fraser-McGurk said. "If I do somehow get a travelling reserve [spot] then great, I can get a good experience there," he further added. Fraser-McGurk concluded by saying that the snub did not bother him a lot and that he felt that he had not earned the position just yet. Australia's T20 World Cup Squad

Mitch Marsh (c), Ashton Agar, Pat Cummins, Tim David, Nathan Ellis, Cameron Green, Josh Hazlewood, Travis Head, Josh Inglis, Glenn Maxwell, Mitchell Starc, Marcus Stoinis, Matthew Wade, David Warner, Adam Zampa.

Exceptional' Suryakumar Yadav will have lot of influence in T20 WC: Simon Helmut

Mumbai. MI beat SRH by 7 wickets on Monday 6 May at the Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai. Suryakumar Yadav played a special innings against the Pat Cummins side, hitting 102* in just 51 balls. SRH assistant coach Simon Helmut lauded Suryakumar and said that the visiting team could do nothing when SKY was in that kind of mood. The top-ranked T20I batter got back into form in the nick of time ahead of the T20 World Cup and single-handedly took control of the chase after MI were 31/3. Speaking in the post-match press conference, Helmut said that Suryakumar will have a big influence in the T20 World Cup, later in June, which will be jointly hosted by the United States of America and West Indies. Helmut said that Yadav did not make any mistakes in the match.

with when he is in that sort of mood. He did not make many mistakes throughout the match. We did our best to mix things up and get him out but he was just too good tonight," Helmut said after the match. MI vs SRH, IPL 2024 Highlights | Scorecard

"Suryakumar is an exceptional cricketer and I think he is always going to demand a spot in the Indian team. I am sure that he will have an influence in the World Cup," he further added. MI vs SRH: Match Report

Mumbai came up with an all-round show to hurt Hyderabad's chances of reaching the IPL 2024 playoffs as the 5-time champions clinched a 7-wicket win at the Wankhede Stadium on Monday, May 6. The 5-time champions, who are no longer in



the race for the playoffs, played the party popper's role to perfection. Suryakumar Yadav battled discomfort in his legs to hit a match-winning 102 not out in 51 balls after

Suryakumar Yadav and Ishan Kishan stitched 143 runs for the 4th wicket in just 69 deliveries as they helped Mumbai complete the chase in just 17.2 overs.

captain Hardik Pandya and Piyush Chawla shone with the ball to help MI get off the bottom spot in the points table.

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Chasing 174 on a pitch that was the bowlers' friend for most of the game, MI were reduced to 31 for 3 after their top-order batters, including Rohit Sharma and Ishan Kishan, were dismissed for single-digit scores. However,



Bipasha Basu

Asks Paps To Turn Off Camera Flash As She Gets Snapped With Karan Singh Grover, Devi

Bipasha Basu and Karan Singh Grover along with their daughter Devi were spotted at the airport today. The family was seen coming out of the airport when the actress requested shutterbugs to turn off the camera flash. She said because Devi might get scared. The video has gone viral.

In the video, shared by Filmgyan, we can see Bipasha Basu dressed in a green colour co-ord set and Devi in red colour rompers. Karan opted for causals. All three even engaged in a fun chat with shutterbugs. Fans also dropped heart emojis. Bipasha always shares cute videos of her daughter playing or saying new words on her social handle. Karan and Bipasha welcomed their daughter, Devi, in 2022. In a conversation with Neha Dhupia on Instagram Live the previous year, Bipasha had spoken about Devi. She had said, "I remember the third month, when we went for the scan, I pretty much did all the research, met surgeons, had been to hospitals, spoken

t o doctors, and I was a kind of ready, Karan was not ready. I knew that she had to be okay and I knew that she will be okay. And she is okay now. But the tough decision was to get your child operated at the right place and at the right time."

Life has changed a lot for Bipasha after she welcomed Devi into her life. Talking about being a mother now, she says, "Devi's my number one when it comes to everything and anything. Whether my eyes are open or shut, it's always her. Every time I step out, I just want to run back home and be with her. Everything in my life now revolves around her... Karan is number three, I'm number two and Devi is number one." As for Karan, not much has changed. Prod him further and he jokes, "I'm a slave who used to have one master. Now I've two masters and I'm still a slave. So, nothing much has changed for me." On the professional front, Bipasha has been absent from the silver screen since her cameo appearance in 2018's Welcome to New York. However, she did a web series in 2020, titled Dangerous.



Anjali Arora

Talks About Playing Sita in Shri Ramayan Katha, Comparisons With Sai Pallavi: 'I Will Be Happy'

Fans are eagerly anticipating Nitesh Tiwari's 'Ramayan,' featuring Ranbir Kapoor and Sai Pallavi as Ram and Sita respectively, while influencer Anjali Arora has announced her silver screen debut as Sita in Abhishek Singh's 'Shri Ramayan Katha,' both films drawing inspiration from the Hindu epic. During a recent interview with ETimes, Anjali shared her profound sense of gratitude for the opportunity to portray Sita. She recounted her initial curiosity about securing the role, mentioning that she had been informed about competing with several other actors by the director. Despite the competition, she was ultimately chosen by the filmmakers for the role.

Anjali also mentioned her proactive approach to preparing for the character since being finalized for the role last month, which included watching videos and actively participating in workshops. She told the portal, "I believe they saw something in me that convinced them I could do justice to the character. I was finalized last month, and since then, I have been watching videos, doing readings, and attending workshops. I will give my best to do justice to the character."

Since both films draw inspiration from the Hindu epic, Anjali Arora recognized that her portrayal of Sita will naturally invite comparisons to Sai Pallavi's depiction in Ramayan. Despite this, she shared her satisfaction at being measured against a seasoned actress, affirming, "If I am compared to a Bollywood actress, I will be happy."

Anjali gained a sizable following on social media through viral dance videos and her appearance on the reality show Lock Upp. Addressing concerns about potential audience perception due to her social media presence, she acknowledged that she could not control others' opinions but stressed her commitment to portraying Sita authentically. Anjali acknowledged the presence of online trolls and their right to express views, asserting that her social media persona does not reflect her acting abilities or impact her performance in any way. In Nitesh Tiwari's Ramayana, Ranbir Kapoor will be playing the role of Lord Ram. Sai Pallavi has been roped in for the role of Sita. KGF star Yash is also likely to play Ravana in the movie whereas Sunny Deol has reportedly been locked for the role of Hanuman.

Bobby Deol and Vijay Sethupathi are also reportedly in talks for the roles of Kumbhakarna and Vibhashana respectively. It was recently reported that Amitabh Bachchan has been finalised for the role of King Dashrath in the movie. However, there is no official confirmation regarding this as of now.



Sunny Deol Credits Daughter-In-Law For Family's Career Success: 'Her Arrival Transformed Our Life'



In 2023, the Deol family experienced a prosperous year. Sunny Deol's 'Gadar 2' set new records, Bobby was praised for his role in 'Animal', and Dharmendra appeared in 'Rocky Aur Rani Kii Prem Kahaani'. Sunny's son, Karan Deol, tied the knot last June, bringing even more success to the family. During a recent episode of The Great Indian Kapil Show, Sunny Deol expressed how his daughter-in-law, Drishti Acharya, has brought luck and positivity to their professional lives. Reflecting on their journey, Sunny emotionally shared, "There have been many years, so many events have unfolded. We've all worked on various fronts. Various things were happening. We were putting in our best efforts. It wasn't that we weren't trying. I was involved in many things, so was Bobby (Deol), and even Papa (Dharmendra). However, all of a sudden, with my son's marriage, and the arrival of a daughter at our home, the atmosphere completely changed." He added, "Since the 1960s, Papa has been here, and we've been in the same limelight. We've seen so many things, arriving and departing in their own time. But the current unfolding of events, along with past occurrences, and the love we're receiving from people.... People have always loved us. We get a lot of love, Papa is loved a lot. And that's why Bobby and I receive a lot of love. But, somehow we were perplexed why things aren't falling into place. But then, the beti (daughter) came home. Then Gadar came. Papa's film had released before that. And after that, 'Animal' came. All records were broken." Sunny Deol's elder son, Karan Deol, who made his acting debut in 'Pal Pal Dil Ke Paas' in 2019, married Drishti Acharya, a childhood friend working in the travel industry. Their marriage in June marked the beginning of a series of good news for the Deol family throughout the year.

Jeh Rushes To Dad Saif Ali Khan As He Wants To Sit With Him In Car, Video Goes Viral; Watch



Saif Ali Khan and his youngest son Jeh was spotted in the city today. The actor was seen in causal wear along with son Jeh who was running to hold his father's hand. The clip showcases a tender father-son bond. The video went viral on social media. In another video clip, Jeh was seen with father and brother Taimur. In the video, shared by Viral Bhayani, we can see Jeh running behind father to sit with him in the car. But Saif asked him to sit back. He is seen shouting Abba. Earlier, a video shared by Filmgyan, we can see Saif walking forward while Jeh run behind him to hold his father's hand. The actor was affectionately hold his hand and start walking. Both looked cute and fans also reacted the same. Kareena Kapoor was recently appointed Unicef India's National Ambassador. During her recent appointment ceremony, the actress shared how necessary it is to make her kids understand gender equality and that both husband and wife can be busy with their work.

Recently, Saba shared a collage of the siblings. The left side of the collage displays a throwback picture of Taimur with a bat in his hand. It was accompanied by Jeh's cute picture as he also posed with a bat. The glimpse of the cutest star kids seemingly enchanted everyone, their aunt Saba to be specific. Saba also added a note to her story and remarked, "Boys...will be...brothers! Mahsha'Allah."

Saif Ali Khan is gearing up for his next film Devara with Jr NTR and Janhvi Kapoor. The film was initially releasing in April but now it will hit theatres on October 10, 2024. Devara is set against the coastal lands and is helmed by Koratala Siva. The film marks Janhvi Kapoor's debut in South films and her first-ever collaboration with Jr. NTR. Just like RRR, this Telugu movie will reportedly have high-octane action sequences that are expected to blow away the minds of the audience. As per reports, Devara is being made on a huge budget. The makers are reportedly spending a whopping Rs 140 crore on its VFX. The rumour mill is rife that the makers are also spending 33 per cent of the movie's original budget on special effects.