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NEWS BOX

What Is T-Dome That Taiwan Plans To Build To Counter China Threats

MOSCOW . (Agency)

Taiwan's government has proposed \$40 billion in extra defence spending over several years, with the focus on developing a multi-layered air defence system dubbed "T-Dome." The system will be designed to protect the democratic island against a potential attack by Chinese fighter jets, missiles or drones.

China claims Taiwan is part of its territory and has threatened to use force to annex it. Taiwanese President Lai Ching-te has promised to speed up construction of the T-Dome to create "a safety net" for Taiwan and counter what he calls China's "intensifying" threat to the island and region.

Here is what we know about the T-Dome:

What is it? The T-Dome was announced by Lai on October 10 and has drawn comparisons with Israel's Iron Dome anti-missile system. But there are key differences. While the Iron Dome is designed mainly for short-range weapons, the T-Dome will face a "much wider array of threats", Taipei-based security analyst J. Michael Cole said. This is aimed at PLA aircraft, ballistic and cruise missiles, as well as, increasingly, drones," said Cole, using the acronym for China's People's Liberation Army. Taiwan already has air defence systems, including the US-built Patriot and domestically-made Sky Bow systems. And it is waiting to receive National Advanced Surface-to-Air Missile System fire units from the United States. The T-Dome will integrate these with radars, sensors and other advanced technology to provide what Lai describes as "high-level detection and effective interception." "If you do not integrate these detection devices, then those air-defence missiles, whether for counter-fire, counter-attack or counter-drone purposes, can't achieve efficient interception or effective fire coordination and allocation," Defence Minister Wellington Koo has said. The T-Dome will have to major components, said Su Tzu-yun, a military expert at Taipei's Institute for National Defense and Security Research. It will have a command and control system that "collects radar data, identifies threats, decides which interceptor should fire, and coordinates all units so they react within seconds," Su said.

Macron To Host Zelensky In Paris To Discuss Conditions For "Lasting Peace"

world. (Agency)

President Emmanuel Macron will on Monday host his Ukrainian counterpart Volodymyr Zelenskyy for talks in Paris, the French presidency announced, as Washington seeks to push a plan aimed at ending the war between Kyiv and Moscow. The two leaders will discuss "the conditions for a just and lasting peace", said the official on Saturday, as a senior Ukrainian delegation headed to Washington and Zelenskyy confronted political turbulence at home after removing his top aide Andriy Yermak. "We will welcome President Zelenskyy to Paris on Monday to move the negotiations forward," French Foreign Minister Jean-Noel Barrot said in comments to the La Tribune Dimanche newspaper to be published on Sunday. "Peace is within reach, if (Russian President) Vladimir Putin abandons his delusional hope of reconstituting the Soviet Empire by first subjugating Ukraine," he added. Read | "Trump's Ukraine Peace Plan Goes In Right Direction, But...". France's Macron in a warning to Moscow, Barrot added, "Vladimir Putin must accept the ceasefire or accept exposing Russia to new sanctions that will exhaust its economy, as well as intensified European support for Ukraine." Macron and Zelenskyy have been in intense contact in this phase of the war, which was sparked by Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine in February 2022, with the Ukrainian leader last visiting the Elysee a fortnight ago on November 17. Barrot added that despite the political turbulence in Kyiv, Zelenskyy has "full legitimacy to lead Ukraine towards peace."

Oscar-Winning British Playwright Tom Stoppard Dies At 88

World. (Agency)

British playwright Tom Stoppard, who won an Oscar for the screenplay for the 1998 movie "Shakespeare In Love", has died at the age of 88, United Agents said on Saturday. "We are deeply saddened to announce that our beloved client and friend, Tom Stoppard, has died peacefully at home in Dorset, surrounded by his family," the talent agency said. "He will be remembered for his works, for their brilliance and humanity, and for his wit, his



irreverence, his generosity of spirit and his profound love of the English language," it said. "It was an honour to work with Tom and to know him." To non-theatre-goers, Stoppard is best remembered for his work in cinema, which included the "Indiana Jones" and "Star Wars" franchises and an Oscar in 1999 for his screenplay for "Shakespeare in Love", which scooped a total of seven Academy Awards that year. Born in Czechoslovakia in 1937, he fled his home during the Nazi occupation and found refuge in Britain.

Palestinian death toll has surpassed 70,000 since the Israel-Hamas war began, Gaza ministry says

WORLD. (Agency)

DEIR AL-BALAH: The Palestinian death toll has surpassed 70,000 since the Israel-Hamas war began, Gaza's Health Ministry said Saturday, while a hospital said that Israeli fire killed two Palestinian children in the territory's south. The toll has continued to rise after the latest ceasefire took effect on Oct. 10. Israel still carries out strikes in response to what it has called violations of the truce, and bodies from earlier in the war are being recovered from the rubble. The Health Ministry says the Palestinian toll is now 70,100. The ministry operates under the Hamas-run government. It is staffed by medical professionals and maintains detailed records viewed as generally reliable by the international community. The war began with the Hamas-led attack on southern Israel on Oct. 7, 2023, which killed around 1,200 people and militants taking more than 250 hostages. Almost all of the hostages or their remains have been returned in ceasefires or other deals. Staff at Nasser Hospital, which received the bodies of the children in

southern Gaza, said the brothers, ages 8 and 11, died when an Israeli drone struck close to a school sheltering displaced people in the town of Beni Suhaila. Israel's military said it killed two people who crossed into an Israeli-controlled area, "conducted suspicious activities" and approached troops. The statement didn't mention children. The military said it also killed another person in a separate but similar incident in the south. At least 352 Palestinians have been killed across the territory since the ceasefire between Israel and Hamas took effect on Oct. 10, according to Gaza's Health Ministry, which doesn't differentiate between civilians and combatants. Israel says its strikes are aimed at militants violating the truce. Both Israel and Hamas have accused the other of violating the deal. Hamas again urged mediators on Saturday to pressure Israel to stop what it called ceasefire violations in Gaza. A U.S. blueprint outlining the future of Gaza, which has been devastated by more than two years of

war, is still in the early stages. The plan to secure and govern the territory authorizes

Friday and opened fire when they were confronted by residents, killing at least 13 people. Israel said it conducted the operation to apprehend suspects of a militant group planning attacks in Israel, and that the militants opened fired at troops, wounding six. Israel also has escalated strikes in Lebanon, saying it's targeting Hezbollah sites and asserting that the militant group is attempting to rearm. Hezbollah called on Pope Leo XIV to "reject injustice and aggression," in reference to the near-daily Israeli strikes, despite a ceasefire that ended the 14-month war between the two sides a year ago. The pope is visiting the region on his first foreign trip. In the Israeli-occupied West Bank, Israeli soldiers were accused by Palestinians of executing two men on Thursday after footage aired by two Arab television stations showed troops shooting the men after they appeared to surrender. The Israeli military said that it was investigating.



an international stabilization force to provide security, approves a transitional authority to be overseen by U.S. President Donald Trump and envisions a possible future path to an independent Palestinian state. Israeli forces have pushed forward on a number of other fronts in the region in recent weeks. Syrian officials said that Israeli forces raided a Syrian village on

Rubio and Witkoff are meeting with Ukraine's negotiators in Florida as Trump pushes to broker a deal

WEST PALM BEACH . (Agency)

Top Trump administration officials are meeting Ukrainian negotiators in Florida this weekend, pushing to broker an end to Russia's war in Ukraine and setting the stage for key talks planned this week in Moscow with Russian leader Vladimir Putin.

Secretary of State Marco Rubio, Special Envoy Steve Witkoff and Jared Kushner, the son-in-law of President Donald Trump, were expected to sit down with a Ukrainian delegation to further hash out the details of a proposed peace framework — talks that come at a sensitive moment for Ukraine as it continues to push back against Russian forces that invaded the country in 2022. On Friday just before the Florida sit-down, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy announced the resignation of his powerful chief of staff, Andriy Yermak, who up until that point had been the country's lead negotiator in talks with the U.S. The announcement came after

Yermak's home was searched by anti-corruption investigators. Zelenskyy's government has been roiled by fallout from a scandal over \$100 million embezzled from the energy sector



through kickbacks paid by contractors, causing newfound domestic pressures for Zelenskyy. It was only a week ago that Rubio had met with Yermak in Geneva, with each side saying the talks had been positive in putting together a revised peace plan. Now, the Ukrainian delegation includes Andrii Hnatov, head of Ukraine's armed forces; Andrii Sybiha, Ukraine's

foreign minister; and Rustem Umerov, head of Ukraine's security council, Zelenskyy has said. Diplomats have been focused on revisions to Trump's proposed 28-point plan developed in negotiations between Washington and Moscow. That plan was criticized as being too weighted toward Russian demands. It had initially envisioned Ukraine ceding the entire eastern region of the Donbas to Russia — a sticking point for Kyiv. The plan — which Trump has since downplayed as a "concept" or a "map" to be "fine-tuned" — would also impose limits on the size of Ukraine's military, block the country from joining NATO, and require Ukraine to hold elections in 100 days. Negotiators have indicated the framework has changed, but it's not clear how its provisions have been altered. Trump said on Tuesday that he would send Witkoff and perhaps Kushner to Moscow this week to meet with Putin about the plan.

"Imran Khan Is Alive": Lawmaker Says Regime Pressuring Him To Leave Pakistan

Earlier this week, several social media handles from Afghanistan claimed that Imran Khan had been murdered inside Rawalpindi's jail.

WORLD. (Agency)

Refuting the rumours about Imran Khan's death, Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Senator Khurram Zeeshan on Saturday said the former Prime Minister is alive and currently lodged in Adiala jail. He added that Khan is being kept in isolation as a tactic to pressure him into leaving Pakistan.

Speaking to ANI from Pakistan, Khurram Zeeshan, who is affiliated with Imran Khan's party, Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI), said the regime in the country is threatened and scared

of Imran Khan's popularity, which is why they have not allowed any pictures or videos of him to be released.



Earlier this week, several social media handles from Afghanistan claimed that Imran Khan had been murdered inside Rawalpindi's jail. The rumours have coincided with the Pakistani authorities not allowing Imran's sisters to meet him for the past month, despite court orders. "It is very unfortunate. It's been almost a month of his isolation, and his family, his lawyers, and even the senior leadership of Pakistan

Tehreek-e-Insaf have not been allowed to meet him. This is a complete violation of human rights. It seems they are trying to force him into something," he told ANI. Putting an end to the rumour mills, Zeeshan said, "In the last few days, we have been given a guarantee we have been assured. He is alive and currently lodged in Adiala jail. He is okay." On being asked what sort of deal the Pakistan government is trying to strike with Imran Khan, the Senator said he has been asked to leave the country and stay silent. "They are trying to strike a deal with Imran Khan, asking him to leave the country. They even promise him concessions if he goes abroad and stays silent at a place of his choice. But Imran Khan will never agree to it. The kind of leader he is, he will never approve it," he added. Despite his imprisonment, Khan's influence continues to grow.



still defined by extreme wealth and poverty. Nasralla casts himself as the outsider who can clean up the country's endemic corruption. And Asfura is trying to restore the National Party as a pro-business force tarnished by previous bouts of presidential corruption. Honduras' security situation has improved in recent years as homicides across the region continue to fall, but it still has Central America's highest homicide rate. Honduras say security and jobs remain their top priorities, despite an economy that has strengthened during Castro's administration. The presidential contest had mostly focused on candidates trading accusations of plans to manipulate the vote until this past week when Trump endorsed Asfura while attacking his opponents. Then Trump shocked Honduras by announcing Friday that he would pardon ex-President Juan Orlando Hernández, who was serving a 45-year sentence in a US prison for helping drug traffickers moving cocaine to the United States.

Delhi Police Cracks Pakistan-Linked Terror Module; 3 Held



New Delhi: In a major counter-terror strike, the Delhi Police Special Cell has dismantled a terror network allegedly directed by Pakistan-based handlers. Additional CP (Special Cell) Pramod Kumar Kushwaha announced that the module was being coordinated by Pakistani national Shahzad Bhatti, who is believed to be operating under instructions from Pakistan's intelligence apparatus. Three suspects have been arrested in connection with the network — originating from Punjab, Madhya Pradesh, and Uttar Pradesh. According to investigators, the group was recently involved in a hand-grenade attack outside Gurdaspur City Police Station on the 25th of this month. Kushwaha stated that Bhatti supervised operations remotely, issuing directives from abroad and recruiting young Indian men to execute targeted attacks and spread terror. The police assert that the arrests have significantly disrupted the gangster-terror nexus backed by Pakistan.

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National Herald Case Explained: Loan Transfer, Ownership & Investigation

₹2,000-Crore Question: Did Rahul–Sonia Game the National Herald?

New Delhi: The National Herald case remains one of India’s most closely watched financial–political investigations, centering on allegations that top Congress leaders — particularly Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi — indirectly gained control of Associated Journals Limited (AJL)’s valuable real-estate assets through the corporate structure of Young Indian Pvt. Ltd. The matter is still under judicial consideration.

Historical Background: AJL and The Newspaper

The National Herald newspaper was founded in 1937–38 during the independence movement. It operated under the company Associated Journals Ltd. (AJL), which also published Qaumi Awaz and Navjivan.

Due to financial decline, publication ceased, and AJL reportedly accumulated a debt of around ₹90 crore owed to the Indian National Congress,

provided as an interest-free loan intended for the revival of the newspaper.

Young Indian: Ownership and Share Distribution

Young Indian was incorporated in 2010 as a not-for-profit company. Its ownership structure is as follows:

- Sonia Gandhi – 38%
- Rahul Gandhi – 38%
- Motilal Vora – 12%
- Oscar Fernandes – 12%

Thus, Sonia and Rahul Gandhi collectively hold 76% controlling ownership, while the remaining 24% shares were held by senior Congress figures — the late Motilal Vora and late Oscar Fernandes. This is the basis of the allegation that the Gandhi family indirectly controlled AJL’s assets through Young Indian.

Core Allegations: Loan Assignment and Share Transfer

The complaint asserts that: Congress’ ₹90 crore loan to AJL was assigned to Young Indian for a nominal ₹50 lakh.

In return, AJL transferred almost all of its shares to Young Indian.

This allegedly resulted in Young Indian gaining effective control of AJL’s prime real-estate holdings — reportedly valued in the thousands of crores. Critics contend that this structure was not aimed at reviving the newspaper, but at strategically acquiring valuable property.

ED and EOW Investigations

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) is investigating the matter under money-laundering provisions. Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi have been questioned multiple times.

Certain AJL and YI-linked assets have been provisionally attached.

Delhi Police’s Economic Offences Wing (EOW) has also registered an FIR and is conducting parallel investigation. All investigative actions are currently subject to court scrutiny.

Sonia and Rahul Gandhi’s Position

The Congress party and Gandhi family firmly maintain that: All processes were legally compliant and transparent.

Young Indian is a not-for-profit corporation, and no shareholder received personal financial gain.

The entire case is politically motivated and aimed at harassing opposition leadership.

Control of AJL’s assets never shifted to personal or private ownership.

Current Legal Status: Case Still Sub-Judice

No court has yet delivered a final ruling. Neither Rahul Gandhi, Sonia Gandhi, nor any other involved individual has been convicted. Final conclusions will depend on future court proceedings and judicial evaluation of evidence.

Fresh FIR Names Rahul and Sonia Gandhi in National Herald Case

The National Herald controversy has intensified with a new FIR filed by the Delhi Police Economic Offences Wing (EOW), naming Sonia Gandhi, Rahul Gandhi, and several associates on charges of criminal conspiracy and financial misconduct.

Registered on 3 October, the FIR lists six individuals — including the Gandhis and overseas-based Congress veteran Sam Pitroda — along with three companies: Associated Journals Ltd. (AJL) Young Indian Pvt. Ltd. Dotex Merchandise Pvt. Ltd.

Investigators state that Kolkata-based Dotex transferred ₹1 crore to Young Indian, the not-for-profit entity in which Sonia and Rahul Gandhi jointly hold a 76% stake. The funds allegedly enabled Young Indian’s acquisition of AJL, publisher of the historic National Herald.

Officials further contend that for only ₹50 lakh, Young Indian acquired effective control

of AJL — a company tied to real-estate assets valued at nearly ₹2,000 crore, suggesting deliberate undervaluation as part of a structured political–corporate strategy.

This FIR follows earlier findings submitted by the Enforcement Directorate (ED), which has been investigating suspected financial impropriety and money-laundering aspects.

The new development heightens legal pressure on the Congress leadership and adds a fresh layer of political turbulence to a case that merges history, journalism, corporate governance, and high-value property transactions.

The National Herald case remains a complex intersection of politics, historic journalism, corporate restructuring, and property valuation.

Allegations and counter-arguments are intense, but the definitive answer now rests with the judiciary.

ECI Extends Electoral Roll Revision Timeline Across 12 States & UTs



New Delhi: The Election Commission of India (ECI) has pushed forward key deadlines for the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls across 12 States and Union Territories. Under the revised schedule, the enumeration process will now continue until December 11, giving authorities additional time to verify and update voter data.

The Commission further announced that the draft electoral rolls will be published on December 16, followed by the final electoral rolls slated for release on February 14 next year, ahead of the upcoming election cycle.

The revision exercise spans a wide geographical spectrum, covering Uttar Pradesh, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Chhattisgarh, Goa, Gujarat, Kerala, Lakshadweep, Madhya Pradesh, Puducherry, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, and West Bengal, with officials pushing for maximum accuracy and voter-list integrity.

IAF Airlifts 45 Amid Sri Lankan Disaster; Boosts Relief With Troop Deployment



RNS: In a swift and coordinated humanitarian response, the Indian Air Force (IAF) evacuated 45 stranded individuals from Sri Lanka’s disaster-affected Kotmale region. The rescued group included six critically injured victims, four infants, 12 Indian nationals, and several foreign nationals from various countries, alongside Sri Lankan citizens.

In addition to the evacuation, the IAF helped fortify ground-level relief efforts by airlifting 57 Sri Lankan Army personnel into the impacted area to assist in clearance, rescue support, and disaster management efforts.

Officials further confirmed that the IAF has deployed medical specialists, Bishm medical capsules, and has successfully repatriated 323 Indian nationals back to India as of 8:00 PM — highlighting India’s rapid response and regional humanitarian commitment.

IAF Airlifts 300 NDRF Personnel, 35 Tonnes of Equipment for Domestic & Sri Lanka Relief



New Delhi: Balancing simultaneous disaster responses across borders, the Indian Air Force (IAF) has mounted a large-scale airlift, rushing over 300 NDRF personnel and 35 tonnes of critical equipment from Pune and Vadodara to Chennai aboard a C-17 aircraft, ensuring rapid domestic disaster readiness.

Meanwhile in Sri Lanka, IAF helicopters executed a precision rescue sortie in the restricted Kotmale zone. A Garud commando was winched down to lead stranded civilians through rugged terrain to a designated helipad, from where 24 passengers — including Indians, Sri Lankans and foreign nationals — were evacuated to Colombo. Three critically injured victims were also airlifted for emergency medical intervention.

As the crisis continues, support efforts were reinforced earlier when the IAF transported 40 Sri Lankan Army personnel from Diyathalawa Army Camp to the disaster-hit Kotmale region, bolstering on-ground relief and clearance operations.

Musk Says America “Immense Beneficiary” of Indian Talent, Questions Anti-Immigration Narrative

New Delhi: Elon Musk has credited Indian engineers, scientists, and entrepreneurs for significantly boosting the growth of American technology and business, saying the U.S. has “benefitted immensely” from skilled Indians over the decades.

Speaking on the WTF is podcast hosted by Zerodha co-founder Nikhil Kamath, Musk praised the contribution of Indian-origin professionals, including the growing number now leading major global companies.

Kamath asked Musk about the increasing prominence of Indian-origin CEOs running Western corporations. Musk responded that the U.S. has repeatedly gained from India’s talent pool: “America has benefitted immensely from talented Indians that have come to America... America has been an immense beneficiary of talent from India.”

The conversation later turned to the shifting immigration climate in the U.S., particularly the perception of rising anti-immigrant sentiment. Musk noted that American opinion



on immigration is sharply divided. He also criticized current border policies, claiming that under the Biden administration there had been “a total free-for-all with like no border controls,” which he argued encouraged illegal immigration — creating what he described as “a diffusion gradient” of people seeking economic opportunity and social benefits.

Musk Flags Concerns Around H-1B Misuse

Addressing the H-1B visa system — often the entry pathway

for skilled Indian tech professionals — Musk acknowledged claims that the program had been misused, adding that this had contributed to calls for stricter immigration enforcement.

However, he firmly dismissed the idea that foreign talent threatens American jobs. Musk emphasized that, in his experience, companies are constantly struggling to hire enough highly skilled professionals.

“My direct observation is that there’s always a scarcity of tal-

ented people,” he said, adding that organizations frequently can’t find sufficient experts to handle demanding and complex tasks. From his standpoint, “more talented people would be good.”

Musk reiterated that concern, noting that anxieties about skilled immigrants displacing U.S. workers are often overstated. According to him, the real issue is not replacement — but insufficiency — of top-tier talent to drive innovation and solve cutting-edge technical challenges.

West Bengal’s SIR Uncovers 15.53 Lakh Dead Voters

Kolkata: In a sweeping electoral audit, West Bengal has identified 15.53 lakh deceased voters during its ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of voter rolls — one of the largest cleanup drives in recent years. So far, 6.45 lakh enumeration forms have been digitized, while 7.65 lakh forms have been distributed across districts as the process continues.

Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) Manoj Kumar Agarwal is scheduled to

review the progress in a virtual conference today with all District Election Officers, aiming to ensure accuracy of the state’s voter registry ahead of upcoming electoral cycles.

The Election Commission of India has also intervened to reinforce security for Booth Level Officers (BLOs) and field personnel after reports of intimidation and protests outside the CEO’s office earlier this week. The Commission has additionally sought a

security assessment report from the Kolkata Police Commissioner regarding safety measures for the CEO and election officials.

Meanwhile, as the revision progresses, discussions around illegal migration have intensified. Reports of suspected Bangladeshi nationals returning across the West Bengal border have surfaced. The BJP has accused the ruling Trinamool Congress of obstructing the revision exercise, with opposition

leader Suwendu Adhikari alleging that state machinery is being misused to tamper with voter rolls and attempting to include illegal entrants in the electoral list — a charge the TMC leadership strongly denies.

The SIR process is expected to continue over the coming weeks, with authorities emphasizing data integrity, security of personnel, and transparency in the verification process.

CNFF-25: Chalachitram Film Festival Celebrates Assam Icons and Cultural Heritage at Jyoti Chitran



by Nava Thakuria

Guwahati: The 9th Chalachitram National Film Festival (CNFF-25) opened on 29 November 2025 at the Jyoti Chitran film studio in Kahilipara, where Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh’s Asom Khetra Prachar Pramukh Dr. Sunil Mohanty inaugurated the two-day event by lighting the ceremonial lamp before portraits of Bharat Mata and three cultural legends of Assam—Bharat Ratna Dr. Bhupen Hazarika, singer–composer Zubeen Garg, and renowned flutist Deepak Sarma. As a tribute to Garg, the widely-acclaimed film Mon Jai received a special screening.

In his inaugural address, Dr. Mohanty emphasized that cinema—one of the most powerful mediums of communication—should not be confined to commercial entertainment alone. He stressed that films carry immense potential in strengthening national consciousness and honouring India’s ancient civilisational and cultural heritage. Commending the festival’s central theme, Our Heritage, Our Pride, he said the platform encourages young filmmakers to raise awareness on social discrimination, environmental protection, civic consciousness, and family values.

Organised by Chalachitram, an initiative of Vishwa Samvad Kendra–Assam, the festival aims to screen over 30 short features and documentaries. These include competitive entries reserved for filmmakers from the North-East and additional non-competitive showings. The festival opened with Aham Bhartam directed by Bharat Bala, while The First Film by Pi-yush Thakur has been selected as the concluding screening on 30 November. According to CNFF secretary Bhagawat Pri-tam, the films were selected by a preview committee comprising award-winning director Jhulan Krishna Mahanta, veteran filmmaker Bibhu Dutta, and cinematographer Hiten Thakuria. A distinguished jury—consisting of filmmaker, writer, and critic Vijayakrishnan; National Award-winning director Maipaksana Haojongbam; and acclaimed sound designer & mixer Debajit Gayan—finalised the winners whose names will be announced during the closing ceremony. The award recipients will receive trophies, certificates, and cash prizes in the presence of Assam Legislative Assembly Speaker Biswa-jit Daimary, cultural luminary Pranjal Saikia, and other eminent personalities, dignitaries, and film enthusiasts, informed VSK Assam secretary Kishor Shivam.





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Fresh FIR filed against Sonia, Rahul Gandhi in National Herald case on ED complaint; Congress cries vendetta

FIR cites criminal conspiracy, cheating, breach of trust and misappropriation; Congress calls move “bogus and politically motivated”

New Delhi.(Agency)
In a major setback to Congress leaders Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi, the Delhi Police’s Economic Offences Wing has registered a fresh FIR against them and six others in the decade-old National Herald money laundering case. The FIR, registered on October 3, 2025, follows a detailed complaint from Shiv Kumar Gupta, Assistant Director of the Enforcement Directorate’s Headquarters Investigation Unit, and invokes charges of criminal conspiracy, dishonest misappropriation of property, criminal breach of trust and cheating. On November 29, 2025, the Rouse Avenue Court postponed its decision on whether to take cognizance of the ED’s chargesheet, deferring the order to December 16 and observing that the accused have a “right to be heard” before any decision is taken. According to the FIR, Sonia Gandhi, Rahul Gandhi, Suman Dubey, Sam Pitroda, Young Indian, Dotex Merchandise Pvt Ltd, Sunil Bhandari and Associated Journals Ltd have been named as accused. Except for Sam Pitroda, who now resides in Oak Brook, Illinois, all others are residents of India. The FIR alleges an elaborate criminal conspiracy to fraudulently take over properties



worth over Rs 2,000 crore belonging to Associated Journals Limited, the original publisher of the National Herald. It states that this takeover was executed by Young Indian, in which Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi held controlling stakes, for a “paltry sum of Rs 50 lakhs only.” It details how the All India Congress Committee gave cumulative loans of Rs 90.21 crore to AJL between 2002–03 and 2010–11 and treated the amount as non-recoverable despite AJL holding valuable properties. The FIR states: "The scheme of fraud was executed by Young Indian purchasing from AICC the right to recover the loan of Rs. 90.21 cr. (given by AICC to AJL) for a paltry sum

of Rs. 50 lakhs and simultaneously, AJL converted the outstanding loan of Rs. 90.21 crore into 9.02 crore equity shares of face value Rs. 10 each in favour of Young Indian, thereby defrauding shareholders of AJL on one hand and also the public donors of AICC by dishonestly inducing AICC to forego its valuable right to recover Rs. 90 Crore advanced to AJL." The FIR says AJL shareholders were cheated as their shareholding was diluted when Young Indian was issued 99% of the company’s shares. It adds: "ED investigation reveals that, Young Indian was effectively controlled by Sh. Rahul Gandhi and Smt. Sonia Gandhi since they together held 76% of shares through a well-thought-out conspiracy." Young Indian was incorporated on November 23, 2010 with a capital of Rs 5 lakh, and through transfers and allotments, Sonia and Rahul Gandhi each came to hold 38% of its shares. Sam Pitroda and Suman Dubey were the original shareholders with 550 shares each. On January 22, 2011, fresh allotments and transfers brought in Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi as 38% shareholders each, while Motilal Vora and Oscar Fernandes received 12% each.

Lalu Yadav Moves To A Quieter Home, Signalling Shift In RJD Politics

Patna.(Agency)
Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) chief Lalu Yadav, whose houses once symbolised Bihar’s most crowded political spaces, has now moved into a new, tightly regulated home, marking a significant change in both his personal life and the functioning of the party. For decades, Lalu Yadav’s houses functioned like open political courts. From his chief ministerial home at 1, Anne Marg to the family home at 10, Circular Road, supporters, villagers, journalists, party workers and ministers enjoyed unrestricted access. At times, even cattle and



large groups of visitors were seen inside the premises. That long phase appears to be coming to an end. Sources say the new house rules follow strict entry protocols. Unplanned meetings are avoided, visitors are screened, and even party workers need prior approval. The primary focus of the household is now Lalu Yadav’s health and recovery. Medical teams visit regularly, and the home environment is maintained to ensure peace and rest. Political discussions are limited in both number and duration.

Circular Road became the family’s permanent political base during Rabri Devi’s tenure as chief minister. The gates remained open round the clock, with festivals often turning into political gatherings. Supporters walked in without restrictions, and party workers frequently camped inside the compound. The structured nature of Lalu Yadav’s new home also reflects a political transition within the RJD. Most organisational work, alliance talks and political strategy meetings are now being handled by Leader of Opposition Tejashwi Yadav.

It’s over to Congress top brass again after CM Siddaramaiah, Dy CM DK Shivakumar chant unity mantra

Bengaluru.(Agency)
Even as Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and his deputy DK Shivakumar put up a united front after their Saturday breakfast meeting in Bengaluru, the issue of leadership change seems to have been resolved, with both the leaders hinting that they will abide by the Congress high command’s decision. With this, the high command is back to holding the ball on changing the CM and reshuffling the cabinet. But this is not the end. The tussle over leadership change is likely to escalate again when the high command takes it up to find a permanent solution after the winter session of the legislature and Parliament on December 19. Sources said the outcome of the breakfast meeting was communicated to the high command leaders. Later, All-India Congress Committee (AICC)



president Mallikarjun Kharge and Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi held talks at the former’s residence in Delhi. Karnataka RDPR and IT-BT Minister Priyank Kharge and MLA Sharath Bachegowda were also present. Karnataka will be on the table when the

party’s parliamentary board meets in Delhi on Sunday that will be attended by former AICC president Sonia Gandhi, sources said. If needed, the high command may summon both Siddaramaiah and Shivakumar at a later date, they added. On Saturday while savouring a breakfast spread of idli, upma, chutney, dosa and sweet, Siddaramaiah and Shivakumar held discussion for close to 40 minutes. After the breakfast, Siddaramaiah stuck to his guns, saying he will go only by Rahul’s word. It was in fact CM’s legal advisor and Virajpet MLA AS Ponnanna who played the role of interlocutor in the breakfast episode. AICC General Secretary (Organisation) KC Venugopal called Ponnanna on his phone on Friday, and spoke to Siddaramaiah, advising him to hold a breakfast meeting, said sources.

Politics of harassment: Congress slams Centre after new FIR on Rahul, Sonia Gandhi

The Congress has strongly reacted to the fresh FIR filed against Sonia Gandhi, Rahul Gandhi and others in the National Herald case, terming it as an example of the Centre’s vendetta politics. The opposition alleges misuse of investigative agencies ahead of crucial elections.

New Delhi .(Agency)
The Congress on Sunday accused the Centre of continuing its “vendetta politics” after a fresh FIR was filed against party leaders Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi, calling the move an attempt to intimidate the opposition. Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh said on X, “The Modi-Shah duo is continuing with its mischievous politics of harassment, intimidation, and vendetta against the top leadership of the INC. Those who threaten are themselves insecure and afraid. The National Herald matter is a completely bogus case. Justice will ultimately triumph. Satyameva Jayate.” Senior Congress leader Abhishek Manu Singhvi added that the FIR was “neither wine new nor bottle new nor glasses new”, describing it as “a one-trick wonder where no money moved, no immovable property transferred, yet money laundering is invented.” The FIR was filed by the Delhi Police’s Economic Offences Wing (EOW) on October 3 based on a complaint by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) as part of its money laundering probe into the high-profile National Herald case. The police have pressed charges under IPC sections 120B (criminal conspiracy), 403 (dishonest misappropriation of property), 406 (criminal breach of trust), and 420 (cheating). Named in the FIR are Sonia Gandhi, Rahul Gandhi, Congress leaders Suman Dubey and Sam Pitroda, entities including Young Indian (YI), Dotex Merchandise Ltd, Dotex promoter Sunil Bhandari, and Associated Journals Ltd (AJL), along with other unknown parties. Most of these entities were already listed in the ED’s chargesheet filed before a Delhi court in April; the next hearing is scheduled for December 16.



After Haryana CM Saini, Punjab CM Bhagwant Mann visits Japan for 10-day industrial tour

CHANDIGARH .(Agency)
Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann will lead a 10-day official visit to Japan starting December 1, heading a state delegation to Tokyo and Sapporo to engage with industry leaders ahead of the sixth Progressive Punjab Investors Summit scheduled from March 13 to 15, 2026. The delegation will include state industries minister Sanjeev Arora, Chief Secretary KAP Singh, and other senior officials. During the visit, CM Mann is expected to meet representatives of around two dozen leading Japanese companies, including Toyota, Nippon, Panasonic, NEC, and Sumitomo. “The Punjab government will be showing the Japanese companies that it is business ready,” an official said, underscoring the state’s focus on attracting investment. The visit follows Mann’s recent virtual engagement on November 26 with a high-level Japanese delegation comprising officials from the Embassy of Japan, Japan External Trade Organisation (JETRO), Japan Chamber of Commerce and Industry in India (JCCII), and over 25 leading Japanese companies operating in India. During the session, Mann pitched strategic tie-ups in sectors such as advanced manufacturing, mobility, electronics, food processing, renewable energy, and global services, inviting Japanese companies to participate in Punjab’s industrial transformation. Japanese and Indo-Japanese industry leaders, including senior representatives from Yanmar Holdings and TTC Group, shared positive experiences of operating in Punjab, highlighting the quality of human capital, supportive policy ecosystem, and facilitation by Invest Punjab. The visit comes in the wake of a similar trip by Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini in October, who spent three days in Japan securing memoranda of understanding worth over Rs 5,000 crore with Japanese corporations and engaging with ministers from the Ministry of Foreign.



Some Bharatiya people don't know our own languages: RSS chief Bhagwat

At a Nagpur event, RSS chief urges families to revive mother tongues at home, says rich concepts like Kalpavruksha lose meaning in English and Indian thought demands a balance of knowledge, karma and faith.

NAGPUR.(Agency)
RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat on Sunday expressed concern over the declining use of Indian languages and mother tongues, saying the situation has reached a point where “some Bharatiya people do not know our own languages”. Speaking at a book release event in Nagpur, Bhagwat appealed to society to introspect on the erosion of linguistic heritage. “There was a time when entire communication, sharing, daily business was in Sanskrit. Now, some American professor teaches us Sanskrit, when in reality we should have been teaching it to the world. Many children today do not know some very basic and simple words and often speak at home in a mix of their mother tongue and English,” he said. “The situation

has reached a point where some Bharatiya people do not know our own Indian languages,” the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) chief said. He maintained that English-medium education was not to blame, but the reluctance to speak Indian languages at home was aggravating the situation. “If we speak our language properly in our home, things would be better. But we do not do it,” he said. Even seers now reach out in English, which is understandable, but still indicative of changing linguistic preferences, Bhagwat noted. Referring to Sant Dnyaneshwar, he said the saint brought the knowledge of the Bhagavad Gita into Marathi for a better understanding of society. “Now the problem is that there are not



enough words in the English language that capture the essence and depth of the thoughts or concepts expressed in our languages. A single word used by Dnyaneshwar often requires multiple English words without fully conveying the intended meaning,” he said.

Citing an example, he pointed to Kalpavruksha, the wish-fulfilling tree from mythology in Indian tradition. “How will you translate Kalpavruksha in English?” Bhagwat asked, stressing the limitations of translating culturally rich concepts into a foreign language. He said such examples highlight why Indian languages must be preserved and strengthened. Bhagwat further said that Indian philosophical traditions emphasise unity despite physical differences. “Where there is faith, we all are an expression of the one,” he said, recalling how a seer once told foreign visitors that debating whether there is one God or many was unnecessary since the existence of the divine itself was central.

The need to throw light on shadow banks

In the 2008 crash, unregulated financial institutions—structured investment vehicles, asset-backed commercial paper issuers, securitisation structures, money market and hedge funds—contributed to global instability. In the aftermath, regulators promised to control these ‘shadow banks’, which themselves prefer to be known by the less pejorative terms market-based finance or non-bank financial institutions. But it didn’t happen.

Shadow banks’ share of global financial assets in 2022 was around 47 percent, up from 25 percent in 2007-08, compared to conventional banks’ 40 percent. And the phenomenon is global. While some structures have declined or disappeared, others have prospered and new ones appeared. Today, the shadow banking complex is dominated by asset managers such as insurance companies, pension funds, non-bank financial companies, and collective investment vehicles (funds, investment companies or partnerships, hedge funds) who invest client funds in public and private equity, debt, or hybrid securities. Other examples include securitisation vehicles which repackage existing obligations into new securities with different characteristics and various quantitative or multi-strategy trading firms. There are also specialised microloan organisations, trade financiers, asset based lenders (providing leasing, secured loans or receivable finance), payday lenders as well as pawn shops and loan sharks. China has a particularly wide range of shadow banks providing wealth management products, trust loans, entrusted loans, and undiscounted bank acceptance bills. There are commonalities within these disparate operations. They intermediate capital flows between investors (retail, high-networth individuals, family offices, institutions, and sovereign investment vehicles) and businesses. They trade in financial markets using a variety of strategies to profit from buying and selling financial instruments. Most importantly, there is limited regulation relative to that applicable to banks, because they theoretically do not take deposits from the general public and are not part of the payments system. The current regulatory concerns about the sector are disingenuous as policymakers’ actions underlie their growing role. Stricter bank regulations, such as the Basle 3 accord agreed after 2008, restricted or raised the cost of certain types of lending, especially to smaller enterprises, real estate companies, and projects. This allowed shadow banks to expand to meet the credit needs. The prolonged period of low rates between 2008 and 2021 simultaneously encouraged investors to seek better returns in an ever-mutating investment universe. In Asia, non-performing loans of banks made it difficult for them to meet loan demand. Differences in capital, leverage, and liquidity requirements drove regulatory arbitrage.

The effects of policy are subtle. Securitisation thrives, in part, because the US Federal Reserve, the Bank of Japan, the Bank of England, and the European Central Bank hold 16, 53, around 27, and over 30 percent of their outstanding government debts.

Highly-rated securitised debt meets the demand for safe assets and as collateral for secured loans. Interestingly, regulated banks have benefited from the growth of the shadow banks. They have refocused their business models on the ‘moving’ rather than the ‘storage’ business. Banks can now ‘sweat their capital’ more effectively, increasing return on shareholder funds by underwriting and distributing loans assets to funds and insurers. For central banks, this increases the velocity of money within the economy. Circumventing limitations on proprietary position taking, many banks now set up former star in-house traders in external hedge funds.

Bangladesh awaits a democratic dawn

India should be well prepared to engage with an elected government in Dhaka

DEMOCRACY has rarely survived and thrived in Bangladesh. Military coups, assassination of two Presidents (Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and Ziaur Rahman), autocratic regimes, rigged elections — this small nation has seen it all during its 54-year history. Now, it finds itself at a crossroads yet again. A parliamentary election and a nationwide referendum are scheduled to be held on the same day in February next year. The referendum pertains to the July Charter, which envisages much-needed political reforms through constitutional amendments. The charter owes its origin to the ‘student-people’ uprising in July-August 2024 that overthrew the repressive government led by Sheikh Hasina and forced her to take shelter in India. A brutal crackdown carried out on her orders claimed the lives of over 1,400 protesters and left hundreds of others maimed. No wonder the deposed Prime Minister is an integral part of the political discourse in the run-up to the elections. Last week, a special tribunal sentenced Hasina and former home minister Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal to death on the charges of “crimes against humanity”. On Thursday, a Bangladesh court sentenced her to 21 years of imprisonment in three corruption cases.

Hasina-led Awami League ruled the country without a break from 2008 to 2024. The long reign was marked by impressive economic growth, even though increasing authoritarianism took its toll on democratic institutions and constitutional safeguards. The party has now been reduced to a bystander in view of suspension of its activities. The top contender is the Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP), led by ex-PM Khaleda Zia. The Begum’s indifferent health has prompted her London-based son Tarique Rahman to take charge of the party’s campaign. He appears prominently on BNP posters and hoardings, which also carry images of Zia and her late husband, ex-President Ziaur Rahman.

Differences between the interim rulers and the BNP are coming to light. Earlier this week, the party slammed the government for signing long-term deals with foreign companies to operate key ports. Tarique Rahman has asserted that an ‘unelected’ administration cannot determine the country’s future. The BNP has also accused Chief Adviser Muhammad Yunus of violating the July Charter by going beyond the scope of earlier political consensus. Clearly, the BNP is already projecting itself as the next incumbent. The BNP’s main rival is its long-term ally, the Jamaat-e-Islami, which is banking on religion to win over voters. Also in contention is the National Citizen Party, which was formed by students in February and aims to establish a viable third front. Students were at the forefront of the protests last year, but it is doubtful whether they can make a significant impact in the



upcoming elections. Amid the poll buzz, Bangladesh is rightly laying stress on international outreach, exemplified by the recent Bay of Bengal Conversation in Dhaka. This annual geopolitical forum showcases the host nation as a progressive player in the global scheme of things. A key foreign stakeholder in Bangladeshi affairs is none other than India. The interim government has intensified pressure on New Delhi to hand over Hasina so that she can be brought to justice in Bangladesh. It appears that India is finally realising which way the wind is blowing in the neighbouring country. The Ministry of External Affairs has stated that India is examining the request for Hasina’s extradition and remains committed to Bangladesh’s stability and the well-being of its people.

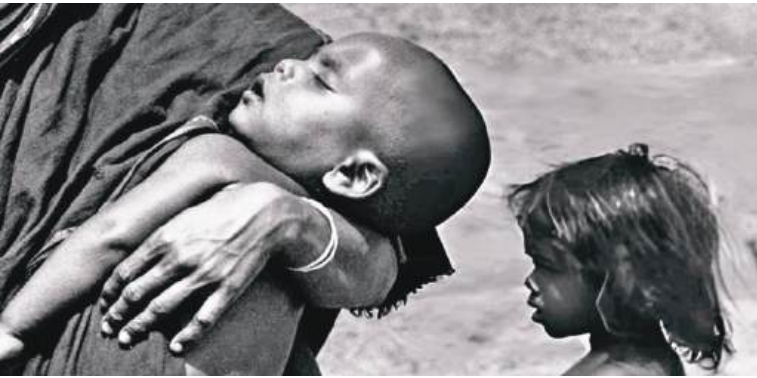
It’s also important for India to rebuild ties with Bangladesh because Pakistan is out to exploit the situation created by the Delhi-Dhaka impasse. Pakistan is set to export 1,00,000 tonnes of rice to Bangladesh — a sign of the fast-improving trade relations between the two countries. During the Joint Economic Commission meeting held in Dhaka last month, the Pakistani government offered Bangladesh the use of the Karachi Port Trust to increase its trade with other regional countries, including Central Asian states and China. Direct flights between the two

nations are scheduled to begin in December, while the engagement between their militaries is also growing. The majority of the Bangladeshi citizens today were not even born when the 1971 War of Liberation gave birth to their nation. The genocide carried out by Pakistani troops, India’s military intervention and humanitarian support — these are chapters from the distant past for the voters at large. The 2024 uprising is the all-important epochal event for them; participants as well as witnesses see it as nothing less than ‘Second Independence’ for their country. There is a lot that India has done in recent years to boost infrastructure development in Bangladesh. These gains must not be frittered away. Dhaka needs to be convinced that allying with a stable India is a much wiser option than siding with an unstable and unreliable Pakistan. The interim dispensation’s Foreign Affairs Adviser Touhid Hossain said last week that Bangladesh would prioritise its national interest and regional stability rather than “pick sides”. However, Dhaka won’t find it easy to walk a tightrope in South Asia. India, which is closely watching the developments in the neighbourhood, should be well prepared to engage with an elected government in Dhaka. Finding a way out of the Hasina tangle must be a top priority. At the same time, the importance of countering Pakistani propaganda cannot be overemphasised.

No closure for Nellie massacre survivors from probe report

Probe reports are meant to fix accountability. But since no accused even reached the trial stage, that objective has been rendered useless

On February 18, 1983, the vilest of human instincts manifested in Assam’s Nellie village when about 2,000 Bengali-speaking Muslim settlers were slaughtered at the height of an anti-immigrant agitation. Many of the victims of that mass murder 42 years ago were women and children. After the dust settled, as many as 688 criminal cases were filed; 310 reached the chargesheet stage, while the rest were closed due to ‘lack of evidence’. Two years down the road, all 310 chargesheeted cases were dropped by the then Asom Gana Parishad government as part of deal to forge the Assam Accord. None of the accused ever faced trial. Adding insult to injury, successive governments sat on the reports of two commissions that probed the bloody pogrom—one official and the other commissioned by NGOs. Both those reports were finally made public this week, months before Assam goes to the polls. Add to the cauldron a bill recently tabled in the state assembly banning polygamy—and ‘othering’ to accentuate pre-poll



polarisation becomes a possibility. The official one-man panel headed by retired IAS officer T P Tewary had submitted its report to the Assam government in 1984. Three years later, the report was formally tabled in the assembly, but access was limited as the speaker’s office had only one copy. Now that the Himanta Biswa

Sarma government has made the elusive report public, it’s odd to note that Tewary did not read any communal angle in the savage butchery, observing that the clashes were primarily economic in nature, resulting from land disputes. The panel faulted the police for sleeping on a specific alert from within the department on Nellie being a tinderbox waiting to explode. Pointing to the slew of violent episodes across the state before and after Nellie, the report stated: “The victims were not confined to one religious, ethnic, or linguistic group. In some places, the attackers were Assamese and the victims were Bengali-speaking people, both Hindus and Muslims.”

Probe reports are meant to fix accountability. But since no accused even reached the trial stage, that objective has been rendered useless. Yet, the Tewary report ought to have been made public four decades ago to give the survivors some sense of where things stood. Denying them the courtesy of even that understanding was highly unfortunate.

Nationwide SIR | When a clean-up becomes a mess

Cleaning of voter lists is an essential exercise. But the EC’s decision to hurry through the current nationwide special intensive revision of rolls is creating chaos and stressing out those conducting the massive drive. There’s a simpler solution using Aadhaar

A year ago, the idea of a massive nationwide exercise to visit every single household to verify, add, or delete voters was not on anyone’s radar. After all, the Narendra Modi government did not even conduct the mandatory decadal census. Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar took charge in February 2025 and, for three months, did not utter the term ‘special intensive revision’ (SIR). Suddenly, one day in June, the CEC announced a nationwide SIR beginning with Bihar. Why so suddenly and so hastily? It all started after the 2024 Maharashtra election, when the Leader of the Opposition Rahul Gandhi and I demonstrated comprehensively how the election was stolen using fake voters. More voters were added in five months in Maharashtra than in the entire previous five-year period. And all these new voters seem to have magically voted only for the BJP alliance. This was proved with data and groundwork.

Further, Rahul Gandhi exposed similar voter-list frauds in other states. The Election Commission steadfastly refused to accept our demand for providing voter lists of all states in a machine-readable form for further analysis. Public belief about faulty voter lists was rising and the EC’s credibility was rapidly falling. Clearly something was amiss, and hence the need to announce an SIR to clean the lists and wash past sins.

The last nationwide SIR took three full years, starting in 2002 and ending in January 2005. There were 700,000 polling stations and 65 crore voters then. India today has more than 100 crore voters and 12 lakh polling stations—a huge increase from 2005. Yet, CEC Gyanesh Kumar now wants to rush and finish the SIR process in a third of the time. In SIR Phase 2, the EC wants 5.3 lakh booth-level officers (BLO) across nine states and three Union territories to visit crores of homes and enumerate, verify, add, or delete 51 crore voters in just a month! These BLOs have to distribute voter forms, help the vast majority of voters fill it, manually verify each voter’s existence in the 2003 electoral rolls, collect the



appropriate documentation for proof of age, citizenship, and residence, and then submit these forms. Now, is there any surprise that five BLOs have lost their lives tragically due to stress and work pressure of SIR, including by suicide? The EC is culpable for these horrendous and utterly avoidable deaths of five Indians. To be crystal clear, India’s voter lists are riddled with ghosts, fakes, and duplicates, and need to be cleaned and purified. Voter lists are the Aadhaar or foundation of any democracy. India’s democracy today stands on a shaky foundation of flawed voter lists. So, any exercise to clean

the lists is welcome and much-needed. It is unwise to oppose list cleaning or even the idea of SIR. But Gyanesh Kumar’s SIR is a cure worse than the disease. There were absolutely no discussions, deliberation, consultation with political parties and the public before the launch of a nationwide SIR. This is in direct contrast to the SIR exercise in 2002, when the EC held joint discussions with all parties and gave enough notice before launching the SIR. This rush to launch SIR has left all political parties, BLOs, and voters unprepared. Consequently, there is utter chaos among voters, extremely stressed EC

workers, and agitated political parties. The Supreme Court now must stop this chaotic and messy SIR exercise and first ask the EC to prepare a comprehensive process document for voter list cleaning in consultation with all political parties. In the interim, the EC can use Aadhaar as a tool to eliminate duplicates and fake voters. It is true that Aadhaar does not imply citizenship and only Indian citizens must be allowed to vote. Every Aadhaar holder need not be a voter, but every voter must have an Aadhaar. So, even without an elaborate SIR, Aadhaar can be used to eliminate a vast chunk of the current problem by asking every voter to link their Aadhaar with their voter ID. This is a simple and established process.

Yes, there is a Supreme Court ruling that prohibits the EC from making Aadhaar mandatory for voters. But guess what? The EC already has made Aadhaar mandatory for revision of voter details. If one wants to change their address or any other information in their voter ID, then a Form 8 needs to be submitted with the desired change which will be verified using the person’s Aadhaar details and a one-time password sent to the Aadhaar-linked mobile number. So, if a person has not linked their voter ID with Aadhaar, they cannot change any details.

In other words, the EC has already surreptitiously made Aadhaar mandatory for voter ID modification. Then why not link all voter IDs to Aadhaar and use it to remove fake and duplicate ones? Regardless of their views in the past, nearly all political parties now support using Aadhaar to clean voter lists. The current SIR process is an effort to cover past mistakes in the voter list than to clean. Hence the haste and ensuing chaos resulting in tragic deaths of innocent people, erosion of public trust in the EC, and utter lack of faith in elections by opposition parties. It runs the risk of collapsing the very edifice of India’s democracy. The Supreme Court must step in and ask Gyanesh Kumar: why this ‘kola-hurry da’?



विश्व की ऐतिहासिक धरोहर में शामिल है इंडिया गेट

इंडिया गेट जो विश्व की ऐतिहासिक धरोहर में शामिल एक द्वार है और यह दिल्ली में स्थित है. हर साल लाखों सैलानी इस द्वार को देखने आते हैं. हर साल 26 जनवरी को दिन इंडिया गेट के सामने गणतंत्र दिवस की परेड कराई जाती है.

जी हां दोस्तों आज का हमारा लेख इंडिया गेट से संबंधित है. आज हम आपको इंडिया गेट से जुड़े वे सभी रोचक तथ्य बताने जा रहे हैं जो आपने आज से पहले शायद ही कहीं पढ़े होंगेतो चलिए जानते हैं

- इंडिया गेट की ऊंचाई 43 मीटर है विश्व का सबसे बड़ा युद्ध स्मारक है.
- क्या आप जानते हैं इंडिया गेट को प्राचीन समय में किंग्सवे के नाम से जाना जाता था और इसका डिजाइन सर एडवर्ड लुटियंस ने बनाया था.
- इंडिया गेट के सामने स्थापित छतरी में जार्ज पंचम की एक मूर्ति स्थापित थी जिसे बाद में यहाँ से हटाकर कोरोनेशन पार्क में स्थापित कर दिया गया था.
- आपको जानकर गर्व होगा इंडिया गेट का निर्माण प्रथम विश्वयुद्ध में

अब मछली नहीं उड़ती

बहुत पुरानी बात है। उन दिनों मछलियां तेरने के साथ उड़ भी सकती थीं। मछली का मन करता, तो वह दूर आसमान में जा उड़ती। तेरने का मन करता, तो नदी के अंदर चली जाती। एक दिन बगुले का जोड़ा कहीं जा रहा था। बगुला मछली से बोला, हमारे अंडों का ध्यान रखना। हम किसी से मिलकर आते हैं। दोपहर हुई, तो मोर ने मछली से कहा, मोरनी न जाने कहां चली गई? उसे ढूँढने जा रहा हूँ। हमारे अंडों का ध्यान रखना। उन सबके लौटने तक मछली ने अंडों का ध्यान रखा। शाम हुई, तो चुहिया ने मछली से कहा, मैं घूमने जा रही हूँ। मेरे बच्चे अकेले हैं। मछली पहरा देने लगी। चुहिया रात को लौटी। मछली जाने को हुई, तो गिलहरी ने आवाज लगाई, अमरुद पक गए होंगे, तो मुझे बताना। मछली उड़ी और अमरुद के पेड़ के फल देख आई। फिर गिलहरी को बताया, अमरुद पक चुके हैं। मछली जाने लगी, तो एक सांप ने पूछा, कहा जा रही हो? मछली बोली, अब थक गई हूँ। पानी में तेरने जा रही हूँ। सांप ने हंसते हुए कहा, आज की थकान तो दूर हो जाएगी। मगर कल क्या होगा? मछली ने चीकते हुए पूछा, मतलब? सांप ने जवाब दिया, मतलब यह है कि हर कोई तुम पर रोब जमाता है। मोर, बगुले, चुहिया, गिलहरी तक तुम से अपना काम करा लेते हैं। क्यों? मछली सोच में पड़ गई। सुबह हुई। बगुले का जोड़ा मछली के पास आया और वही बात कहकर उड़ चला। मछली को सांप की बात याद थी। उसने मुंह बनाया, हुं! मैं नदी में तेरने जा रही हूँ। शाम तक बाहर नहीं आऊंगी। बस फिर क्या था। सांप को डसरी पल का इंतजार था। बगुलों के वापस आने से पहले वह उनके अंडे खा चुका था। दोपहर हुई, तो मोर ने मछली से कहा, मोरनी न जाने फिर कहां चली गई। मैं उसे ढूँढने जा रहा हूँ। अंडों का ध्यान रखना। मछली ने मोर की बात को अनसुना कर दिया। वह घने पेड़ के पीछे आराम करने लगी। सांप ने मोरनी के अंडों को भी चट कर डाला।



बादलों का सीना चीरकर उड़ने वाले पक्षी बाज के बारे में आप भली-भांति जानते होंगे. बाज एक ऐसा पक्षी है जो बादलों से भी ऊपर उड़ सकता है और इसके साथ ही यह पक्षी बहुत तेज रफ्तार से उड़ता है. उदाहरण के तौर पर बाज 380 किलोमीटर प्रति घंटे की रफ्तार तक उड़ सकता है.



- बाज पक्षियों में सबसे बड़ा पक्षी होता है.
- बाज एक मांसाहारी पक्षी है.
- यह मुख्य रूप से भोजन में सांप, मछली, चूहा, मेंढक इत्यादि खाते
- बाज आसमान में बिना पंखों को हिलाएँ हवा में अधिक समय तक उड़ सकता है.
- यह लगभग दुनिया के हर देश में पाया जाता है और दुनिया भर में इसकी 60 से अधिक प्रजातियाँ अभी तक खोजी जा चुकी है.
- यह पक्षी अकेले में जंगलों में पहाड़ियों के ऊपर रहना पसंद करता है.
- क्या आप जानते हैं जब भी पक्षियों के राजा की बात आती है तो उनमें बाज का नाम सबसे पहले लिया जाता है. क्योंकि यही एक मात्र ऐसा पक्षी है जो तेज रफ्तार के साथ ही शारीरिक रूप से भी सर्वाधिक शक्तिशाली माना जाता है.
- बाज मांसाहारी जीवों की श्रेणी में आता है और इसका जीवनकाल लगभग 40 वर्ष से लेकर 70 वर्ष का होता है.
- बाज तेजी से उड़ने और सतह पर चलने की लिए भी जाना जाता है. यह पक्षी सतह पर भी गजब की तेजी से दौड़ता है.
- बाज के शरीर की बनावट जैसे छाती की मजबूत मांसपेशियों, लम्बे पंख और स्ट्रीमलाइन आकार के फाल्कन सही मायने में इस पक्षी को गजब की रफ्तार देने के लिए ही बने हैं.
- बाज के शरीर की लंबाई 13 से 23 इंच तक हो सकती है तथा बाज के पंखों लंबाई 29 से 34 इंच तक होती है. इसके साथ ही मादा बाज का आकार नर बाज से बड़ा होता है.
- बाज के परसदीदा शिकारों में चिड़िया, कबूतर, चूहा व बत्ख इत्यादि का शिकार ज्यादातर करता है.
- बाज आकाश में 12000 फीट की उंचाई तक उड़ान भर सकता है
- क्या आप जानते है बाज की अब

आसमान का राजा बाज

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- तक लगभग 2000 प्रजाति खोजी जा चुकी है.
- अगर आप बाज को नहीं पहचानते तो इसे जानने के लिए नीली स्लेटी और उसी रंग के लम्बे नुकील पंखों और पेट पर सफेद पर्व काले धब्बों से पहचाना जा सकता है.
- आपको जानकर हैरानी होगी द्वितीय विश्व युद्ध में कबूतरों द्वारा भेजे संदेशों को रोकने के लिए घुमन्तु बाज का इस्तेमाल किया जाता था.
- जंगलों में रहने वाले आदिवासी ज्यादातर छोटे-छोटे पक्षियों के शिकार के लिए बाज का सहारा लेते हैं.
- बाज एक ऐसा पक्षी है जो अंटार्कटिका के इलावा समूचे विश्व में पाया जाता है.
- बाज ही एकमात्र ऐसा शिकारी पक्षी है जो शिकार के लिए इंसान के 2 साल के बच्चे को भी उठा कर ले जा सकता है.
- मादा बाज 1 से लेकर 3 अंडे देती है और लगभग बाज 34 से 36 दिनों तक अण्डों पर बैठती है जिसके बाद अण्डों में से बच्चे बाहर निकल आते हैं
- क्या आप जानते है एक स्वस्थ बाज 6 किलोग्राम वजन को उठा कर हवा में उड़ सकता है.
- जिस तरह बाज तेजी का प्रतिक माना जाता है ठीक इसी प्रकार बाज के बच्चे का भी बहुत तेजी से विकास होता हैं यह 6 सप्ताह में 3-4 किलो हो जाता हैं.
- बाज की नजर भी बहुत तेज होती है उदाहरण के तौर पर यह अपने शिकार को 5 किलोमीटर की दूरी पर भी देख लेता है.



प्रति सेकंड 130 फ्रेम देख सकता है पेरग्रिन बाज

पशु-पक्षियों की दुनिया में पेरग्रिन बाज की दृष्टि सबसे तेज होती है। एक अध्ययन के अनुसार, दुनिया के सबसे सामान्य परभक्षी पक्षियों में शुमार यह बाज एक सेकंड में लगभग 130 फ्रेम देख सकता है। स्वीडन की लुंड यूनिवर्सिटी सहित कई शोधकर्ताओं का कहना है कि इसकी तुलना में इंसान प्रति सेकंड अधिकतम 50-60 फ्रेम ही देख पाते हैं। उन्होंने कहा कि कोई शख्स मूवी थिएटर में बतौर फिल्म प्रति सेकंड 25 छवियों की गति ही देख सकता है। वह भी उसे छवियों की शृंखला के रूप में नहीं देख सकता है। जर्नल ऑफ एक्सपेरिमेंटल बायोलॉजी में प्रकाशित अध्ययन के अनुसार, पेरग्रिन बाज की दृष्टि सबसे तीव्र होती है। तेज प्रकाश वाले वातावरण में उसकी दृष्टि 129 एचजेड (प्रति सेकंड पलक झपकाना) होती है। इन्हीं परिस्थितियों में सेकर बाज 102 एचजेड और हैरिस की देखने की क्षमता 77 एचजेड होती है। ऐसा पहली बार है, जब वैज्ञानिकों ने परभक्षी पक्षियों की दृष्टि की गति का अध्ययन किया है। इसके लिए उन्होंने यह गणना की कि वे कितने दृश्यों का अनुभव कर सकते हैं। अध्ययन के सह लेखकों में एक लुंड यूनिवर्सिटी के एल्मट केल्बर ने कहा, ‘मेरे सहयोगी साइमन पोटियर और मैने सेकर और हैरिस प्रजाति के बाजों का अध्ययन किया। इस दौरान यह भी गणना की कि ये कितनी तेज रोशनी में झपकी ले सकते हैं।’ शोधकर्ताओं ने कहा कि परभक्षी पक्षियों की नजर शिकार की जरूरत के हिसाब से हरकत करती है। आमतौर पर बाज तेज गति से उड़ने वाली पक्षियों का शिकार करते हैं और अपनी तीव्र दृष्टि से उन पक्षियों के संकेत होने से पहले ही उन्हें पकड़ लेते हैं।

350 किलोमीटर प्रति घंटे की रफ्तार से शिकार करता है

शोधकर्ताओं ने बताया कि हैरिस नामक बाज के पास अत्यधिक ऊंचाइयों पर शिकार करने के लिए बहुत तेज दृष्टि नहीं होती है, क्योंकि वह जमीन पर छोटे और धीमी गति वाले जानवरों का शिकार करते हैं। शोधकर्ताओं के अनुसार, पेरग्रिन बाज के पास अलग-अलग दृश्यों में खुद की दृष्टि को समायोजित करने की क्षमता होती है, क्योंकि यह एक फॉर्मूला वन रेंसिंग कार की गति यानी 350 किलोमीटर प्रति घंटे की रफ्तार से अपने शिकार पर हमला बोलती है।

पिंजरे में रखे गए पक्षियों की स्थिति समझने में मिलेगी मदद

यह अध्ययन छोटे कीटों को खाने वाली पक्षियों की देखने की क्षमता का पता लगाने के लिए किया गया है। शोधकर्ताओं ने का कहना है कि बाजों के शिकार की कला यह भी बताती है कि परभक्षी पक्षियों की दृष्टि बहुत तीव्र होती है। शोधकर्ताओं के अनुसार, इस अध्ययन से मिली नई जानकारी से कैद में रखे गए पक्षियों की स्थिति को बेहतर तरीके से समझने में मदद मिलेगी।

बैल के बारे में आप लोग तो कुछ न कुछ जानते ही होंगे। लेकिन आप लोगों को आज एक ऐसे बैल के बारे में बताते हैं, जिसके बारे में शायद ही आप लोग जानते हों। यह बैल है कस्तूरी बैल। है न रोचक बात! आप लोग मस्क डीयर यानी कि कस्तूरी हिरण के बारे में जानते होंगे, लेकिन कस्तूरी बैल के बारे में नहीं। यह बैल मले ही अपने यहां नहीं पाया जाता, लेकिन यह कुछ एक देशों में पाया जाता है।

ऊंचाई पांच फुट तक होती है। इसके गठीले शरीर के कारण ही शिकारी जानवर जल्दी हमला नहीं कर पाते। ये अक्सर झुंड में ही रहते हैं, इसलिए शिकारी जानवरों पोलर बीयर, आर्कटिक फॉक्स और आर्कटिक भेड़ियों से अपनी रक्षा कर लेते हैं।

नहीं खाता मांस
आप लोग सोच रहे होंगे कि बर्फ में रहने की वजह से इसका भी भोजन मांस होगा, लेकिन ऐसा नहीं है। यह बिल्कुल भी मांसाहारी नहीं है। घास, आर्कटिक फूल, मरकट और बहुत प्रकार की वनस्पति खाता है। वैसे इसे ‘विलो प्लॉट’ खाना ज्यादा अच्छा लगता है। यह अपना भोजन चबाता नहीं है, बल्कि उसे निगल जाता है।



NEWS BOX

ICC warns members of 30% reduction in revenue next cycle

CHENNAI. (Agency) Mumbai batter Ayush Mhatre shattered Rohit Sharma's record following his breathtaking century in the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy Group A fixture against Vidarbha on Friday, November 28. Mhatre became the youngest player in the history of the game to register a century in all three formats of cricket namely First-class, List A and T20.The 18-year-old surpassed Rohit Sharma in the list, who achieved the feat at the age of 19y 339d. Former India under 19 World Cup winning captain also appears in the list on the third spot, having achieved the feat at 20 while Quintin de Kock and Ahmed Shehzad are also in top five.Mhatre produced a magnificent unbeaten 110 off just 53 balls to guide Mumbai to a commanding seven-wicket victory over Vidarbha in their Elite Group A encounter. The young opener unleashed eight sixes—many of them dispatched over the on-side—and struck eight boundaries in total to bring up his maiden T20 century in spectacular fashion.Mhatre remarkable knock came on the very day he was announced as India's captain for the Under-19 Asia Cup, scheduled to begin on December 12 in Dubai. Courtesy of his



innings, Mumbai chased down the target of 193 with 13 balls to spare, finishing at 194/3 in 17.5 overs.Mhatre got involved in crucial stands with Suryakumar Yadav (35 off 30) of 88 from 59 deliveries for the third wicket and a quick fire 85-run partnership off 35 balls with Shivam Dube (39* off 19) for the fourth wicket.Earlier, Mhatre got his name into the record books as he scored the fastest-ever hundred in the history of youth Tests. He completed the milestone in just 64 balls to help the team chase down 355 to win on the final day of the match. He was in stunning form during the series, scoring 340 runs from four innings as India won the series by 2-0.The teen sensation also had a phenomenal season for Chennai Super Kings (CSK) in Indian Premier League 2025 (IPL 2025), scoring 240 runs in seven innings at an average of 34.28 and a strike rate of 188.97. Mhatre has been retained by the franchise ahead of the mega auction for the next season.

2 roads, 1 destination: Rohit Sharma, Virat Kohli and the art of ODI dominance

New Delhi. (Agency) Taking singles is as important as hitting boundaries in ODI cricket and Test matches. Maybe not as much in T20 format. That's something that Virat has done so well in his career."“That's something that we have looked at Virat and tried to learn. Even in the dressing room, we all talk to him and Rohit about how we can get better as batters and how we can rotate the strike a lot more. He is obviously a master of doing that in ODI cricket.”It was a reminder that the modern Indian ODI side lives at the intersection of two entirely different batting philosophies. In early 2023, under Rohit Sharma and Rahul Dravid, India sharpened a more



proactive limited-overs identity — intent from ball one, harder swings in the powerplay, fewer sighters, more damage. The blueprint was borrowed by white-ball sides, coached by Gautam Gambhir. But even as India's blueprint tilted towards Rohit's worldview, the team's most reliable batter continued to thrive through an approach that seems almost old-fashioned in comparison.Two creators. Two styles. Two roads to the same peak.ROHIT SHARMA: THE HITMAN If the Rohit–Dravid years have a soundtrack, it begins with Rohit's bat in the first ten overs. India's shift toward a front-foot ODI philosophy didn't emerge out of tactical experiments — it took shape because India understood the need for reinvention and the need to catch-up with modern-day demands of white-ball cricket.Rohit's ODI career is a study in boundary dominance. 55.91% of his runs have come in fours and sixes — a figure that places him above nearly every modern great.

Is Ruturaj Gaikwad, Sanju Samson opening pair viable for CSK R Ashwin gives his take

Former India all-rounder Ravichandran Ashwin shared his views on Ruturaj Gaikwad and Sanju Samson opening combination for CSK in IPL 2026. He mentioned that Ayush Mhatre and Urvil Patel are also making a strong case for themselves to be in the opening slot.

New Delhi. (Agency) Former India all rounder Ravichandran Ashwin has given his take on Ruturaj Gaikwad and Sanju Samson opening for Chennai Super Kings (CSK) in the Indian Premier League 2025 (IPL 2025). CSK have acquired Samson ahead of the upcoming season via a player trade with Rajasthan Royals (RR) in exchange of Ravindra Jadeja and Sam Curran.With Samson in the team, he's expected to open alongside Ruturaj Gaikwad for the five-time champions.



Recently, Ashwin shared his views on the opening combination, saying that he would be thrilled to see them bat together as they both possess different qualities as a batter.“There is pedigree with Ruturaj Gaikwad and Sanju Samson. Pedigree means you making quality runs and sustaining that for a period of time. We must not forget that. For me, I would love to see both of them go hammer and tongs at the opening slot. Both of them have different strengths. One is a caresser of the ball, while the other guy hits it hard so both of those qualities are there. So I will look at it in that fashion that I have two good openers,” said Ashwin on his Youtube Channel.Ashwin also mentioned that Ruturaj might be willing to bat at number three as he's batting at that position for Maharashtra

as well which will make it tricky for CSK to fit in Urvil Patel in top four.But the early signs are that Ruturaj wants to bat at number 3 because he's also batting at no 3 for Maharashtra. Which begs the question where will Urvil Patel bat? CSK are looking at Andre Russell very hard. Let's see who all are there in the auction. I still think Urvil Patel can play at no 4. But then if he comes at number 4 it becomes completely right handed. But Urvil takes on the powerplay. So if we open with Rutu and Sanju, Urvil can come in at number 3 but Ayush has scored runs. It's a tricky question but we'll see how they solve their top four conundrum?,” he added.CSK found solid young stars in Urvil Patel and Ayush Mhatre towards the ending stages of their 2024 season. The young duo is performing exceptionally in the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy, having slammed a hundred each and are making a strong case to play as openers in the upcoming season. With a several talented batters at their disposal, CSK are expected to have a hard time settling their order. It remains to be seen how they fix their conundrum in the upcoming season.

Wanted DC return in WPL 2026: Shikha Pandey after record 2.4 crore UPW move

CHENNAI. (Agency) India pacer Shikha Pandey admitted that she was looking forward to being part of the Delhi Capitals franchise during the Women's Premier League 2026. Shikha spent three seasons with the DC franchise and played a total of 27 matches. During this time, she picked up 30 wickets. The 2025 season saw Shikha pick up 11 wickets for DC at an average of 21.9 as they made it to their third straight final.During the auction that took place on November 27, DC decided not to bid for the veteran pacer as it was the UP Warriorz and Royal Challengers Bengaluru who engaged in a bidding war for her services. Speaking exclusively to Sports Today, Shikha said that she had enjoyed playing in the DC setup. However, she accepted that she will now have to look at a new challenge. "I was anxious the whole day before, and I'm someone who stays in the moment, so I just told myself, whatever happens, happens. I had a very good team in the Delhi Capitals. I really thoroughly enjoyed playing in that

setup. And I was hoping that I would go back to them, but then, that's how the whole auction works out. It works in different ways," said Shikha. 'HAPPY THAT I WAS VALUED'



The pacer last represented India in an international game in 2023 and wasn't part of the 2025 ODI World Cup-winning squad. Despite this, both UPW and RCB locked horns as her price in the auction shocked

everyone.The 36-year-old was sold for Rs. 2.4 Crore to the Warriorz. Shikha recalled the auction day drama, saying she wasn't following the first few rounds as her mother watched on. Once her name came in, she joined in and was happy to see that she was being valued at the auction in high regard. "To be very honest, I don't look at the price tag. I wasn't following the first few rounds, but then when my name came in... I was in the other room. My mother was watching very intently, and then I kind of joined in. I was happy that there were two teams that went on and on, and that's how the price tag increased. I was happy that I was being valued, which is what a cricketer wants sometimes," said Shikha.”About the price tag, I'm not pretty sure with women's cricket, it is slightly different than men's cricket. The eyeballs and media attention are not at par. If people were following women's cricket, probably they would know."

Lionel Messi involved in ugly spat during Inter Miami's East final win

New Delhi. (Agency) Lionel Messi was involved in an ugly spat with compatriot Maximiliano Moralez during the Eastern Conference final between Inter Miami and New York City FC on Saturday, November 29. Messi had a war of words with Moralez during the match. The match saw high tension early, notably when the Inter Miami skipper reacted angrily to a foul by Maximiliano Moralez on defender Maximiliano Falcón. The incident led to heated exchanges between both teams before Messi regained composure, allowing play to continue without further escalation.MESSI INSPIRES MIAMI Inter Miami secured their place in the MLS Cup final for the first time in club history with a decisive 5-1 win over New York City FC. The victory ensures Miami will host the championship match at Chase Stadium on December 6, where they await either San Diego FC or Vancouver Whitecaps, pending the conclusion of the Western Conference final.Tadeo Allende was the standout performer, scoring a hat-trick to bring his

playoff total to a league-best eight goals in 2025.



Supporting roles were played by Mateo Silveti and Telasco Segovia, who each added a goal in the second half to ensure Miami's advantage was insurmountable for

NYCFC. The team's attacking depth was evident, contributing to the emphatic result.Messi contributed an assist during the game, taking his tally to 13 goal involvements in just five playoff matches (6 goals, 7 assists). His consistent impact has been a driving force in Miami's historic post-season run.Strategically, Inter Miami capitalised on their regular-season form, using a well-balanced attack and disciplined defensive structure.NYCFC struggled to contain Miami's offensive threats and was unable to shift momentum despite tactical adjustments after halftime. Miami's coordinated pressing and swift transitions kept NYCFC under pressure for most of the match.With this victory, Inter Miami not only advances to its first MLS Cup final but also sets the stage for Lionel Messi to potentially secure the 47th trophy of his career.

PSG stunned 1-0 by Monaco but retain top spot in Ligue 1 as Marseille held 2-2 by Toulouse

PSG remain top of the standings for now with 30 points from 14 games, one point ahead of Marseille

MARSEILLE . (Agency) Paris Saint-Germain suffered a shock 1-0 defeat at the hands of Monaco on Saturday but retained top spot in Ligue 1 after nearest rivals Marseille were held to a 2-2 draw by Toulouse.Japan's Takumi Minamino scored the only goal of the game for Monaco in the principality -- the former Liverpool player's second-half strike inflicting a second domestic defeat of the campaign on PSG. Monaco held on through the closing stages, including seven minutes of stoppage time, after having former Paris defender Thilo Kehrer sent off in the 80th minute.It was a

surprise result with Monaco ending a run of three consecutive Ligue 1 losses which had seen them lose ground on PSG and the other sides at the top of the table.

They are now provisionally up to sixth, seven points behind the capital side whose only other reverse in Ligue 1 so far this season came away to Marseille in September. PSG remain top of the standings for now with 30 points from 14 games, one point ahead of Marseille after Roberto De Zerbi's team were denied by Santiago Hidalgo's late equaliser for Toulouse at the Velodrome.It is now over to Lens, who are two points behind the leaders in third but will go top if they beat Angers away on Sunday."Usually I prefer to watch matches again and analyse them, but today it is easier. We were not precise enough and we made too many individual and collective mistakes," said PSG coach Luis Enrique, whose side was again far from full strength."Neither team played at a very high level, but they played better than us. It was without any doubt our worst match of the season."Minamino controlled an Alaksandr Golovin cross

before finishing past Lucas Chevalier to open the scoring and Monaco maintained their advantage even after German centre-back Kehrer saw red following a VAR check



for a foul on Ibrahim Mbaye. Paul Pogba made another brief cameo appearance off the bench for the hosts, a week after coming on for his first competitive appearance in over two years following a doping ban."It is satisfying to get back to winning ways, all the more so against one of the best teams in Europe, if not the best," said Sebastian Pocognoli, who has struggled to make an impact since being appointed Monaco coach in October.

Marseille were expected to get all three points at home to Toulouse but produced a sluggish first-half performance following a rousing Champions League win over Newcastle United in midweek.Brazilian forward Emersonn ran half the length of the pitch before giving the visitors the lead, which they held until the interval.Pierre-Emile Hojbjerg hit the post for Marseille early in the second half before Aron Donnum saw his chip strike the bar at the other end.Moments after that, Marseille were level when Igor Paixao rounded goalkeeper Guillaume Restes to score, and the home side went ahead on 74 minutes as Hojbjerg headed in a precise Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang cross.Hojbjerg ripped off his shirt in celebration as Marseille appeared to be heading to the top of the table, but Hidalgo -- the young Argentine forward brought on as a late substitute -- silenced the crowd as he headed in a long Mark McKenzie throw in stoppage time to make it 2-2."Of course we are sad but the league is not over tonight. There are still many months to go," De Zerbi said

Shraddha Das

Reveals Why She Decided To Sign 'Search: The Naina Murder Case': 'Konkona Sen Was...'

Shraddha Das is currently basking in the success of ‘Search: The Naina Murder Case’, where she served us a power-packed portrayal of the ambitious and sharp Raksha. The series, which also stars Konkona Sen Sharma, is streaming on JioHotstar. Days after the release, in an exclusive conversation with News18 Showsha, Shraddha opened up about the project and revealed why she decided to be a part of it. “I feel like I am finally getting my due as an artist. And this was one role that was widely appreciated, critically, commercially, by the audience, from everywhere, whether it was my look, my performance, certain scenes, actually all the scenes. There are certain roles where you are appreciated for looking glamorous and sometimes you are appreciated only for your performance. And here it’s like everywhere my character was loved, so there is nothing more satisfying than that as an artist after so many years,” she said.

For Shraddha, the role wasn't just powerful, it was a dream come true. When asked what made her say yes to the project, she had a long list of reasons. She began with, "Five to six things that obviously made me say yes. Number one was that it was being directed by Rohan Sippy sir, whose work I really love. The second thing was the production, which was Applause, which has belted out some of the best projects recently."

Another major reason was her deep admiration for her co-star, the magnetic Konkona Sen Sharma. She shared, “Then it was Konkona Sen Sharma who was headlining the whole thing. To be working in a project where she is at the centre of, that was another reason.” The character itself and the strength of the script sealed the deal for her. Describing her role, she said, “My character had a complete arc to it, from the beginning till the end, I had so much to do. I had a complete parallel leading track. And there were certain scenes where I could really bring out my performance.”

A lover of political thrillers, Shraddha revealed her fondness for shows like *House of Cards* and her admiration for Robin Wright, proudly admitting she has binged the entire series multiple times. Her Bengali upbringing also played a role in shaping her interest in politics. She recalled, “Being a Bengali, my father and I would discuss a lot of politics.”



Bigg Boss 19: Deepak Chahar Roasts Sister

Malti Chahar

After Entering BB House, Says ‘Khaana Ye Hi Banayegi’

Malti Chahar's brother and cricketer, Deepak Chahar, has entered Bigg Boss 19 during family week. The latest promo shows Deepak Chahar's presence bringing a playful, light-hearted energy to the BB house. His entry leaves Malti surprised initially, and Deepak is later seen hilariously pulling her leg. He reveals that Malti has never cooked at home and announces that he will leave only after tasting the food she prepares. The other housemates joined in on the fun, and Gaurav Khanna joked that Malti is probably wondering why her brother entered the BB house.

Malti Chahar's Brother Deepak Chahar Enters Bigg Boss 19 House



The latest promo of Bigg Boss 19 shows Malti Chahar sleeping in the garden area when Deepak Chahar arrives and wakes her. Startled to see him standing in front of her, she jolts awake in surprise. Bigg Boss then welcomes Deepak into the house, while Malti hugs him. He is then seen telling other housemates, “Main is ghar mein sirf ek hi maksad se aaya hu. Meri behen ne zindagi mein ek roti ka tukda banake nahi khilaaya hai. (I have come to this house with only one purpose. My sister has never cooked even a single roti for me in her entire life).” Malti chimes in, saying

that he is lying. Deepak then continues, “Khaana ye hi banayegi. Khaana khaa ke jaunga main. (She will only cook food today. I will eat the food and then leave).”

After Kunickaa Sadanand offers him a glass of water, Deepak says, "Thank you so much, ma'am." He then roasts Malti and says that she didn't even give him a glass of water. The housemates were left in splits, and Gaurav Khanna added, "Mujhe aisa lag raha hai, Malti soch rahi hai ghar se koi kyu aaya. (It feels like Malti is wondering why someone has come from home)."

Family Week On Bigg Boss 19

Meanwhile, in the upcoming episode, viewers will also see Tanya Mittal's brother entering Bigg Boss 12 house. Apart from this, Shehbaz's father will also join the housemates. Earlier, Ashnoor's father, Amaal Mallik's brother Armaan, Farrhana Bhatt's mother, Gaurav Khanna's wife Akanksha Chamola, Kunickaa's son Ayaan, and Pranit More's brother Pragav were seen entering the BB house.



Tanya Mittal Finds Dubai's Atlantis 'Downmarket,' Wants 'Something Better' For Her Wedding



It doesn't matter if you are a viewer of Bigg Boss 19 or not; if you have a phone and a social media account, you know who Tanya Mittal is. The social media influencer has become one of the most popular contestants of Bigg Boss, and it is her claims of being filthy rich and her luxurious habits that have made her one of the most talked-about contestants of the season. Recently, Farah Khan, with her cook Dilip, visited now-evicted contestants and popular influencer couple Awez Darbar and Nagma Mirajkar's home. In the latest vlog, Farah is seen talking to Nagma and Awez about their wedding plans and joking, "Aren't you getting married in Tanya Mittal's place in Gwalior?" to which Awez replied, "No, no, who knows if it actually exists or not."

To this, Faran quipped, "You should at least go to her house once. I'm waiting to go and do a house tour when she comes out." Nagma added, "She used to tell me that she went to Atlantis to do a recipe for her marriage, but she wasn't happy." To this, the filmmaker questioned, "Did she think it was 'downmarket'?" and Nagma replied, "Yes, and she wants something better. And she said it will be a wedding of 21 days, so you have to come for one month."

The discussion didn't end here, as Farah continued, "What do you mean, a wedding of 21 days? What happens after that? Divorce?" Nagma laughed and clarified, "No, no, she meant the functions will last for 21 days."

What Does Tanya Mittal Do?

Tanya Mittal hails from Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh. She is an influencer, entrepreneur, podcaster, and former model. She has a following of over 2.5 million on Instagram and shares motivational posts, spiritual stories, and lifestyle content. Tanya was crowned Miss Asia Tourism 2018 and represented India at the Miss Asia Tourism Universe pageant in Lebanon, gaining recognition on an international level.

In Ivory Anarkali, Sara Arjun Impresses Fans And Ranveer Singh



Sara Arjun opted for a traditional ivory floor-length anarkali suit, beautifully blending simplicity and sophistication.

Sara Arjun's debut in *Dhurandhar* has already become one of the most discussed topics among cinephiles and the excitement only grows with every new glimpse the young actress shares. After winning hearts with her graceful appearance at the film's trailer launch, Sara has now offered fans a closer look at her style through a set of candid photos on social media.

In the newly shared pictures on Instagram, Sara smiles wholeheartedly as the camera captures her natural charm. Some shots show her in sweet, candid moments while others highlight her beauty as she strikes confident poses.

Sara Arjun's Outfit

Sara opted for a traditional ivory floor-length anarkali suit, beautifully blending simplicity and sophistication. The outfit was elevated further with oxidised silver jewellery and her minimal makeup took the overall glam to a whole new level. But the highlight of the post? Ranveer Singh's reaction. The superstar dropped a sparkling emoji in the comments, expressing his admiration for the young actress.

Ranveer Singh On Working With Sara Arjun

Sara and Ranveer's pairing in Aditya Dhar's directorial previously sparked a wave of backlash, particularly due to the 20-year age gap. Recently, at the trailer launch, Ranveer finally shared his thoughts on working with Sara. The actor said, "I'm lucky to be part of such a special moment for you. Sara, here is a prodigy. You will get to know. Some people, you know, they are just like a child prodigy. Once Dakota Fanning came to Hollywood. I think, Sara, it's a testament to the fact that you beat thousands of other candidates to land this part."

Further, Ranveer added, "It feels like she has done 50 films. She is so precocious as a person, as a performer. You are one of the finest actors that I have shared the screen with. You make me look better."

Packed with chilling action scenes and a gripping storyline inspired by true events, *Dhurandhar* is expected to witness one of the biggest openings of the year. Apart from the lead pair, the film boasts a strong ensemble cast featuring R Madhavan, Akshaye Khanna, Arjun Rampal and Sanjay Dutt in pivotal roles. The film is slated to hit theatres on December 5.

दिल्ली नगर निगम के 12 वार्डों में उपचुनाव, भाजपा-आआपा में कड़ी टक्कर

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। दिल्ली नगर निगम (एमसीडी) के 12 वार्डों में उपचुनाव के लिए मतदान होगा। इस उपचुनाव में भारतीय जनता पार्टी (भाजपा) और आम आदमी पार्टी (आआपा) के बीच कड़ा मुकाबला है। कांग्रेस ने भी सभी वार्डों में अपने उम्मीदवार उतारकर मुकाबले को त्रिकोणीय बना दिया है। चुनाव आयोग के आदेश के मुताबिक मतदान 30 नवंबर को होगा और मतगणना 3 दिसंबर को की जाएगी। नगर निगम के जिन 12 वार्डों में उपचुनाव होना है, उनमें मुंडका से भाजपा ने जय पाल सिंह दलाल (चीनी प्रधान), आआपा ने अनिल लाकड़ा और कांग्रेस ने मंकेश को उम्मीदवार बनाया है। शालीमार बाग-बी वार्ड में भाजपा ने अनीता जैन, आआपा ने बबिता अहलावत और कांग्रेस ने सतिता कुमारी को मैदान में उतारा है। अशोक विहार से भाजपा उम्मीदवार बीना असीजा, आआपा की सीमा विकास गोयल और कांग्रेस की विशाखा रानी चुनाव लड़ रही हैं। चांदनी चौक से भाजपा के सुमन कुमार गुप्ता, आआपा के हर्ष शर्मा और कांग्रेस के अजय कुमार जैन खड़े हैं। चांदनी महल से भाजपा ने सुनील शर्मा, आआपा ने मुहसिर उस्मान कुरैशी और कांग्रेस ने कुंवल शहजाद अहमद को टिकट दिया है। द्वारका-बी से भाजपा उम्मीदवार मनोषा राजपाल सहरावत, आआपा की राजबाला सहरावत और कांग्रेस की समुता मलिक के बीच मुकाबला है। डिचाऊ कलां से भाजपा की रेखा रानी, आआपा की नीतू केशव चौहान और कांग्रेस की रश्मी शर्मा चुनाव मैदान में हैं।

लूटपाट के मामले में आरोपित गिरफ्तार

नई दिल्ली। उत्तर पूर्वी जिले के गोकुलपुरी थाना क्षेत्र में हुई लूट की वारदात का पुलिस ने खुलासा करते हुए एक आरोपित को गिरफ्तार किया। फकड़े गए आरोपित की पहचान मोहम्मद आकिब (26) के रूप में हुई है। पुलिस ने आरोपित के कब्जे से सेमी-ऑटोमैटिक पिस्टल, दो जिंदा कारतूस और चोरी की मोटरसाइकिल बरामद की है। उत्तर पूर्वी जिले के पुलिस उपायुक्त आशीष मिश्रा ने बताया कि 17 नवंबर की सुबह करीब 9:30 बजे गोकुलपुरी स्थित यूके मिलक एजेंसी में लूट की घटना हुई थी। पाट-ट्राइम काम करने वाला 16 वर्षीय नाबालिग छत्र जब दुकान में रुपये गिन रहा था, तभी दो बदमाश अंदर घुसे और हथियार दिखाकर नकदी लूटकर फरार हो गए। नाबालिग के बयान पर पुलिस ने मुकदमा दर्ज किया। पुलिस उपायुक्त के अनुसार 27 नवंबर की रात नाला रोड, गोकुलपुरी में गश्त के दौरान कोन्स्टेबल आजहर और तुषार ने एक सदिध व्यक्ति को बाइक पर जाते देखा और उसे रोका। जांच में उसकी पहचान न्यू मुस्तफाबाद निवासी मोहम्मद आकिब के रूप में हुई। तलाशी के दौरान उसके पास से एक पिस्टल और दो कारतूस मिले। आगे की जांच में पता चला कि उसकी मोटरसाइकिल मंडवली क्षेत्र से चोरी हुई थी। इसर सख्ठी से पकड़ाछ करने पर आरोपित ने कबूल किया कि वह भी 17 नवंबर की लूट में शामिल था। उसके खिलाफ पहले भी एक झपटमारी का मामला दर्ज है। फिलहाल पुलिस उसके साथियों और नेटवर्क की तलाश में जुटी है।

युवक की गोली मारकर हत्या, एक आरोपित गिरफ्तार

नई दिल्ली। शहदरा इलाके में रात एक युवक की गोली मारकर हत्या कर दी गई। पुलिस ने अनुसार रात करीब 11:09 बजे थाना शाहदरा को सूचना मिली कि वी-ब्लॉक स्थित छोट हलवाई की दुकान के पास एक व्यक्ति को गोली मार दी गई है। सूचना मिलते ही मौके पर पहुंची पुलिस टीम ने पाया कि गोली लगने से घायल युवक की पहचान गगन अह्नी (27) के रूप में हुई। वह इलाके का घोषित बदमाश (बोसी) है। गगन को तत्काल जिलाबो अस्पताल ले जाया गया, जहां डॉक्टरों ने उसे मृत घोषित कर दिया। उसे दाहिनी कनपटी पर गोली लगी थी। प्राथमिक जांच में सामने आया कि दो आरोपित मोटरसाइकिल पर आए थे और उन्होंने पर गोली चलाने का शौक है। पुलिस ने एक आरोपित को हिरासत में ले लिया है और वारदात में इस्तेमाल मोटरसाइकिल भी बरामद कर ली है। दूसरे आरोपित की तलाश जारी है। पुलिस अधिकारियों के मुताबिक, मृतक गगन का हाल ही में दोनों आरोपितों से झगड़ा हुआ था। शुक्रवार रात वे आपस में सुलह की बातचीत के लिए मिले थे, इसी दौरान वारदात को अंजाम दिया गया।

थाईलैंड से डिपोर्ट कर लाया गया गैंगस्टर हरसिमरन

नई दिल्ली। दिल्ली पुलिस की स्पेशल सेल ने केंद्रीय एजेंसियों की मदद से उत्तरी जिले के कुख्यात गैंगस्टर हरसिमरन उर्फ बादल उर्फ सिमरन को थाईलैंड से गिरफ्तार किया। आरोपित फजी पासपोर्ट पर जनवरी 2025 में देश से फरार हो गया था और विदेश से गंगा संचालन की तैयारी कर रहा था। 26 नवंबर को उसे बैंकॉक से डिपोर्ट किए जाने के बाद दिल्ली एयरपोर्ट पर गिरफ्तार किया गया। स्पेशल सेल के पुलिस उपायुक्त अमित कौशिक ने बताया कि जांच में पता चला कि हरसिमरन ने उत्तर प्रदेश के गोरखपुर से राजेश सिंह की पहचान से फजी पासपोर्ट बनवाया था। इसी पासपोर्ट के आधार पर वह लखनऊ से बैंकॉक भागा। विदेश पहुंचने के बाद उसने अपने खिलाफ गवाही देने वाले एक गवाह को धमकी दी और 50 लाख रुपये की रंगदारी भी मांगी। पुलिस उपायुक्त के अनुसार पुलिस जांच में सामने आया कि आरोपित कुख्यात गैंगस्टर गोल्डी हिल्लों के संपर्क में था। उसके कहने पर वह दुबई, अजरबैजान, रूस और बेलारूस के रास्ते यूरोप जाने की कोशिश करता रहा, लेकिन हर बार पकड़ा गया या वापस भेज दिया गया। उसकी लोकेशन ट्रेस होने पर दिल्ली पुलिस ने केंद्रीय एजेंसियों से संपर्क किया और विदेश मंत्रालय ने उसका पासपोर्ट रद्द कर दिया।

चुनाव आयोग ने ऐप ईसीआईनेट को बेहतर बनाने को मांगे सुझाव

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। चुनाव आयोग ने सभी नागरिकों को ईसीआईनेट ऐप डाउनलोड करने और ऐप पर 'सुझाव जमा करें' टैब का उपयोग करके ऐप को बेहतर बनाने के लिए सुझाव आमंत्रित किया है। यह 27 नवंबर से 27 दिसंबर के बीच किया जा सकता है। ईसीआईनेट ऐप के परीक्षण संस्करण का उपयोग बिहार विधानसभा चुनाव 2025 और हाल के उपचुनावों के दौरान किया गया था। इस नए मंच ने बेहतर मतदाता सेवाओं, मतदान प्रतियार दर रझानों की त्वरित उपलब्धता और मतदान समाप्त होने के 72 घंटों के भीतर अनुक्रमणिका कार्डों के प्रकाशन को भी सक्षम बनाया।

मंच की कार्यक्षमता को और बढ़ाना के लिए बिहार चुनावों से मिली सीख और सीईओ, डीईओ, ईआरओ, पर्यवेक्षकों और क्षेत्रीय अधिकारियों से प्राप्त प्रतिक्रिया को शामिल किया जा रहा है। उपयोगकर्ता के सुझावों की जांच की जाएगी और प्लेटफॉर्म को और अधिक उपयोगकर्ता के अनुकूल

बनाने के लिए इसे और अद्यतन किया जाएगा। ईसीआईनेट प्लेटफॉर्म का आधिकारिक शुभारंभ जनवरी 2026 में करने की योजना है।



मतदाताओं की सुविधा में सुधार और प्रौद्योगिकी के उपयोग से चुनावी प्रक्रियाओं में पारदर्शिता बढ़ाना इसका उद्देश्य है।ईसीआईनेट मुख्य निर्वाचन आयुक्त ज्ञानेश कुमार के नेतृत्व में चुनाव आयुक्त डॉ. सुखबीर सिंह शर्मा और डॉ. विवेक जोशी के साथ आयोग की प्रमुख

अंतरराष्ट्रीय संसदीय प्रतिनिधिमंडल ने दिल्ली विधानसभा अध्यक्ष से की मुलाकात

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। दिल्ली विधानसभा अध्यक्ष विजेंद्र गुप्ता ने विभिन्न देशों के सांसदों, पूर्व राजनयिकों, रक्षा और सामरिक मामलों के विशेषज्ञों के एक अंतरराष्ट्रीय प्रतिनिधिमंडल का यहां स्वागत किया। इस दौरान प्रतिनिधिमंडल के सदस्यों ने ऐतिहासिक विधानसभा भवन एवं सदन का भ्रमण किया। विजेंद्र गुप्ता ने सभी को पारंपरिक 'पटका' पहनाकर तथा दिल्ली विधानसभा की स्मृति के रूप में विशेष उपहार भेंट कर स्वागत किया। गुप्ता ने प्रतिनिधिमंडल को कांफनी टेबल बुक 'दिल्ली विधानसभा की प्रस्तुति शताब्दी-यात्रा, वीर विठ्ठलभाई पटेल' भी भेंट की। उन्होंने कहा कि विरासत भी, विकास भी, दिल्ली विधानसभा वह

स्थान है जहां इतिहास भविष्य को प्रेरित करता है। गुप्ता ने प्रतिनिधिमंडल को बताया कि यह भवन स्वतंत्रता-



पूर्व काल में केंद्रीय विधानसभा की प्रथम संसद रहा है और भारत की लोकतांत्रिक विरासत का गौरवशाली प्रतीक है। उन्होंने दिल्ली विधानसभा में लागू की गई राष्ट्रीय ई-विधान एप्लिकेशन (नेवा) जैसी आधुनिक पहल एवं विधानसभा को पूरा सौर ऊर्जा संचालित हरित भवन में

परिवर्तित किए जाने की उपलब्धि की भी जानकारी दी। प्रतिनिधिमंडल में फ्रांस से राष्ट्रीय युवा आंदोलन के

राष्ट्रीय प्रतिनिधि एंजो एलिएस, नेपाल से नेशनल डेमोक्रेटिक यूथ ऑर्गनाइजेशन के अध्यक्ष सुजीत कर्सी, नेपाल से राष्ट्रीय प्रजातंत्र पार्टी के उपाध्यक्ष ध्रुव बहदुर प्रधान, बेल्जियम से फ्लेमिश संसद के उपाध्यक्ष फिलिप डेविंटर, बेल्जियम से फ्लैंडर्स की सेनेटर अंक मारिया, फ्रांस के हांगकांग

स्थित फ्रेंच कांसुलर सलाहकार गुइथोन मार्क, मंगोलिया के सांसद सदस्य साइखुवु गनबातार, नेपाल की राष्ट्रीय प्रजातंत्र पार्टी की केंद्रीय समिति सदस्य इंजि. सजिना कार्की, मंगोलिया विकास बैंक के उप निदेशक एरडेनबाटर खाशा एरडेने, सर्बिया के विदेश मंत्रालय के कार्डसलर एलेक्जेंडर एम. गाजिक, नेपाल की राष्ट्रीय प्रजातंत्र पार्टी के केंद्रीय प्रशिक्षण विभाग से प्रभा मिश्रा, ब्रिटेन के राजनीतिक सलाहकार केन्थ ओलिवर मॉरिस, सर्बिया से वोइवोडिना की स्वायत्त प्रांत विधानसभा के डिप्टी रायको कोपेलन, श्रीलंका से एसएलपीपी के पोलित ब्यूरो सदस्य गीतनाथ कासिलिंगम एवं श्रीलंका से एसएलपीपी की स्पीकर एंड्रिमन पंडिथांगे सैंडविन्या लक्सररानी एंड्रिमन शामिल थे।

उत्तरी तमिलनाडु, पुदुचेरी और दक्षिण आंध्र तट की ओर बढ़ रहा चक्रवाती तूफान दिक्ता

दक्षिणी आंध्र प्रदेश में समुद्री हवाओं की रफ्तार 70 से 90 किलोमीटर प्रति घंटे तक पहुंच गई है। समुद्र में 8 मीटर तक ऊंची लहरें उठ रही हैं। मछुआरों को एक दिसंबर तक समुद्र में न जाने की सलाह दी गयी है खासकर दक्षिण-पश्चिम बंगाल की खाड़ी, मन्नार की खाड़ी, कोमोरिन क्षेत्र और तमिलनाडु-पुदुचेरी तटों पर। पश्चिम-मध्य बंगाल की खाड़ी और दक्षिण आंध्र प्रदेश के तटीय क्षेत्र में 2 दिसंबर तक और दक्षिण-पूर्वी अरब सागर, लक्षद्वीप, मालदीव और केरल तट पर 30 नवंबर तक मछुआरों को समुद्र में नहीं जाने की सलाह दी गयी है। तूफान की वजह से तमिलनाडु के कई जिलों में स्कूल बंद कर दिए गए हैं और चेन्नई हवाई अड्डे पर 50 से ज्यादा उड़ानें रद्द कर दी गई हैं। प्रभावित इलाके जैसे मद्रुरै, तिरुचिरापल्ली, थूथुकुडी, सलेम, बंगलुरु और हैदराबाद के लिए उड़ानें प्रभावित हुई हैं। आईएमडी ने बताया

कि तूफान वर्तमान में श्रीलंका के जाफना से लगभग 80 किलोमीटर पूर्व, वेदरानियम से 140 किलोमीटर दक्षिण-पूर्व और चेन्नई से 380 किलोमीटर दक्षिण में केंद्रित है। तूफान उत्तर-उत्तर पश्चिम की दिशा में बढ़ रहा है और रविवार, 30 नवंबर की सुबह तक तमिलनाडु, पुदुचेरी और दक्षिण आंध्र प्रदेश के तटीय क्षेत्रों तक पहुंचने की संभावना है।तमिलनाडु और पुदुचेरी के तटीय क्षेत्रों में हवा की रफ्तार 70-90 किलोमीटर प्रति घंटे तक है, जबकि आंध्र प्रदेश में यह 50-70 किलोमीटर प्रति घंटे के बीच है। समुद्र की तूफानी लहरें तटीय क्षेत्रों को प्रभावित कर रही हैं। खगोलीय ज्वार के कारण 1.0 से 1.5 मीटर ऊंची तूफानी लहरें श्रीलंका के निचले तटीय इलाकों को जलमग्न कर सकती हैं, जबकि तमिलनाडु और पुदुचेरी में 0.5 से 1 मीटर ऊंची लहरों का खतरा है।इस तूफान ने श्रीलंका में भारी तबाही मचाई।

सुचेता कृपलानी ने राष्ट्र सेवा के लिए दिया व्यक्तिगत बलिदान: अरविन्द मोहन

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। वरिष्ठ पत्रकार और लेखक अरविन्द मोहन ने कहा कि राष्ट्र सेवा के लिए स्वतंत्रता सेनानी सुचेता कृपलानी ने अपने व्यक्तिगत जीवन में महत्वपूर्ण बलिदान दिया ताकि राष्ट्रीय आंदोलन का कार्य बिना बाधा के सुचारु रूप से चलता रहे। मोहन ने यह बात दिल्ली स्थित हिंदी भवन में सुचेता की 51वीं पुण्यतिथि के उपलक्ष्य में आयोजित 'सुचेता स्मृति व्याख्यान-2025' कार्यक्रम में कही, जो देश की पहली महिला मुख्यमंत्री थीं। इस कार्यक्रम को आचार्य कृपलानी मेमोरियल ट्रस्ट द्वारा आयोजित किया गया था, जिसमें कृपलानी के राष्ट्र निर्माण में असाधारण योगदान को याद किया गया है। इस कार्यक्रम के मुख्य अतिथि वरिष्ठ पत्रकार और लेखक अरविन्द मोहन तथा अध्यक्ष

इतिहासकार डॉ भगवान सिंह ने सुचेता कृपलानी को पुष्पांजलि अर्पित की। यह कार्यक्रम कृपलानी की पुण्यतिथि (1



दिसंबर) से ठीक पहले आयोजित किया गया। इस व्याख्यान का विषय सुचेता कृपलानी के अवदान था। अरविन्द मोहन ने बताया कि राष्ट्र सेवा में महत्वपूर्ण योगदान देने वाली विवाहित कई महिलाओं की तरह ही

सुचेता कृपलानी ने भी व्यक्तिगत जीवन में बड़ा बलिदान दिया। उन्होंने शादी के समय बच्चे पैदा न करने का

प्रकाश डाला। अरविन्द मोहन ने बताया कि गांधीजी ने अपने अनुयायियों को एक फौज की तरह तैयार किया, सबसे लड़ाई लड़ी, लेकिन उन्होंने कुछ चुनिंदा महिलाओं को ही नेतृत्व करने का अधिकार दिया, जिन्हें सुचेता कृपलानी भी शामिल थीं। उन्होंने बताया कि उस दौर में छुआछूत और अन्य सामाजिक कुरीतियों के विरुद्ध भी तीखा संघर्ष हुआ। भारतीय स्वतंत्रता संग्राम के महान समाजवादियों में से कुछ समाजवादी डॉ. राममनोहर लोहिया, जयप्रकाश नारायण (जेपी), आचार्य जे. बी. कृपलानी, और सुचेता कृपलानी के व्यक्तिगत त्याग और राष्ट्र के प्रति समर्पण को याद करते हुए डॉ. भगवान सिंह ने कहा, ' जो देश अपने पूर्वजों के त्याग और कृतियों को याद नहीं करता, वह उत्तनी नहीं कर पाता।'

उज्ज्वला योजना से दिल्ली की रसोई बनी प्रदूषण मुक्त : मुख्यमंत्री रेखा गुप्ता

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। मुख्यमंत्री रेखा गुप्ता ने वजीरपुर क्षेत्र में आयोजित एक विशेष कार्यक्रम में प्रधानमंत्री उज्ज्वला योजना (पीएमयूवाई) 3.0 के तहत महिला लाभार्थियों को मुफ्त गैस कनेक्शन, सिलेंडर और पूरा उज्ज्वला सेट वितरित किया। मुख्यमंत्री ने कहा कि यह योजना एक उपहार नहीं बल्कि उज्ज्वल जीवन जीने की नई सुबह है, जो महिलाओं के स्वास्थ्य और पर्यावरण संरक्षण के लिए एक बड़ा कदम है। मुख्यमंत्री ने यह भी कहा कि यह वितरण केवल एक सुविधा नहीं बल्कि महिलाओं के सम्मान, स्वास्थ्य और सुरक्षित भविष्य को सशक्त बनाने वाला निर्णायक कदम है। उन्होंने कहा कि उज्ज्वला योजना से दिल्ली की रसोई प्रदूषण मुक्त बनी है।

इस अवसर पर मुख्यमंत्री ने कहा कि प्रधानमंत्री नरेन्द्र मोदी के नेतृत्व में उज्ज्वला योजना ने दिल्ली के 2.5 लाख से अधिक परिवारों को धुआं-मुक्त रसोई का अधिकार प्रदान

किया है। यह केवल ईंधन परिवर्तन नहीं है बल्कि महिलाओं के स्वास्थ्य, प्रदूषण नियंत्रण और घरेलू गरिमा के लिए एक महत्वपूर्ण सुधार है, जिसने खुले में लकड़ी, कोयला और उपलों जलाने की जगह सुरक्षित एलपीजी को अपनाने का मार्ग खोला।

मुख्यमंत्री ने कहा कि दिल्ली



सरकार घरों में लकड़ी और कोयले जलाने से होने वाले प्रदूषण को समाप्त करने के लिए तेजी से कार्य कर रही है। हर घर तक एलपीजी

एमसीडी ने बागवानी विभाग के कर्मचारियों के लिए विशेष सेंसिटाइजेशन कार्यक्रम का किया आयोजन

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। दिल्ली नगर निगम (एमसीडी) ने मुख्यालय के आसफ अली सभागार में बागवानी विभाग के कर्मचारियों के लिए एक विशेष सेंसिटाइजेशन कार्यक्रम का आयोजन किया। इस पहल का उद्देश्य नागरिकों को प्रेरित करना और उनकी जागरूकता बढ़ाना था।

कार्यक्रम का संचालन स्वामी प्रेम परिवर्तन (पीपल बाबा) ने किया, जो प्रसिद्ध पर्यावरणविद और गिव मी ट्रीज ट्रस्ट के संस्थापक हैं। यह ट्रस्ट भारत की सबसे बड़ी स्वयंसेवी वृक्षारोपण गतिविधियों में से एक है। उनके अनुभव और ग्राउंड-लेवल दृष्टिकोण ने इस सत्र को अत्यंत लाभकारी और निगम के बागवानी कार्यों की प्रभावशीलता को मजबूत बनाने वाला बनाया।

कार्यक्रम की अध्यक्षता मुख्य निदेशक और बागवानी विभाग के

निदेशक अरुण गुप्ता ने की। पीपल बाबा और उनकी टीम ने व्यावहारिक ज्ञान, प्रेरणादायक मार्गदर्शन और सर्वोत्तम प्रथाओं को साझा किया, जो विभाग की फील्ड गतिविधियों में महत्वपूर्ण योगदान देंगी।

प्रतिभागियों ने इस सत्र को ज्ञानवर्धक, पुनर्जीवित करने वाला और अत्यंत प्रेरक बताया। यह कार्यक्रम न केवल तकनीकी जागरूकता बढ़ाने वाला था, बल्कि कर्मचारियों के मनोबल को भी सशक्त किया और दिल्ली के हरित आवरण को बनाए रखने में उनके महत्वपूर्ण योगदान की पुष्टि की। उन्होंने बताया कि नगर निगम भविष्य में भी ऐसे क्षमता निर्माण और जागरूकता कार्यक्रमों का आयोजन जारी रखेगा ताकि दिल्ली के बागवानी और पर्यावरणीय प्रयासों को और मजबूत किया जा सके।

दिल्ली-मेरठ नमो भारत कॉरिडोर पर कमर्शियल स्पेस और विज्ञापन अधिकारों के लिए एनसीआरटीसी ने आमंत्रित की बेलियां

एनसीआरटीसी ने कॉरिडोर पर स्टेशन परिसर के अंदर और ट्रेन में विज्ञापन

की सुविधा शामिल है, जिसमें फिकर्ड पैनल, डिजिटल स्क्रीन, ग्रैब हैडल,



अधिकारों के लाइसेंसधारी चयन के लिए भी निविदाएं जारी की हैं। सराय काले खां, आनंद विहार, गाजियाबाद, मोदीनगर नॉर्थ-साउथ, मेरठ संयंत्र, बेगमपुर और मोदीपुरम सहित प्रमुख स्टेशनों पर लगभग 1,800 वर्गमीटर इनडोर विज्ञापन स्पेस उपलब्ध कराया जाएगा। सराय काले खां, आनंद विहार करोड़ से अधिक यात्री नमो भारत सेवा का उपयोग कर चुके हैं, जिससे इसकी लोकप्रियता और यात्री आधार में भी मेरठ मेट्रो ट्रेनों के भीतर भी विज्ञापन

हेडेस्ट और ग्लास पैनल जैसे कई प्राप्प उपलब्ध होंगे। एनसीआरटीसी का कहना है कि घनी आबादी वाले क्षेत्रों से गुजरने वाला 82 किलोमीटर लंबा यह कॉरिडोर विज्ञाननवादाओं को व्यापक बांड विजिबिलिटी प्रदान करेगा। अक्टूबर 2023 से संचालन शुरू होने के बाद अब तक 1.88 करोड़ से अधिक यात्री नमो भारत सेवा का उपयोग कर चुके हैं, जिससे इसकी लोकप्रियता और यात्री आधार में लगातार बढ़ोतरी का संकेत मिलता है।

आआपा के दो बार के पूर्व विधायक राजेश गुप्ता भाजपा में हुए शामिल

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। वजीरपुर से आम आदमी पार्टी (आआपा) के दो बार के पूर्व विधायक राजेश गुप्ता भारतीय जनता पार्टी (भाजपा) में शामिल हो गए। भाजपा के दिल्ली प्रदेश अध्यक्ष वीरेंद्र सचदेवा ने पार्टी कार्यालय में गुप्ता को पटका पहनाकर सदस्यता ग्रहण कराई।

इस मौके पर वीरेंद्र सचदेवा ने कहा कि हम राजेश गुप्ता का भाजपा में स्वागत करते हैं। उन्होंने आम आदमी पार्टी पर गंभीर आरोप लगाए हैं। वह अन्ना आंदोलन से जुड़े थे और 10 साल तक वजीरपुर से विधायक रहे। लेकिन, अशोक विहार वार्ड में आआपा ने ऐसे व्यक्ति को टिकट दिया है जिसके खिलाफ खुद अरविंद केजरीवाल ने कारण बताओ नोटिस जारी किया था। आआपा में ईमानदारी के लिए कोई जगह नहीं है, पैसा, भ्रष्टाचार आआपा के गहने बन

गए हैं जिससे राजेश गुप्ता जैसे

कार्यकर्ता परेशान थे। भाजपा में शामिल होने के बाद पत्रकारों से बात करते हुए राजेश गुप्ता ने कहा, ' मैंने उन्हें नहीं छोड़ा, उन्होंने मुझे छोड़ दिया। पार्टी बनने से पहले भी, जब आंदोलन शुरू हुआ था, तब भी हम तीनों मुख्य सिद्धांतों पर बात करते थे, भ्रष्टाचार, अपराध और कर्रिअर। अगर किसी व्यक्ति में इनमें से कोई भी कमी पाई जाती थी, तो पार्टी उसे सपोर्ट नहीं करती थी।

टिकट देना तो दूर की बात है। आआपा में मेरे अभी भी कई दोस्त हैं, कुछ चले गए हैं, कुछ जाने वाले हैं, और उनमें से कई बहुत दुखी हैं। मुझे लगता है कि लोगों के साथ धांधला हो रहा है। ' उन्होंने कहा कि अब आआपा उन लोगों की परवाह नहीं करती जिन्होंने अन्ना आंदोलन के समय अपनी नैकरियां तक छोड़ दी थीं।

खराब सड़कें, सार्वजनिक परिवहन का कमजोर ढांचा दिल्ली में प्रदूषण का मुख्य कारण: संदीप दीक्षित

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। दिल्ली में प्रदूषण खतरनाक स्तर के करीब पहुंचने पर कांग्रेस ने भारतीय जनता पार्टी की सरकार को जिम्मेदार ठहराया। कांग्रेस नेता संदीप दीक्षित ने कहा कि दिल्ली में प्रदूषण का मुख्य कारण पाराली या

दीपावली पर जलाए जाने वाले पटाखे नहीं, बल्कि खराब सड़कें और सार्वजनिक परिवहन का कमजोर ढांचा है। दीक्षित ने कांग्रेस मुख्यालय में संवाददाता सम्मेलन में कहा कि दिल्ली में प्रदूषण पूरे साल बना रहता है, लेकिन नवंबर-दिसंबर में ठंड और

कोहरे की वजह से प्रदूषक कण जमीन के करीब आ जाते हैं और हवा की गुणवत्ता और ज्यादा बिगड़ जाती है। उन्होंने आरोप लगाया कि सरकारें एक-दूसरे पर दोष मढ़ने में लगी रहती हैं, जबकि वास्तविक कारणों पर ध्यान नहीं देतीं। उन्होंने कहा कि दिल्ली के



प्रदूषण में 30 से 45 प्रतिशत योगदान वाहनों का है, जबकि वाहनों की तकनीक बीएस-3 से बीएस-6 तक उन्नत होने के बाद उत्सर्जन काफी घट गया है। इसके बावजूद हवा लगातार खराब हो रही है। इसका बड़ा कारण दिल्ली की सड़कों की खराब हालत है,

जिसके चलते दिन में वाहनों की औसत गति 20-25 किमी/घंटा और शाम के समय 10-15 किमी/घंटा रह जाती है, जिससे प्रदूषण में ढाई गुना तक गया है। इसके बावजूद हवा लगातार खराब हो रही है। इसका बड़ा कारण दिल्ली की सड़कों की खराब हालत है,

किमी/घंटा थी, जिससे प्रदूषण नियंत्रित रहता था। दीक्षित ने दिल्ली की मौजूदा और पूर्ववर्ती सरकारों की नीतिगत विफलताओं की वजह से हवा आज 'खराब' से 'गंभीर' श्रेणी तक पहुंच जाती है। केवल कुछ बसों को इलेक्ट्रिक करने से कोई बड़ा सधार नहीं होने वाला।

प्रदूषण नियंत्रण के लिए पूरा बस फ्लोटी इलेक्ट्रिक करना होगा, तभी वायु गुणवत्ता में सुधार संभव है। दिल्ली को प्रदूषण संकट से बचाने के लिए सड़क ढांचे में सुधार और बड़े पैमाने पर इलेक्ट्रिक पब्लिक ट्रांसपोर्ट की आवश्यकता है, वनां हालात और बिगड़े जाएंगे।

Mother of pan masala baron's daughter-in-law alleges abuse, cruelty by family: 'Dragged her from first floor

New Delhi, Agency: The mother of a 38-year-old woman who was found dead at her Vasant Vihar home earlier this week has alleged that her daughter endured years of cruelty at the hands of her in-laws. The woman, who was identified as the daughter-in-law of the owner of the Kamla Pasand paan masala group.

The woman was found dead inside the dressing area of her bedroom on Tuesday afternoon. Police said she lived with her husband and two children, and domestic staff were also present.

On Friday, police registered a case under sections 108 (abetment to suicide) and

3(5) (common intention) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, based on the complaint of the woman's mother, HT earlier reported.

Mother shares details on what daughter endured

In the FIR, a copy of which HT reviewed, the mother said her daughter married in December 2010. Just a few months later, in February-March 2011, her husband and mother-in-law allegedly abused her, dragged her from the first-floor residence to the ground floor, and thrashed her.

The woman was pregnant at the time, the mother said. After she told her parents



about the incident, the husband apologised, and she returned to her marital home.

The mother said the next turning point came after the birth of the couple's son later

that year, when her daughter discovered that her husband was having an affair with a woman in Mumbai.

She alleged that he had "illegally married" the woman and had a daughter with her. The victim then went to Kolkata with her parents and son and stayed there for a year, until her in-laws and husband visited with a written apology and took her back to Delhi.

Abuse continued for years leading to death

According to the FIR, the abuse resumed two to three years later. The mother said that in April 2024, her daughter came across obscene chats

between her husband, a woman, and a friend, leading to another confrontation.

She returned to Kolkata again and stayed for a month, before her mother-in-law apologised and asked her to come back.

On November 25, the day of the incident, the mother said her daughter called her at 7.30 am and said that she and her husband had argued over an issue involving their son's mobile phone.

When the mother phoned her again around 11.30 am, the calls went unanswered. About half an hour later, a family member informed her that her daughter had died.

Cyberabad police crack down on scam call centre targeting Australians

Australia, Agency: The Cyberabad police apprehended nine people for allegedly operating an 'international fake call centre' that targeted Australian citizens.

During the investigation, it emerged that the key accused, Praveen and Prakash, had brought in persons from Kolkata to work at the call centre.

According to a Cyberabad police release on Saturday, the fraudsters made calls to Australian citizens and deceived them into transferring large sums of money from their bank accounts to various Australian accounts owned by Indian nationals residing in Australia.

The illegally acquired funds were then routed to India through multiple channels, including hawala networks, cryptocurrency transactions and other covert methods.

Over the past two years, the group allegedly amassed and transferred 8-10 crore from unsuspecting victims, primarily Australian citizens.

The prime accused, cousins from Telangana's Khammam district, established the fake call centre in 2024. They hired seven people from Kolkata, accommodated them in Madhapur and trained them to make fraudulent calls to Australians, the release said.



The accused also collected bank account details from Indian students studying in Australia and used those accounts to receive the illegally obtained money, it added.

The investigation revealed a coordinated international cyber fraud in which Praveen and his team received "leads" from an

unidentified group. This group sent fake pop-ups and emails to Australian citizens, falsely claiming their computers had been compromised, and provided a fake "customer care" number. When victims called the number, the calls were routed to the call centre in Madhapur. The accused then convinced victims to allow remote access to their computers, gained entry into their online banking accounts and transferred large sums to Australian bank accounts of Indian nationals.

The money was later routed to India through hawala, cryptocurrency and other clandestine channels, police said.

Centre relaxes PAP regime for Nagaland ahead of Hornbill Festival



Kohima, Agency: The Government of India on Saturday notified a relaxation of the Protected Area Permit (PAP) regime for the upcoming Hornbill Festival, Nagaland's 10-day annual cultural and tourism event, set to begin on Monday.

The Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) informed the chief secretary of Nagaland in a letter.

from the state and also to clear permits for representatives of the partner countries of this year's Hornbill Festival, which coincides with the statehood day.

The PAP regime, a system that requires foreign nationals to obtain a permit to visit certain areas of India, mainly in the northeast, was lifted from Manipur, Mizoram, and Nagaland in 2011 to promote tourism but was reimposed in December 2024 due to "security concerns."

The state government has been requesting the Centre to review its decision on the reimposition of the regime since January this year.

In a letter to Shah, CM Rio said that the 10-day festival welcomes tourists from across the country and the world, and it plays an important role in the economy of the state, especially in generating livelihood and employment opportunities.

"This year, the festival will host six Partner Countries, each participating in various cultural events, business roundtables and net-

working engagements. All programmes have been finalised, and we are prepared to welcome several leaders and representatives from the Government of India," Rio said.

This year, the partner countries for the Hornbill Festival include France, the United Kingdom, Ireland, Austria, Malta, and Switzerland.

Rio's latest letter to Shah on November 28 made a fervent appeal to the Centre as a member of the National Democratic Alliance (NDA).

The MHA's letter to the chief secretary acknowledged that the 26th edition of the Hornbill Festival will have six partner countries and that tourism plays an important role in the economy of Nagaland, especially in generating livelihood and employment opportunities.

The letter added that "tourists from across the country and around the world are expected to visit Nagaland" for the Hornbill Festival and that the "Partner Countries will be participating in various cultural events."

business roundtables and networking engagements; and that the state government has.

requested the lifting of the PAP regime in the larger interest of promoting tourism, improving ease of movement, and strengthening integration with the rest of the country.

Delhi MCD bypolls begin; 5.40 turnout in first two hours of key three-way contest

New Delhi, Agency: Polling for the 12 vacant wards of the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) is underway, setting the stage for the first direct electoral battle between the BJP, AAP and Congress in the capital since the February 5 Assembly election.

Voting started at 7.30 a.m. on Sunday across 580 booths, staffed by 2,320 Election Commission personnel. By 9.30 a.m., voter turnout stood at 5.40 per cent.

The Delhi State Election Commission announced that metro services would begin at 4 a.m. and the Delhi Transport Corporation would run special buses from 3 a.m. both on Sunday and on December 3, when counting will take place, according to a PTI report.

To ensure smooth polling, 2,265



security personnel have been deployed, along with 580 Home Guards and 13 companies of the Central Armed Police Forces.

Voting underway for MCD bypolls
Voting is underway in Mundka

(General), Shalimar Bagh-B (Women), Ashok Vihar (Women), Chandni Chowk (General), Chandni Mahal (General), Dwarka-B (Women), Dichaon Kalan (Women), Naraina (General), Sangam Vihar-A (General), Dakshin Puri (SC), Greater Kailash (Women) and Vinod Nagar (General).

At a booth in Shalimar Bagh, a voter urged residents to participate and think of the larger good. "Those we vote for should take society forward. I would also appeal to the people to do whatever is in the best interest of society," she said, according to a PTI report.

Another voter echoed a similar sentiment. "I have cast my vote, and I have done so because it is my duty to put my country, society, and family in the safest hands."

Randhir Jaiswal welcomes Thailand's foreign minister to India: 'Occasion to strengthen

Thailand, Agency: External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal on Sunday welcomed Thailand Foreign Affairs Minister Sihasak Phuangketkeow's arrival in the national capital on his first official four-day visit to India, saying that it was an occasion to strengthen strategic partnership and enduring civilisational ties.

Sihasak Phuangketkeow's India visit will continue till December 2.(X/@MEAIndia)

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"A warm welcome to FM

Sihasak Phuangketkeow on his first official visit to India as Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Thailand. An opportune occasion to strengthen our Strategic Partnership and enduring civilisational ties with Thailand," Jaiswal posted on X.

Sihasak Phuangketkeow's visit will continue till December 2.

According to a Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) release, the Thai Foreign Minister will hold official engagements in the capital on November 30.

On December 1, Sihasak



Phuangketkeow will meet his counterpart, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar, at Hyderabad House for bilater-

al discussions. The delegation will depart from India on December 2, the MEA release added.

In April, Prime Minister Narendra Modi was in Bangkok, Thailand, to attend the 6th BIMSTEC Summit.

He went to the Southeast Asian country on an official visit at the invitation of Thai PM Paetongtarn Shinawatra.

During his visit, PM Modi added new vigour to the bilateral friendship between the two nations during a meeting with his Thai counterpart, Paetongtarn Shinawatra, by elevating the bilateral ties to a Strategic Partnership.

India and Thailand also exchanged memorandums across a range of sectors, including the Joint Declaration on the Establishment of the India-Thailand Strategic Partnership.

An MoU was also exchanged between Thailand's Ministry of Digital Economy and Society and India's Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology on Cooperation in the field of Digital Technologies. The Sagarmala Division of India's Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways and the Fine Arts Department of

Thailand's Ministry of Culture exchanged an MoU for the development of the National Maritime Heritage Complex (NMHC) at Lothal, Gujarat.

An MoU was also signed between National Small Corporation Ltd. (NSIC) and the Office of Small and Medium Enterprises Promotion (OSMEP) of Thailand on cooperation in the field of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises.

The Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (MDONER) and Thailand's Ministry of Foreign Affairs exchanged an MoU.

Insufficient sleep and high blood pressure may raise risk of brain aging

New Delhi:While some studies have shown a link between insufficient sleep and the risk of cognitive impairment and dementia, other studies have failed to find a similar association between sleep duration and cognitive function. A new study published in the Journal of the American Heart Association shows that individuals with high blood pressure who also slept for a shorter duration were more likely to show poor cognitive function and increased levels of markers of brain aging and injury. Individuals who slept for a shorter duration but had normal blood pressure did not show these deficits in cognitive function or increased levels of brain injury markers. The role of high blood pressure in influencing the impact of sleep duration on cognitive health could explain the mixed results found in previous studies. The study also paves the way for early identification of individuals at risk of cognitive decline and randomized trials investigating treatments for normalizing sleep patterns and high blood pressure to prevent or delay cognitive decline. The study's author, Matthew Pase, PhD, associate professor at Monash University, told Medical News Today: "The results underscore the importance of having healthy blood pressure levels and

prioritizing adequate sleep to maintain a healthy brain into old age. Doctors should be reminded to check patients' blood pressure levels regularly and manage high blood pressure appropriately. Similarly, the medical world is now starting to appreciate the importance of good sleep, and getting good sleep should be considered part of a healthy lifestyle." Role of high blood pressure in cognitive decline: Shorter sleep duration, besides its association with cognitive decline, is also linked to an increased risk of high blood pressure. Moreover, studies show that high blood pressure in midlife is independently associated with cognitive impairment and dementia later in life. High blood pressure can cause cerebral small vessel disease, which is associated with an increased risk of stroke and cognitive decline. Cerebral small vessel disease is a heterogeneous condition involving damage to the small blood vessels in



the brain, leading to brain tissue damage and atrophy of the brain structures. The tissue in the brain can be classified into white matter and gray matter. Gray matter contains the cell bodies of the nerve cells, whereas white matter consists of nerve fibers that transmit information between nerve cells. Cerebral small vessel disease can cause lesions in the white matter and a decrease in gray or white matter volume. Gray matter forms the brain's outermost layer and is involved in several important functions, including cognition, whereas white matter is essential to maintain connectivity between regions of grey matter. White matter damage and a decrease in the volume of gray matter are observed in old age and are associated with cognitive decline. In the present study, the researchers examined whether hypertension influenced the relationship between sleep duration and cognition. In

addition, the researchers also examined the impact of hypertension on the association between sleep duration and imaging markers of white matter damage and brain aging. Linking less sleep with cognitive deficits: The study consisted of 682 individuals over 40 years of age enrolled in the Framingham Health Study, a multi-generational longitudinal study designed to examine the risk factors for cardiovascular conditions. The study only included participants who did not have dementia or a history of stroke. The researchers collected sleep data using a questionnaire and a home-based sleep study (polysomnographic evaluation). In addition, the researchers measured the daytime blood pressure of the participants at the time of the sleep assessment. Around 3.3 years after the sleep assessment, the participants underwent cognitive assessments and magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) scans to assess changes in brain structure. The researchers did not find an association between sleep duration and cognitive function or brain imaging markers, except gray matter volume. In the latter case, self-reported short sleep duration was associated with larger gray matter volume. The researchers then analyzed the impact of sleep duration on

cognitive health after segregating the participants into groups with normal and high blood pressure. They found that sleep duration influenced cognitive function and the levels of brain imaging biomarkers only in individuals with high blood pressure. Increased brain age, tissue injury with shorter sleep: Specifically, among individuals with high blood pressure, a shorter sleep duration was associated with deficits in executive function, which includes higher-level mental processes involved in planning, reasoning, and decision-making. Moreover, individuals with high blood pressure and shorter sleep durations also showed higher levels of brain imaging markers for aging and tissue injury. Among individuals with high blood pressure, those with self-reported shorter sleep durations showed higher levels of white matter lesions, whereas those with shorter sleep durations, as measured by the sleep study, showed lower gray matter volumes. The association between sleep duration and cognitive function or brain imaging markers was absent in individuals with normal blood pressure. In other words, these results suggest that shorter sleep duration interacts with high blood pressure to increase the risk of poor cognitive function and greater brain injury.

Vitamin D may not prevent fractures or falls in older adults, experts warn

New Delhi:Vitamin D supplements with or without calcium, while necessary for overall health, have no effect on preventing falls or fractures in older adults, according to a new draft recommendation from the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force. By analyzing 20 unique randomized, controlled studies in 54 different publications, reviewers determined that additional vitamin D supplementation for postmenopausal women and older men given that those populations had normal vitamin D levels, no previous fractures, and no issues with bone density was unnecessary and had no bearing on the severity of injuries from falls. The finding was an update from a 2018 recommendation that postmenopausal women should not supplement with 400 units or less of vitamin D and 1,000 milligrams or less of calcium for the primary prevention of fracture; men were not included in that recommendation.

What is vitamin D good for? Vitamin D is essential for the bones and teeth, the immune system, brain health, and for regulating inflammation. The body produces vitamin D as a response to sun exposure. Certain foods and supplements can also boost vitamin D intake. Despite its name, vitamin D is not a vitamin but a hormone or prohormone. An adequate intake of vitamin D may support good immune



function and reduce the risk of autoimmune diseases. Researchers believe there may be a link between long-term vitamin D deficiency and the development of autoimmune conditions, such as type 1 diabetes and rheumatoid arthritis, but more research is necessary to confirm the link. A lack of exposure to sunlight, the natural process of aging, and high levels of body fat can all contribute to vitamin D deficiency, which can lead to osteoporosis, bone and joint pain, and muscle weakness. These are all factors associated with falls and fractures in older adults. What are physicians' recommendations for vitamin D intake? Mary Tinetti, MD, a Yale Medicine geriatrician and Gladys Phillips Crofoot Professor of Medicine at Yale School of Medicine, who is an expert in fall prevention, told Medical News Today that the recommendations for vitamin

D supplementation have shifted numerous times. "Falls and vitamin D is an ever-changing topic, with guidelines about testing and supplementing changing, and different groups are making different recommendations depending on current data and what data are considered," Tinetti said. David Cutler, MD, board certified family medicine physician at Providence Saint John's Health Center in Santa Monica, CA, told MNT that belief in the benefits of vitamin D has changed over time as more research has been published. "Vitamin D was once considered a panacea for a variety of ailments but now is considered by some to be unimportant. Many recent, large, well-conducted studies have shown no benefits in reducing fracture risk, cardiovascular disease, cancer prevention, or death from vitamin D supplementation," Cutler said. "Some experts suggested that vitamin D could be obtained safely from sun exposure, a recommendation that was considered controversial because of a potentially increased risk of skin cancer. Other experts suggested that perhaps being outdoors with sun exposure caused improved health outcomes independent of increased vitamin D. Needless to say, this nuanced balancing of benefits and risks is difficult for experts, let alone the average person, to reconcile," Cutler explained.

How to clean your glasses, according to experts

New Delhi:If you wear glasses, you know just how annoying smudges can be. In fact, it can be nearly impossible to focus on whatever you're looking at. But wearing dirty glasses can be more than just annoying. "First off, dirty lenses can cause eye strain and headaches, not fun," says Dr. Janice Fan, an optometrist at 414 Eyes in Milwaukee. "Plus, bacteria love to hang out on grimy glasses. Yuck, right? You're basically inviting germs to party on your face." The good news: Keeping your glasses clean is a relatively easy chore. With a little care to not scratch your lenses and the right cleaning tools, you can keep the lenses on your glasses clear and dirt-free. To help you do just that, we asked experts for their top tips on how to clean your glasses.

How to tell if your glasses need cleaning: Not sure when to clean your glasses? This will sound obvious, but clean them when they're dirty, says Susan Johnson, an optician



who owns Lost & Found Vision in Hampshire, Illinois. Glasses can take on varying degrees of dirtiness. Overall, if you notice any smudge or haziness on any part of your lenses, they need a good wipe down. Another tactic: Clean your glasses preventatively. "I recommend giving your glasses a good clean every morning," says Fan. "It's a great habit to get into. Then, if they get smudged during the day, a quick clean works wonders."

How to clean your glasses: Most glasses cases

come with a small microfiber cloth. This is a good place to start when wiping down your lenses. Use that cloth to try to gently buff out any smudges. However, more stubborn streaks and dirt may require a more in-depth cleaning. If you find yourself in that situation, Fan suggests following this method:

Step 1: Rinse your glasses with lukewarm water to help remove any gritty particles that could scratch your

lenses. Step 2: Put a tiny drop of dish soap on your fingertips and gently rub it over the lenses and frame. Step 3: Rinse thoroughly with warm water. Step 4: Dry them off with a clean microfiber cloth. This is key on paper towels or your shirt, both of which could have a rough texture or dirt particles that will scratch your lenses.

What to use to clean your glasses: As mentioned above, soap and water tend to be the best thing you can use to clean your glasses. "Everyone typically has soap and water in their house, making this an easy and affordable way to keep your glasses clean," says Johnson.

Along with soap and water, several other products are specifically made to clean your lenses. "Personally, I'm a fan of pre-moistened lens wipes for on-the-go cleaning.

Aloe Vera And Amla Shot A Natural Remedy For Promoting Hair Health

New Delhi:Aloe vera and amla (Indian gooseberry) are two natural wonders cherished for centuries as they can promote healthy hair growth. Each of these ingredients, packed with essential nutrients, helps in nourishing the scalp and stimulating hair follicles, fostering an ideal environment for hair growth. Let's explore how you can combine aloe vera and amla into a shot to naturally enhance your hair growth.

Here are five key benefits of aloe vera for hair:

- **Promotes Hair Growth:** Aloe vera contains enzymes that stimulate hair follicles, encouraging faster and healthier hair growth.
- **Strengthens Hair:** Packed with vitamins and minerals, aloe vera strengthens hair strands, reducing breakage and making hair more resilient.
- **Soothes Scalp Irritation:** Its anti-inflammatory properties help calm irritated or itchy scalps, promoting a healthier environment for hair to grow.
- **Reduces Dandruff:** Aloe vera's moisturizing and antibacterial properties help reduce dandruff, keeping your scalp clean and flake-free.
- **Adds Shine and Softness:** Aloe vera nourishes the hair, adding a natural shine and making it feel softer and smoother.

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- **Enhances Hair Colour:** Amla has natural properties that help darken hair and prevent premature greying by strengthening hair pigments.

- **Boosts Shine and Softness:** Amla promotes smooth, shiny, and healthy hair by providing deep nourishment and hydration to the strands.

Aloe Vera and Amla Shot for Hair:

The aloe vera and amla shot is a potent natural remedy for boosting hair growth. Aloe vera helps stimulate blood circulation to the scalp, while amla nourishes the hair follicles, promoting faster and healthier hair growth. Rich in enzymes, aloe vera repairs dead skin cells on the scalp, and amla strengthens hair roots, reducing hair fall. Additionally, aloe vera's soothing and hydrating properties contribute to improved scalp health, while amla fights dandruff and other scalp infections. Amla, being high in vitamin C, also enhances collagen production, which is essential for strong and healthy hair. Together, these two ingredients form a powerful combination for promoting hair health. Preparing an aloe vera and amla shot is simple and effective for promoting hair growth.

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