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NEWS BOX

Venmo Responds After Users Report Widespread Outage, Issues With Fund Transfer

World. (Agency)

Venmo, the mobile payment giant, suffered a major outage on Wednesday with thousands of users in the United States reporting issues with the app loading, login, and fund transfer across Android and iOS, according to Downdetector, which is an outage monitoring site. Users took to social media platforms to claim they were unable to send or receive payments, and many were frustrated with the lack of updates from Venmo. But in a late-night post, the company updated the customers by saying that they are aware of the issue, and a team is working on fixing it. The outage began on Wednesday, December 3, 2025, during peak evening hours in the US, with reports flooding in on Downdetector. At around 3:50 pm (PT), more than 4,000 users reported problems, which kept rising, and at around 5:00 pm, more than 60,000 reports were logged, according to Swikblog.

Social media reaction

"@Venmo kind of scary when all your payment info goes missing. App doesn't work. Cannot get a hold of anyone in customer service. Did y'all get hacked?" said one user. Another user slammed the platform for not responding, saying, "@Venmo if there's an outage you prob need to acknowledge it, so we can stop panicking about our funds and cards not working... just a thought." "@Venmo It's amazing that you can leave thousands of users without access to their money for hours, and not release any sort of statement at all," a third user wrote.

"Not a single explanation as to why venmo is down and nothing about what caused it or when it's going to be up and running. People are expecting their paychecks and paying bills and this happens at the 11th hour? shame on you @Venmo," one user said.

US Air Force F-16 Jet Bursts Into Flames During Training In California

WORLD. (Agency)

A US Air Force Thunderbird F-16C Fighting Falcon has crashed during a training mission in the Southern California desert. The pilot survived the crash by ejecting safely, according to a statement by the US Air Force. The brief statement from the Air Force did not provide details on the circumstances of the crash but said it is under investigation, and further information will be released by the 57th Wing Public Affairs Office. A video of the crash was shared widely on social media, showing the pilot making a timely ejection while the fighter jet drifted slowly toward the ground. The plane burst into flames after coming into contact with the ground. According to the US Air Force, the crash happened around 10:45 am on Wednesday during a training mission "over controlled airspace in California".

The jet was assigned to the Air Force's elite demonstration team based at Nellis Air Force Base, according to a report by the Los Angeles Times.

The pilot received "non-life-threatening" injuries during ejection and is being treated at a hospital, according to the San Bernardino County Fire Department. In a statement, the San Bernardino County Fire Department said it responded to the "aircraft emergency" near Trona, an unincorporated community in the Mojave Desert about 180 miles (290 kilometres) north of Los Angeles.

What Israel's Plan To Reopen Rafah Border Crossing Means For Gazans

WORLD. (Agency)

Israel said Wednesday that it would reopen the Rafah border crossing in the coming days, allowing Palestinians to leave Gaza. That could be a major development for residents of the devastated strip, for whom leaving has been extremely difficult - if not impossible - for most of the war. The announcement has raised hopes that thousands of sick and wounded people in Gaza will finally be able to access the care they need. Gaza's health system was decimated by the two-year war, rendering advanced surgical procedures out of reach. But, there are complications. For one, Israel says Palestinians wanting to leave Gaza will have to get Israeli and Egyptian security approval. It's unclear what criteria that will involve.

Another key dispute: Israel says that until militants in Gaza return all the hostages they took in the Oct. 7, 2023, attack that triggered the war, it will only allow Palestinians to exit Gaza, not enter. Egypt, meanwhile, says it wants the crossing immediately opened in both directions, so Palestinians in Egypt can enter Gaza. That's a position rooted in Egypt's vehement opposition to Palestinian refugees permanently resettling in the country.

Before the war, Rafah bustled with goods and people passing to and from Egypt and Gaza. Although Gaza has four other border crossings, they are shared with Israel, and only Rafah links the territory with another country. After Hamas-led militants invaded southern Israel in 2023, killing roughly 1,200 people and taking 251 others hostage, Egypt tightened its restrictions on traffic through the Rafah crossing. After Israel took control of the Gaza side in May 2024 as part of its offensive that has killed more than 70,100 Palestinians, according to Gaza's Health Ministry, it closed the crossing except to the occasional medical evacuation. The ministry does not distinguish between militants and civilians, though it says roughly half of those killed have been women and children. 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.

A reopened Rafah crossing would make it easier for Palestinians in Gaza to seek medical treatment, travel internationally or visit family in Egypt.

Democrats release photos of Epstein's notorious private island

The 14 short videos and still photographs depict Epstein's estate on Little Saint James island in the US Virgin Islands.

WASHINGTON. (Agency)

Democrats in the US Congress released photos and videos Wednesday showing the luxury island home where convicted sex offender Jeffrey Epstein allegedly forced underage girls into sex with powerful men. The images of Epstein's former Caribbean hideaway shed little new light on the complex scandal.

However, they could add pressure on the Trump administration to comply with a requirement to release all the investigative files compiled during years of probes into Epstein's activities -- with potentially embarrassing and politically explosive repercussions. The 14 short videos and still photographs depict Epstein's estate on



Little Saint James island in the US Virgin Islands. Images show a luxurious villa, landscaping down to the seashore and a large outdoor swimming pool. A chalkboard in one room is inscribed with words that include "deception," "power," "truth," and "political." Other words have been redacted by the Democrats who released the images. President Donald Trump fought for months to prevent release

of the Epstein files held by the Department of Justice. However, on November 19 he caved to pressure from Congress, including from his Republican Party, and signed a law compelling release of the materials. It remains to be seen how many of the extensive files will see the light of day, with the authorities likely to cite the need to protect ongoing investigations. Epstein, a successful financier, cultivated rich and

powerful friends, and frequently hosted them at his lavish Caribbean home.

He was convicted in 2008 on two sex crime counts, including solicitation of prostitution with a minor. He served only about a year in detention with unusually lenient conditions. He then avoided more serious charges until 2019 when he was arrested and charged with sex trafficking of minors. He died in pre-trial detention in New York the same year and the death was ruled to be a suicide. Trump and his allies spent years pushing theories about powerful Democrats being protected over involvement with Epstein, framing the case as a potent symbol of how rich men can hide behind lawyers, money and connections. But Trump himself was a longtime friend of Epstein, raising questions over what he knew about the notorious figure. After starting his second presidential term in January, Trump switched from having called for release of the investigative files on Epstein to calling the scandal a "hoax" and resisting any release.

Lebanon 'far from' diplomatic normalization or economic relations with Israel, PM Salam says

BEIRUT. (Agency)

Lebanon's prime minister said Wednesday that his country was "far from" diplomatic normalization or economic relations with Israel, despite a move toward direct negotiations between the two countries aimed at defusing tensions. Prime Minister Nawaf Salam's comments to a small group of journalists in Beirut came in contradiction to a statement by Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu that Israel would send an envoy to talks with Lebanese diplomatic and economic officials, which he described as an "initial attempt to create a basis for relations and economic cooperation" between the two countries. Lebanon and Israel both announced the appointment of civilian members to a previously military-only committee monitoring enforcement of the U.S.-brokered ceasefire that halted the latest war between Israel and the Lebanese militant group Hezbollah a

year ago. The civilian members — Simon aram, an attorney and former Lebanese Ambassador to the U.S., and Uri Resnick, the Israeli national security council's deputy director for foreign policy — took part in Wednesday's meeting of the mechanism. Along with Israel and Lebanon, the committee includes representatives of the U.S., France and the U.N. peacekeeping force known as UNIFIL. Lebanon and Israel don't have diplomatic relations and have been officially in a state of war since 1948. The move to hold civilian talks appeared to be a step toward the direct bilateral talks between Israel and Lebanon that Washington has pushed for. However, Salam said Lebanon is still committed to the 2002 Arab peace plan that conditions normalization of diplomatic relations with Israel on the creation of a Palestinian state — a prospect to which Netanyahu's administration has been adamantly

opposed. "Economic relations would be part of such normalization, so then obviously anyone following the news would know that we are not there at all," Salam said. A debate over weapons His comments also came amid fears of a new escalation by Israel against Hezbollah in Lebanon. Since the November 2024 ceasefire, Israel has continued to launch near-daily attacks in Lebanon that it says aim to stop the group from rebuilding its capabilities after suffering heavy blows in the recent war. Lebanon has been deeply divided over calls for Hezbollah to disarm. In August, the Lebanese government announced a plan to consolidate all weapons in the hands of the state by the end of the year, but it later backed off of the deadline. Hezbollah officials have said the group will not consider disarmament until Israel withdraws from all Lebanese territory and halts its attacks.

"Failed Myself": Doctor Who Sold Ketamine To Matthew Perry Says Sorry In Court

world. (Agency)

The doctor who supplied ketamine to Friends star Matthew Perry has been sentenced to 30 months in federal prison. Salvador Plasencia, a 44-year-old California physician, was among five people charged after a lengthy federal probe into how Perry got ketamine through an underground network in Hollywood. Plasencia, who pleaded guilty in July to four counts of distributing ketamine, showed remorse before his sentencing. "I want to raise him right," he said of his two-year-old son. "I also think about how to explain this to him."

The actor, who had spoken for years about his struggles with addiction and depression, was found dead at his Los Angeles home in 2023 at age 54. US District Judge Sherilyn Peace Garnett acknowledged that Plasencia did not supply the fatal dose that killed Perry but said his actions nonetheless contributed to the circumstances that led to the actor's overdose. "You and others helped Mr Perry on the road to



such an ending by continuing to feed his ketamine addiction," the judge said. "You exploited Mr Perry's addiction for your own profit." "Mr Plasencia kept pushing it... he literally was offering to sell ketamine," she said, as per the BBC. Perry had been legally using ketamine as a treatment for depression, but when his primary doctor limited his supply, he turned to Plasencia, who admitted he knew Perry was addicted yet sold to him anyway. Court filings show Plasencia texted another doctor, calling Perry a "moron" he could profit from.

"There was nothing moronic about that man," Perry's mother, Suzanne

Morrison, told the court, citing those messages. "You called him a 'moron'... He was even a successful drug addict... this was a bad thing you did." Perry's father, John, and stepmother, Debbie, wrote that the actor's "recovery counted on you saying NO," asking how a doctor "whose life is devoted to helping people" could participate in enabling his addiction.

His mother and stepfather described the doctor as a "jackal" who repeatedly violated his Hippocratic oath - a doctor's promise to protect patients and do no harm. Perry's sister, Madeline Morrison, said, "The world mourns my brother. He was everyone's favorite friend." "Celebrities are not plastic dolls that you can take advantage of. They're people. They're human beings with families," she told him. Addressing the family, Plasencia said, "I failed myself. There is no excuse. I can't undo what's been done. I know that. I should have protected him, as his mother said. I'm just so sorry.

Sleepy Don Trump's health under fresh scrutiny

NEW YORK. (Agency)

He still mocks his predecessor as "Sleepy Joe" Biden. But it was Donald Trump who seemed to be fighting to stay awake at a cabinet meeting. The 79-year-old, the oldest man to be elected US president, repeatedly had his eyes closed as his top team took turns praising his leadership in front of the cameras. The incident put the Republican billionaire's health under fresh scrutiny, even as he and his aides were pushing back against earlier speculation on the issue. The White House strongly rejected any suggestion that Trump was snoozing on Tuesday. "President Trump was listening attentively and running the entire three-hour marathon cabinet meeting," Press Secretary Karoline Leavitt said in a statement to AFP on Wednesday. Leavitt highlighted Trump's "amazing" answer at the end of the meeting when he raged against Somali immigrants. "This epic moment put an exclamation point on President Trump's ninth Cabinet meeting of his second term -- all of which have been entirely open to the press for the whole world to see. "Sharper than 25 years

ago. In fact, at the start of Tuesday's lengthy meeting, Trump had brushed off suggestions that he was running out of steam. "You always find something new, like, 'is he in good health?' Biden was great, but is Trump in good health?" Trump said to reporters, branding them "crazy".

He repeated a familiar riff about how he "aced" a cognitive health test and said: "I'll let you know when there's something wrong. There'll be some day that's going to happen to all of us. But right now I think I'm sharper than I was 25 years ago." But minutes later Trump could be seen closing his eyes for stretches of several seconds at a time as cabinet members listed the administration's achievements on his first year back in power. He even appeared to do so as Secretary of State Marco Rubio, seated right next to him, described Trump as the "only leader in the world" who could help end the Ukraine war. All this came less than a month after Trump, who turns 80 in June, also appeared to close his eyes for a time during an event in the Oval Office on lowering drug prices. The focus on Trump's health sharpened in late

November after a New York Times article said he had sharply reduced his public events, domestic travel and working hours compared to his first term. MRI test Trump raged against the "hit piece" while Leavitt



held up print-outs during a briefing this week of previous New York Times stories that she said had played down concerns over Biden's health.

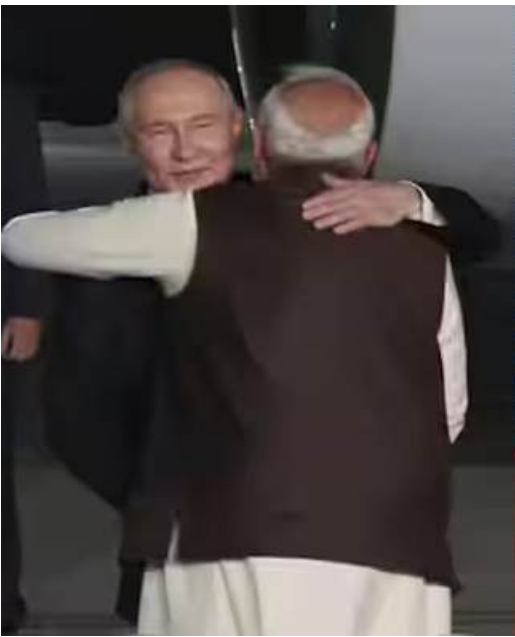
The anger in the White House has been fueled by what they allege was a media cover-up of Democrat Biden's health while

in office. Trump loves to contrast his vigor with that of Biden, who dropped out of the 2024 election at the age of 81 after a disastrous debate performance raised concerns about his age and acuity.

But the health of US presidents is always a global concern, particularly given the punishing demands of the job, and now Trump's is back in the spotlight. He faced mockery on late night TV over the cabinet meeting, with long-time critic Jimmy Kimmel running footage of Trump with his eyes closed on his show on US broadcaster ABC. Tell us again how sleepy Joe is, will ya?" said Kimmel. Social media users also queried whether Trump was tired after a flurry of more than 160 late night and early morning Truth Social posts between Monday and Tuesday, although staffers are known to post some of his messages. Matters have not been helped by the fact that Trump has long faced criticism for limited transparency around his health.

Putin Arrives in Delhi: PM Modi Breaks Protocol With Warm Airport Welcome

New Delhi: Russian President Vladimir Putin touched down in New Delhi on Thursday evening for a high-stakes two-day state visit, marking the 23rd India-Russia Annual Summit. In a rare gesture that went beyond protocol, Prime Minister Narendra Modi personally welcomed Putin at Palam Airport, greeting him with a warm embrace before accompanying him to his residence for a private dinner. The two leaders travelled together in the same car, underscoring the strength of the India-Russia relationship, often described as one of the most stable strategic partnerships of the past seven decades. Putin will receive a ceremonial welcome at Rashtrapati



Bhavan on Friday morning, followed by a visit to Rajghat to pay homage to Mahatma Gandhi. Formal



talks between PM Modi and President Putin will take place at Hyderabad House, where the two sides

are expected to seal several agreements across trade, economy, healthcare, education, culture and media.

Sources indicate that the summit will also see detailed discussions on major regional and global

developments, with India and Russia continuing their close coordination at key international forums including the UN, G20, BRICS and the SCO. Russia has repeatedly backed India's bid for a permanent seat on the UN Security Council. President Droupadi Murmu will host a state banquet in Putin's honour later in the day. Diplomatic observers note that this visit offers both nations a chance to review progress in their "Special and Privileged Strategic Partnership" and chart the next phase of cooperation—expanding beyond traditional defence, nuclear and space ties towards a more diversified, multipolar engagement.

Kremlin Praises Modi's 'Warm and Unexpected' Airport Welcome for Putin in Delhi



New Delhi: Russian President Vladimir Putin arrived in New Delhi on Thursday to an unusually personal welcome from Prime Minister Narendra Modi — a gesture the Kremlin described as both "warm and unexpected." According to Russian officials, New Delhi had not informed Moscow in advance that PM Modi would break protocol and personally receive the visiting leader at Palam Airport. "Modi's decision to meet Putin at the aircraft ramp was unexpected, and the Russian side had not been notified beforehand," the Kremlin said in a statement, calling the moment a powerful symbol of the friendship between the two leaders. The greeting unfolded with a warm embrace on the tarmac, followed by an exchange of pleasantries. The two leaders then travelled together in the same car to the Prime Minister's residence, where Modi hosted Putin for a private dinner. Putin is in India for a two-day state visit, during which he will hold the 23rd India-Russia Annual Summit. The impromptu airport welcome has further highlighted the close personal rapport and strategic depth underpinning the India-Russia partnership.

Chinmaya Vidyalaya, Bokaro, Celebrates Navy Day with Retired Sailors



Bokaro: Chinmaya Vidyalaya, Bokaro, marked Indian Navy Day on December 4 with a special interaction featuring retired naval personnel, who shared frontline experiences and motivated students with stories of courage and service. Veterans Ajay Kumar Singh, Rajneesh Kumar, Amit Kumar, Vinay Kumar, Rajiv Kumar, Sanjeev Kumar, Rajkumar Singh, Manoj Kumar, Sarju, and Rakesh Mishra attended the event, filling the campus with patriotic enthusiasm. Retired sailor Rakesh Mishra highlighted the challenges of naval life and said serving the nation is the greatest honour. Rajesh briefed students on India's modern warships, while Sanjeev Sinha noted that naval sacrifices often remain unrecognised, calling sailors "silent warriors." Principal Suraj Sharma said it was a proud moment for students to learn directly from veterans, adding that the Navy remains a symbol of national pride and inspiration. Vice Principal Narmendra Kumar and Headmaster Gopal Chandra Munshi were also present.

JPC Reviews 'One Nation, One Election' Proposal



New Delhi: The Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) examining the One Nation, One Election proposal held a meeting on Thursday under the chairmanship of BJP MP P.P. Chaudhary at the Parliament House complex. Former Supreme Court judge and Chairperson of the 23rd Law Commission of India, Justice (Retd.) Dinesh Maheshwari, also attended the deliberations. Speaking to the media, Chaudhary said the committee would finalise its recommendations after a thorough evaluation of all aspects. He reiterated that synchronised elections would benefit the nation by addressing multiple challenges, including economic costs and governance disruptions. The One Nation, One Election Bill was referred to the JPC in December last year. During the Monsoon Session, the Lok Sabha approved a motion extending the committee's tenure for submitting its report.

Bokaro Takes Big Leap Toward Smart City Dream; 600 Acres Proposed for Development



Bokaro: The long-awaited dream of a Smart City in Bokaro is a step closer to reality, with the district administration and Bokaro Steel Limited (BSL) jointly moving ahead on the project. A key meeting on Thursday at the Deputy Commissioner's residential office, chaired by DC Ajay Nath Jha, marked significant progress. DC Jha proposed the allocation of around 600 acres of land for the Smart City project. The BSL management, responding positively, gave an in-principle nod to providing the land stretch located between Garga Dam and Bokaro Steel City Railway Station. He instructed BSL's CGM Kundan Kumar to submit a formal consent letter within a week, after which the proposal will be forwarded to the State Government. Modern Facilities and Better Connectivity Ahead Officials said the Smart City project will pave the way for modern residential areas with advanced civic amenities. Its proximity to the railway station will significantly boost connectivity and ease travel for residents. Plans are also in place to upgrade both the government bus stand and the BSL bus stand at Naya Mod, equipping them with improved facilities for passengers. DC Jha added that the new bus stand will offer a wider range of services, emerging as a stronger and more efficient transport hub. Transport Nagar in Future Plans As part of long-term urban planning, a dedicated Transport Nagar is proposed for organised parking of buses and small vehicles, aimed at easing congestion and supporting the city's future development. Deputy Development Commissioner Shatabdi Majumdar, SDO Chas Pranjal Dhandu, Additional Municipal Commissioner Sanjeev Kumar, DPRO Ravi Kumar, BSL CGM Kundan Kumar, Chas Circle Officer Ramsevak, and other officials were present at the meeting. DGCA Reviews IndiGo After Major Flight Disruptions New Delhi: DGCA today held a review meeting with Civil Aviation Minister along with senior officials from Ministry of Civil Aviation and IndiGo's top leadership after the airline reported major disruptions across its network since late November 2025. The airline has been cancelling around 170-200 flights per day, far above normal levels. In a statement, DGCA said, The airline explained the disruptions were caused mainly by transition issues in implementing the revised Flight Duty Time Limitations (FDTL), problems in crew planning, and winter operational challenges. The DGCA informed that IndiGo has admitted that it had underestimated the crew required for Phase-2 FDTL rules, which led to planning gaps.

India Seals \$2 Billion Nuclear Submarine Deal with Russia



News Desk: India has finalized a major \$2-billion agreement with Russia to lease a nuclear-powered attack submarine, breaking months of stalled negotiations over pricing, Bloomberg reported. The breakthrough came after an Indian technical team recently inspected a Russian shipyard, clearing the way for the long-pending deal. Officials said the submarine is expected to be delivered within the next two years,

though the schedule may shift due to the complexity of refurbishing a nuclear-powered vessel. The submarine will be larger and more advanced than India's existing nuclear-capable platforms. Navy Chief Admiral Dinesh K. Tripathi, while confirming that the commissioning is "expected soon," declined to share further details. Training-Only Deployment Under the lease agreement, the submarine cannot be used in wartime. It will serve

as a specialist platform for crew training and strengthening India's nuclear-submarine handling expertise. The vessel will remain with the Indian Navy for 10 years, similar to the previous Russian nuclear submarine leased for a decade and returned in 2021. Nuclear submarines offer critical advantages over diesel-electric boats — long underwater endurance, greater range, and quieter operation — vital capabilities for India's

growing presence across the Indian and Pacific Oceans. India currently operates 17 diesel-electric submarines, according to the Nuclear Threat Initiative. The submarine deal, finalized on a day when Russian President Vladimir Putin arrived in New Delhi, underscores the strategic depth and continuity of the India-Russia partnership as the two sides prepare for a pivotal bilateral summit.

CCL Wraps Up Two-Day Awareness Session on New Labour Codes



Ranchi: Central Coalfields Limited (CCL) concluded a two-day awareness programme on the new labour codes at its Gangotri Convention Centre on Friday, bringing together members of the JCSC, Welfare and Safety Boards, and representatives from various trade unions. Organised by the HRD Department under the guidance of Director (HR) Harsh Nath Mishra, the session aimed to familiarise officers and employees with the

provisions of the revamped labour laws, set to reshape the industrial landscape. General Manager (HR) M.F. Haque opened the programme by welcoming keynote speaker Dr. Omkar Sharma, former Chief Labour Commissioner (Central) and member of the drafting committee for the new codes. Senior officials, including GM (IR) Pratul Kumar, GM (Welfare) S.K. Thakur, and GM (Manpower) Kavita Gupta, were also present. Dr. Sharma delivered de-

tailed yet accessible explanations of all four labour codes, offering participants a clear and comprehensive understanding of the reforms. Director (HR) Mishra said CCL would continue conducting such capacity-building sessions to keep its workforce updated with evolving labour frameworks and to foster a transparent and efficient work culture. Around 70 participants from various CCL areas took part in the training.

Green Push: ESL Steel Partners with IOCL for PNG Supply to Boost Sustainability



Bokaro: In a push toward cleaner and more efficient industrial energy, ESL Steel Ltd. has signed an agreement with Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) for the supply of Piped Natural Gas (PNG) to its Bokaro steel plant. The agreement was formalised in the presence of senior officials from both companies, including IOCL Executive Director Manoj K. Sharma and General Manager Amiya Kumar Behera, along with ESL

Steel's Deputy CEO & WTD Ravish Sharma and CFO Anand Dubey. Welcoming the collaboration, Ravish Sharma said the shift from LPG to PNG marks a significant move toward operational efficiency and environmental responsibility. "By adopting PNG—a cleaner and more dependable fuel—we are strengthening our commitment to reliable operations and environmental stewardship," he noted.

Under the agreement, PNG will replace LPG in selected operations at the Bokaro facility, ensuring a cleaner, safer and more stable energy supply. The partnership also reflects growing cooperation between IOCL and ESL Steel in advancing sustainable fuel solutions. The initiative aligns with ESL Steel's broader strategy to enhance energy security, reduce emissions and improve overall operational performance.

How Amit Ranjan Rose from Daru to Delhi: A Story of Grit & Hard Work

Ranchi: From the rural block of Daru in Hazaribagh to the professional arena of Delhi, Amit Ranjan's rise is a powerful reminder that humble beginnings do not limit one's ambitions. Today, Amit is recognised in the field of international education and digital learning for his discipline, commitment and leadership. Amit's childhood was shaped by hardship. He lost his father at an early age, a loss that could have halted his journey. Instead, it strengthened his resolve. Raised by a supportive family, he credits his elder sister Anita Sinha—who stepped into the role of a mother—for the emotional grounding that helped him push forward. His academic journey reflects the same determination: schooling at St. Xavier's, Hazaribagh; intermediate studies at DAV Bokaro; and graduation in Political Science from Delhi University. His years in Delhi widened his perspective and reinforced the belief that success is earned through hard work, not privilege. Amit often shares this message with the youth of Jharkhand: recognition comes from effort, not money. "If you have determination, it doesn't matter where you begin," he says, urging young people from small towns and villages to dream big. Family remains central to Amit's life. He expresses gratitude to his siblings Ranjit, Anita, Sunita, Sujata and Sanhita for their constant support. Now based in Greater Noida, he lives with his wife Sushma, children Adi and Sanvi, and his mother Lalita Devi, whom he describes as a pillar of strength. Outside his professional commitments, Amit enjoys travelling, cooking and music—interests that keep him grounded and connected to his roots. At a time when many young people feel pressured to achieve instant success, Amit's story stands as an encouraging example of perseverance. His journey from Daru to Delhi continues to inspire youths across Jharkhand, underscoring a simple truth: dreams may begin small, but with honesty, courage and hard work, they can reach extraordinary heights.



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"They Safeguard Our Shores": PM Modi's Praise On Navy Day

Navy Day is observed annually on December 4 to commemorate the Indian Navy's achievements and its contribution to national security.

New Delhi.(Agency)
Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday extended greetings to all Indian Navy personnel on the occasion of Navy Day, praising the force for its growing self-reliance, steadfast resolve and the valour with which it guards the nation's maritime frontiers.
Navy Day is observed annually on December 4 to commemorate the Indian Navy's achievements and its contribution to national security. The date marks the Navy's success during the 1971 war, when, under Operation Trident, Indian forces sank four Pakistani vessels, including PNS Khaibar, delivering a decisive blow to the Pakistani Navy.
In a post on X, the Prime Minister said, "Navy Day greetings to all personnel of the Indian Navy. Our Navy is synonymous with exceptional courage and determination. They safeguard our shores and uphold our maritime interests. In recent years, our Navy has



focused on self-reliance and modernisation. This has enhanced our security apparatus."PM Modi noted that he would always cherish the memories of this year's Diwali, which he spent with naval personnel aboard the indigenous aircraft carrier INS Vikrant.
In a video message, the Prime Minister underlined the Navy's critical role in securing the nation's maritime boundaries and economic lifelines. "In the ocean, our Navy is determined to protect the maritime borders and commercial interests of the country. Whether it is offshore petrol vessels, submarines or aircraft carriers. Today,

the strength of the Indian Navy is increasing exponentially," he said. He further emphasised India's longstanding tradition of using strength for global good, stating, "India's tradition has been about power and strength. Our knowledge, our strength and our strength is for the service of humanity and for the security of humanity. Today, when the economic system of the country is dependent on the interconnected world and progressive maritime borders, India's Navy is playing an important role in global stability."Meanwhile, the Indian Navy on Wednesday demonstrated its expanding maritime capabilities in an operational showcase off the Thiruvananthapuram coast in Kerala.From the indigenous aircraft carrier INS Vikrant to the frontline frigate Udaygiri, the event highlighted the force's multi-domain combat readiness.President Droupadi Murmu, the Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces, witnessed the display from Shangumugham Beach as part of the Navy Day celebrations.

"Children, Elderly Suffering": Sonia Gandhi Demands Action Against Pollution

New Delhi.(Agency)
Congress Parliamentary Party chairperson Sonia Gandhi on Thursday asked the Centre to take action to curb air pollution in Delhi-NCR, saying the children and elderly are suffering.
Speaking to reporters outside the Parliament, Sonia Gandhi said, "It is the responsibility of the Government to do something. Young children are suffering, and it is also difficult for elderly people like me."
Congress MP Priyanka Gandhi Vadra also flagged the issue, alleging that no concrete action has been taken. She added that the Opposition does not want to politicise the issue and

will stand with the Centre when steps are taken to curb pollution."Which weather should we enjoy? Look at the situation outside. As Sonia ji said, children are unable to breathe. She has asthma, and senior citizens like her are facing breathing difficulty. The situation keeps getting worse year after year. Only statements are made every year; no concrete action is taken. We have all said that the government has to take action, and we all stand with them. This is not a political issue that we would point fingers at each other," the Congress MP said.Earlier today,



Opposition MPs held a protest in front of Makar Dwar on the Parliament premises against the Centre over air pollution in Delhi-NCR and parts of North India.The MPs were seen wearing an oxygen mask and holding a banner to take a

jibe at Prime Minister Narendra Modi, which read "Mausam ka maza lijiye" (enjoy the weather). The remark on the banner followed PM Modi's address at the start of the Winter Session of Parliament, in which he said so.Raising slogans, the leaders demanded a parliamentary discussion on air pollution.Congress President and Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha, Mallikarjun Kharge, and Congress Parliamentary Party President Sonia Gandhi also joined the protest outside the Parliament building.

Andhra Allots 480 Acres For Adani-Google AI Data Centre In Visakhapatnam

Amaravati.(Agency)
Andhra Pradesh government has allotted 480 acres of land in Visakhapatnam and Anakapalli districts to Adani Infra (India) Pvt Ltd, a 'notified partner' of Raiden Infotech India, a Google company, for setting up 1 GW AI Data Centres in the state.The Google entity had informed the state government earlier that Adani Infra (India) Pvt Ltd, AdaniConneX India Pvt Ltd, Adani Power India Pvt Ltd, Bharti Airtel Ltd, Nxtra Data Ltd and Nxtra Vizag Limited (subsidiary of Bharti Airtel) as 'notified partners'.
Raiden has specifically requested that all three land parcels identified by Andhra Pradesh Industrial Infrastructure Corporation Ltd (APIIC) may be allotted to Adani Infra (India), as the primary notified partner, subject to completing survey and handing over possession.



"The Government, after careful examination of the proposal, and as per the approval accorded by the council of ministers in its meeting dated 28/11/2025 hereby accords permission for the transfer of 480 acres of land in Visakhapatnam

and Anakapalli districts to M/s Adani Infra (India) Private Limited," the order issued on December 2 said.
Raiden Infotech India Pvt Ltd, which is setting up Data Centers in a phased manner, with a cumulative investment of over 87,500 crore in Andhra Pradesh will get back Rs 22,000 crore as incentives from the state government over a period of time.
According to the GO, Raiden has requested the government to authorise its notified partners, along with Raiden, to avail all incentives that the Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu's regime had promised for the benefit of the Data Centre Project.This project will be built to the same exacting standards that power Google services like Search, YouTube and Workspace, the GO added.

Dy CM DK Shivakumar tells minister to send 300 cadres from each district

BENGALURU.(Agency)
KPCC president and deputy CM DK Shivakumar has instructed ministers to send atleast 300 party workers from their respective in-charge districts to New Delhi for the 'vote chori' rally to be held on December 14."From Bengaluru, more party workers will travel to the Ram Leela Maidan in Delhi. We need to attend this rally in large numbers. We will make all the arrangements, including travel and lodging. In this regard, we have already requested the Union railway minister to operate special /additional trains from Bengaluru to Delhi," he told reporters on Wednesday.
Shivakumar has given the entire responsibility for the success of the rally to the district in-charge ministers and MLAs, and has told the leaders that this is not just his responsibility as KPCC president, but the party's.Stressing that the 'vote chori' campaign was launched nationwide based on electoral misuse during the Assembly polls in Karnataka, he said, "This is why we need to attend in large numbers. I have insisted that 30 people come from each taluk. Me and Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has sent this message to all."On the proposed all-party meeting in Delhi on December 8, Shivakumar said it has been postponed as Union ministers Pralhad Joshi, V Somanna and Nirmala Sitharaman have to attend the Parliament proceedings. "We will discuss and fix a new date," he said.
Asked about Siddaramaiah meeting AICC General Secretary (Organisation) KC Venugopal in Mangaluru, he asked what's wrong in CM meeting Rahul Gandhi or Mallikarjuna Kharge or any other Congress leaders. "They will always talk about the party."
On party workers raising Shivakumar's name in front of Venugopal during his visit to Mangaluru, the DCM said it is common in politics. "Like BJP workers call Modi's name, Congress workers take Rahul Gandhi's name," he said.
Meanwhile, speaking to media persons in New Delhi on Wednesday evening, Shivakumar clarified that he was in Delhi to attend a close friend's son's wedding. "Also, I wanted to make arrangements for the 'vote chori' rally. We are expecting over 10,000 people from Karnataka to attend this rally. We have to make arrangements for their stay.



CM Siddaramaiah, KC Venugopal huddle in Mangaluru as power struggle heats up

MANGALURU.(Agency)
Amid the ongoing tussle over chief minister's post in Karnataka, AICC General Secretary (Organisation) KC Venugopal and Chief Minister Siddaramaiah shared the stage in Mangaluru on Wednesday during the centenary celebrations of the historic meeting between Mahatma Gandhi and Shree Narayana Guru.Though the two leaders sat beside each other through the two-hour event at Mangalore University, they barely interacted. Sources said they later held a closed-door meeting at the university's Kaveri Guesthouse. The details of their discussion remain unknown.Emerging after over an hour, Siddaramaiah told reporters that he did not discuss politics with Venugopal. To questions on Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar's visit to Delhi, he said, "Let him go. Who will object to it?" Asked whether he too is planning to travel to Delhi, he replied that he will go if invited and that he had received no such communication so far.It remained unclear how long Venugopal stayed at the guesthouse, as he was not seen exiting before the chief minister left. He later reportedly departed for Kerala by train.
The event, organised by Mangalore University and Congress MLC BK Hariprasad, was attended by Home Minister G Parameshwara, PWD Minister Satish Jarkiholi, Housing Minister BZ Zameer Ahmed Khan, Women and Child Welfare Minister Laxmi Hebbalkar and Health Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao, among others. Deputy Chief Minister Shivakumar was not on the list of invitees.Earlier in the day, when Siddaramaiah arrived at Mangaluru Airport, supporters of both him and Shivakumar raised slogans backing their respective leaders. Congress leader Mithun Rai told reporters that Shivakumar played a key role in bringing the party to power in the state and should become CM immediately.



Tradition broken: Rahul Gandhi cries foul over no Opposition-Putin meeting

Speaking to reporters, Rahul Gandhi said that successive governments once ensured visiting foreign leaders met both the Treasury and Opposition benches, but alleged the current dispensation has broken that tradition.

BENGALURU.(Agency)
Congress MP and Lok Sabha Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi on Thursday accused the government of systematically keeping opposition leaders away from visiting foreign dignitaries, a practice he said was respected by previous administrations but has now been 'abandoned'.Gandhi, speaking ahead of Russian President Vladimir Putin's arrival in New Delhi, argued that the Opposition's meetings with foreign delegations were a long-standing parliamentary norm.
"It used to happen during the governments of Vajpayee ji and Manmohan Singh ji. This has been a tradition. But these days, when foreign dignitaries visit or when I travel abroad, the government advises them not to meet the LoP.

We, too, represent India. It is not just the government," Rahul Gandhi said while speaking to reporters outside Parliament.
He said both the Prime Minister and the External Affairs Ministry routinely steer visiting delegations away from the Opposition, calling it an act driven by 'insecurity'. According to the Congress leader, the government does not want the LoP to offer a different perspective on India's position.Rahul Gandhi's allegation came as Putin is scheduled to land in Delhi around 4.30 pm today. PM Modi will host him for a private dinner shortly after arrival, a reciprocal gesture after Putin hosted PM Modi in Moscow last year.



Their formal talks on Friday will focus on expanding defence cooperation, protecting India-Russia trade from external pressure, and exploring collaboration in small modular nuclear reactors, all unfolding against a

notable downturn in India's ties with the United States.
Meanwhile, the Congress, invoking the 1955 India tour of Soviet leaders Nikolai Bulganin and Nikita Khrushchev, said today's India-Russia relationship flows directly from that early Indo-Soviet partnership, forged in the closing months of that year."These ties go back even longer.Exactly 70 years ago the top two leaders of the USSR came to India. Nikolai Bulganin and Nikita Khrushchev were here for an extraordinary 19 days: from November 18 to 30, 1955, and again from Dec 7 to 14, 1955. This followed Jawaharlal Nehru's journey to the USSR six months earlier," Congress general secretary in-charge communications Jairam Ramesh said.

Peacetime simulations for wartime speed

When General K Sundarji conceptualised Operation Brasstacks in 1987, India’s security environment was intense, but still largely linear. The exercise was not merely a rehearsal of military manoeuvres. The three stages prior to Brasstacks IV involved national wargaming that brought together political leaders, bureaucrats, scientists, logisticians, and military commanders—a rare moment when the State thought collectively about war, governance, and national preparedness. At that time, Pakistan was only 16 years past the trauma of 1971—still adversarial, but conventionally outmatched. China was only in the early phase of Deng Xiaoping’s Four Modernisations—emerging, but not yet shaping regional security dynamics. In that environment, it was logical that Brasstacks focused on massed conventional operations across geographically defined battle spaces. Today, that world is scarcely recognisable. Pakistan possesses nuclear deterrence, missile capabilities, and is expanding access to drones and other emerging warfare technologies. Its fiscal fragility and internal instability do not restrain its behaviour; they often incentivise asymmetric posturing. With diminishing leverage in Afghanistan, it has sought a reverse form of strategic depth through intelligence footprints and sympathetic networks in Bangladesh. China has evolved into a deliberate strategist, not merely supporting, but shaping Pakistan’s threat profile. The contest is now multi-domain—cyber, informational, economic, diplomatic, and psychological—where narratives matter as much as capabilities. In this evolving environment, Operation Sindoor provided reassurance, exposing no visible strategic weakness. Yet, as every seasoned practitioner knows, public success does not erase private lessons. What is not visible is often more valuable. Every operation brings clarity—not only about our strengths, but also about our friction points and unseen vulnerabilities. Learning from those requires more than a review; it requires simulation, rehearsal, and refinement. That is the unique strength of wargaming. Unlike briefings or consultations, wargaming is an immersive learning tool. It does not merely present a situation—it forces decision, under pressure, uncertainty, and time constraints. It enables policymakers, diplomats, intelligence professionals, economists, and military planners to experience how crises unfold; and, critically, how their decisions shape consequences. It identifies institutional blind-spots, improves inter-agency understanding, and trains decision-makers to think in layers—not only about what the adversary might do, but why and when. The US, Japan, Israel, and China regularly simulate crises to refine decisions and strengthen strategic

The Indian armed forces have long excelled in this domain. Wargaming and scenario planning are deeply ingrained from academy training to operational and joint command levels. Officers are habituated to visualise, simulate, and optimise responses. Table-top exercises in disaster management are a quasi-military extension of this method—integrating agencies across domains and teaching coordination as a habit. But while the military lives wargaming, the national governance ecosystem only visits it. That must change. The recent Delhi car blast was part of the same hybrid continuum—designed to probe resilience, shape perception, and exploit our cognitive blind-spots.

Religious rigidity can hurt military ethos

Lt Kamalesan’s dismissal is a clear signal that, in the military, an officer’s personal faith must remain just that — personal.

ON November 25, the Supreme Court declined to interfere in the Army’s dismissal of Lt Samuel Kamalesan for refusing to enter the unit temple or gurdwara for mandatory functions. Kamalesan objected that as a Protestant Christian committed to monotheism, he could not enter the inner sanctum and perform puja, havan or aarti without violating his conscience. The case has attracted significant media attention in recent days, with sharply divided opinions. Critics of the court decision argue that it violates Article 25 of the Constitution, which guarantees the right to religious freedom. They say the judgment ignores the true strength of Indian secularism, which should protect both religious observance and conscientious abstention. In their view, individuals should not be forced to cross the line from secular inclusivity to coerced religiosity. Unfortunately, the case also took on a ‘minority persecution’ hue because the dismissed officer is a Christian. In a thoughtful piece, Sanjay Hegde, senior advocate at the Supreme Court, wrote in The Hindu, “India’s military unity has never been built on majoritarian comfort... Soldiers from minority faiths should never have reason to wonder whether they will be asked to cross a line that their beliefs prohibit.” There were critiques of a broader ‘saffronisation’ of India’s military, citing examples of Hindu religious symbolism in unit names, ceremonies and leadership statements. This was seen as part of a larger pattern of shrinking space for minorities in India’s public institutions, especially when claims of conscience clash with majoritarian religious practices. Some of this criticism would appear logical to the public. However, the veteran community has universally supported the court’s ruling. Having served for four decades in uniform, let me attempt to explain why Kamalesan’s actions are institutionally unacceptable. The military is unlike any other profession. And there are two fundamental reasons for this distinction. First, militaries are entrusted with the exercise of ultimate violence on behalf of a nation and have the means of mass annihilation and power grab at their disposal. Irresponsible behaviour on their part could wreck society. Second, no profession demands the level of sacrifice from its members as the military does. Within this distinctive professional milieu, the military requires a coherent set of formal and informal norms and values to anchor its conduct. These values cannot be borrowed indiscriminately from the broader society but must



possess intrinsic relevance to the institution and be internalised by those who serve within it. A report by the US Army Research Institute for Behavioural and Social Sciences puts it this way, “When the chips are down, there is no rational calculation in the world capable of causing an individual to lay down his life. On both the individual and collective levels, war is therefore primarily an affair of the heart. It is dominated by such irrational factors as resolution and courage, honour and duty and loyalty and sacrifice of self.” These “irrational factors” are the soul of the military’s values.

Qualities such as honour, courage, loyalty, discipline and brotherhood are not incidental to military life, but are consciously cultivated, repeated and reinforced until they become second nature. They are instilled not because they possess abstract moral worth, but because the very effectiveness of a fighting force depends on them. Without these virtues, hundreds of soldiers would not unhesitatingly assault Tiger Hill during the Kargil War, knowing it would lead to the inevitable death of some of them. At the top of the military’s ethical hierarchy sits the officer corps. For questions of military professionalism, the ‘sociology of the military’ has historically been, in essence, a sociology of the officer corps. It is their attitudes, behaviour and the standards they set that define the military ethos and how efficiently the military

performs its role. One enduring element of the Indian Army has been the relationship and trust between officers and soldiers. Stephen P Cohen, who wrote an excellent book on the Indian Army, states that the professional ethic of the Indian Army stems from the “unique mystique of the relationship of the officer to the other ranks.” Anything that could potentially weaken a soldier’s relationship and trust in the officer must be discouraged entirely. It is in this context that we must examine Kamalesan’s case. Not from the point of religious identity and religious freedoms, but of its impact on the military’s ethos and values, and the relationship between the officer and his soldiers. Some might ask if this issue is being exaggerated and that the actions of an individual officer are unlikely to have army-wide repercussions. I honestly cannot answer this with any conviction, but should we open a Pandora’s box? Today, thousands of

officers in the Indian Army serve in units where their soldiers belong to a different faith. If religious rigidity spreads and officers refuse to participate in religious functions with their soldiers, it would have a devastating effect on the military ethos and character. For those who express concern about the rise of majoritarian religious practices, it must be pointed out that Kamalesan’s dismissal is a clear signal that, in the military, an officer’s personal faith must remain just that — personal. Hegde has also stated that when duty meets conscience, the real test is not choosing one over the other but finding a way for both to coexist. But there is a real danger here. If conscience, which has a strong moral component of right and wrong, is equated with religious dogmas, we risk bracketing military professionals with sectarian actors, who forcefully seek to impose their personal religious interpretation. The military, as an institution, must also engage in deep introspection. There is no restriction on senior officers visiting religious institutions, but there is absolutely no reason for pictures of this private practice to be officially posted on social media, as is being increasingly seen. For a force that asks its members to subsume their identity in the service of the nation, even the appearance of endorsing any one faith can wound the quiet trust that binds a diverse military together.

Sengottaiyan's shift changes 2026 calculus

Scores of AIADMK functionaries and hundreds of grassroots loyalists from western Tamil Nadu have followed K A Sengottaiyan into TVK’s fold.

With the 2026 assembly polls barely months away, Tamil Nadu’s political chessboard has sprung a surprise. The fledgling Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK), launched by matinee-idol-turned-politician Vijay, has pulled off a coup that few saw coming—the induction of K A Sengottaiyan, a veteran expelled from the AIADMK. The 77-year-old Gounder strongman from Gobichettipalayam, a trusted lieutenant of both MGR and J Jayalithaa, has spent five decades mastering the art of booth-level mobilisation, alliance arithmetic, and Kongu Nadu vote consolidation. For him, the move implies a do-or-die showdown. He has staked his legacy on a party that has not yet fought an election and whose electoral machinery is still embryonic. Scores of AIADMK functionaries and hundreds of grassroots loyalists from western Tamil Nadu have followed him into TVK’s fold. In return, Vijay has handed him sweeping organisational authority as chief coordinator of TVK’s administrative committee and organising secretary for the western region—Coimbatore, Tirupur, Erode, and the Nilgiris—the terrain where the AIADMK, under



Edappadi K Palaniswami, once appeared unassailable. TVK rivals will revel in Sengottaiyan’s track record to mock the new party’s ‘clean politics’ slogan. After the AIADMK faced a rout in 1996, several senior ministers faced corruption charges. As the transport minister in the cabinet, Sengottaiyan was convicted in two corruption cases in 2000 and sentenced to jail, disqualifying him from

contesting polls. Though he staged a comeback once the legal storm passed, these stories remain etched in public memory. TVK brands itself the new principal opposition, hoping to inherit the anti-DMK space the AIADMK once monopolised. The ground reality may, however, look more fractured. The AIADMK-BJP alliance, despite internal contradictions, retains organisational depth and a loyal cadre base. The DMK, riding on welfare populism and a disciplined leadership under M K Stalin, appears comfortably placed to exploit the splintering of the anti-incumbency vote. Vijay’s star power is undoubted, but his ability to convert fan clubs into a durable vote bank remains untested. By roping in a Kongu Nadu heavyweight, TVK has signalled it is willing to play the hard game of caste arithmetic and regional balancing. Whether this bold stroke consolidates the Gounder vote behind the new outfit or fragments it further will be one of the defining sub-plots of 2026. Surely, the entry of a battle-scarred veteran into a celebrity-led startup makes the three-cornered contest even more intriguing.

Tom Stoppard | Exit stage left, let the music play

For playwright Tom Stoppard (1937-2025), science had killed the old gods, and history the new ones. Facing the absurdity, he chose neither a fundamentalist retreat nor an ironic shrug. He cared because the alternative wasn’t philosophically or aesthetically appealing

Few playwrights thought as hard—or as painfully, playfully—as Tom Stoppard about what keeps human beings going when all the old, reasonable reasons have collapsed. Stoppard, who saw the future in the past, returned repeatedly to three questions. If the universe is meaningless and god was always dead, why does anything matter? If history is a bloody farce, why bother being decent? And if consciousness or love is just chemistry, why do they feel so real? His play Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead (1966) begins with two bewildered minor characters from Hamlet waiting for a purpose that never comes. Probability collapses, coins land heads forever, and still they talk, still they try to make sense of the plot they dimly feel they inhabit. Their identical fate—death off-stage—was written by Shakespeare, but Stoppard gives them an inner life, and that life is unmistakably Kafkaesque. The conversation is the meaning: the heroic, doomed process of puzzling things out and carrying on. In Arcadia (1993), Stoppard collapses all three of his obsessions into one helpless, gutting stage picture. The play alternates between two eras in the same English country house. 1809-1812: Thomasina Coverly, 13 at the start and 17 by the end, is tutored by young scholar Septimus Hodge. While adults date, duel, and gossip, she quietly invents—centuries early—the mathematics of chaos theory. She grasps that the second law of thermodynamics dooms the universe to “heat death”, a final state of disorder where nothing can ever happen again. The

night before her 17th birthday, Thomasina dies in a fire. A little too symbolic. But there it is. Cut to the 1990s. A literary historian, Hannah Jarvis, and a cocky academic, Bernard Nightingale, try to reconstruct what happened in that house two centuries earlier. They find Thomasina’s exercise books, but most clues have been lost or misread. Time, like heat, flows only one way. Everything leads to the final three minutes. The lights do not change; the same table, the same chairs, the same room. But suddenly, both eras occupy the stage at once. On one side: Thomasina, in a Regency dress, asks Septimus to teach her to waltz before the party ends. They dance to a faint music drifting in from the next room. On the other side: Hannah, in modern clothes, is handed an old cassette by Gus, the nearly-silent teenage boy of the house. He presses play. The same waltz begins again, now scratchy and recorded. Gus offers his hand; Hannah, who has spent the play guarding her emotions, accepts. Two couples, 200 years apart, move to the same music in the same physical space, unaware of each other. The audience sees both at once. The equations Thomasina scribbled are correct: everything—stars, civilisations, love affairs, teenage geniuses—will dissolve into cold, featureless silence. Thomasina is already dead; Hannah will die soon enough. Even the waltz is a borrowed energy that will dissipate with the music. And yet for those 30 seconds, the dance actually happens. A dead girl and a living woman turn to the

same music, filling the same span of time. In classic Stoppard fashion, the only real thing is the sad beauty of transience. The puzzle has been solved. The pain and beauty persist. Stoppard’s fascination with love and consciousness unravels.

The Coast of Utopia (2002), his nine-hour chronicle of Russian revolutionaries, is a laboratory for his



second question: if history is mostly cruelty and error, why choose decency? Herzen watches every noble idea curdle into terror and still ends with the exhausted, defiant line: “The future is disorder... but we have to want it anyway.” Wanting decency, truth, and love when every empirical test says they are pointless—that was Stoppard’s moral position. Born Tomáš Stráussler, Stoppard fled the Nazis as a child, grew rich and famous in the democratic West, and never let himself off the hook. Science had killed the old gods; history had killed the new ones.

What remained was the naked human animal, stripped of guarantees, still capable of courage, curiosity, perhaps kindness. All his life, he wondered what it was to be human. That stance feels painfully relevant in 2025. We live in the absurd existential world Stoppard helped to map: algorithmic feeds instead of god, climate models

instead of divine wrath, all announcing the same verdict—you are a speck, your feelings are epiphenomena, your species is a rounding error. The loudest contemporary responses are either fundamentalist retreat or ironic shrug. Stoppard offered a third option: look straight at the emptiness and choose to care anyway. Not because it pays, not because it’s adaptive, but because the alternative is neither philosophically nor aesthetically appealing. In this sense his plays are not consolations but rehearsals: tragicomic models of how to think, talk, and even joke our way through a universe that will not explain itself. He showed that the dance matters because it is brief; the conversation matters because it is futile; decency matters because the world is unfair. Stoppard’s work insists that meaning is not discovered but made, in real time, by fragile, temporary creatures who are acutely conscious that they are temporary. The waltz will end, the lights will go out, and the stage will be empty. But while the music plays, we might as well dance, solemnly celebrate, as perhaps in one’s own constant funeral, the poetry of transience.

बच्चों, कुछ दिन पहले ही यूरोप और एशिया के कई देशों के पहाड़ी इलाकों में बड़े पैमाने पर बर्फबारी हुई थी। अभी भी उसका असर साफ देखा जा सकता है। लेकिन ये बर्फबारी होती कैसे है? आकाश में बर्फ कैसे बनती है और नीचे क्यों गिरती है?

दोस्तों, तुम जानते होगे कि हमारी धरती पर जल एक लगातार चक्र में चलता है। सूरज की गर्मी से नदियों, तालाबों, झीलों से जल भाप बनकर उड़ जाता है और वातावरण में पहुंच जाता है। जब इस तरह के बहुत सारे वाष्प कण इकट्ठे हो जाते हैं तो वे बादल का रूप ले लेते हैं। जब ये बादल आपस में टकराते हैं तो बारिश होती है। लेकिन जब ये बादल वातावरण में अधिक ऊपर चले जाते हैं तो वहां का तापमान बहुत कम हो जाता है और वातावरण बहुत ठंडा हो जाता है। बादल का तापमान बहुत नीचे पहुंचने पर, बादलों में मौजूद वाष्प कण नन्हे-नन्हे बर्फ कणों में बदल जाते हैं। हवा इन बर्फ कणों का वजन सहन नहीं कर पाती और ये कण बादल से नीचे की ओर गिरने लगते हैं। जब वो गिरते हैं तो एक-दूसरे से टकरा कर जुड़ने लगते हैं। इस तरह इनका आकार बड़ा होने लगता है। जब ये कण हमारी पृथ्वी पर गिरते हैं तो हम उसे बर्फबारी कहते हैं।

अब तुम यह कह सकते हो कि बर्फ दरअसल जमा हुआ पानी है। बर्फबारी में धरती पर अकसर बर्फ की सफेद चादर-सी बिछ जाती है। गिरती हुई यह बर्फ हमेशा नर्म नहीं होती है। यह बर्फ गिरते हुए एक जगह इकट्ठी न गिरकर हवा के साथ इधर-उधर फैल जाती है, इसलिए यह कहीं बहुत ज्यादा और कहीं बहुत कम गिरती है। कभी यह छोटे-छोटे पत्थर के रूप में, तो कभी बारिश के साथ गिरने वाले सख्त बर्फ यानी ओलों के रूप में भी गिरती है। बर्फ चाहे जिस रूप में भी गिरे, जहां यह गिरती है वहां का तापमान काफी

गिर जाता है। आसपास के इलाके भी सर्द हवाओं की चपेट में आ जाते हैं।

अब तुम्हारे मन में यह सवाल जरूर उठ रहा होगा कि यह बर्फबारी पहाड़ी इलाकों में ही क्यों होती है?

बर्फ उन स्थानों पर अधिक गिरती है जो इलाके या तो समुद्र से काफी ऊपर होते हैं या फिर ऊंचाई पर होते हैं। वातावरण में बर्फ काफी अधिक बनती है, जिसका एक छोटा हिस्सा ही नीचे पहाड़ों पर गिरता है। बाकी हिस्सा बारिश के रूप में नीचे आता है।

अब तुम सोच रहे होगे कि बर्फ बनती और नीचे बारिश गिरती है, वो कैसे? वातावरण में मौजूद ओजोन की गर्म परतों के बीच से जब बर्फ के कण गुजरते हैं तो यह बर्फ पिघल जाती है और बारिश के पानी में बदल जाती है, जबकि ऊंचे पहाड़ों में तापमान पहले से ही शून्य डिग्री से काफी कम होता है, इसलिए वहां पर बर्फबारी होती है।

क्या होता है फायदा

पहाड़ों पर गिरी यह बर्फ गर्मियों में सूरज की तपिश से पिघलकर नदियों में पानी की आपूर्ति करती है, जिसे खेती-बाड़ी, बिजली बनाने और अन्य कामों के लिए उपयोग किया जाता है।

कैसे होती है

बर्फबारी

आओ चलें बर्फ की दुनिया में

पहाड़ों में बर्फबारी देखकर सभी का मन वहां जाकर बर्फ की बॉल बनाकर खेलने को करता है। चूंकि यह बर्फ कुछ दिन रहती है, इसलिए कुछ लोग जा पाते होंगे तो कुछ नहीं। लेकिन आज हम विश्व के सबसे बड़े, आकर्षक और एक महीने चलने वाले स्नो शो के बारे में बताने जा रहे हैं।

चीन के सबसे सर्द शहर हाबिन में एक स्नो शो मनाया जा रहा है, जहां का तापमान-20 डिग्री सेल्सियस होता है। यह स्थान चीन की सोंघुआ नदी के किनारे स्थित है। इस स्नो शो की शुरुआत 5 जनवरी को हुई थी। यह पूरा स्थान 150 एकड़ में फैला है। यह शो रात में बहुत ही आकर्षक दिखता है। बर्फ की पूरी बिल्डिंग बनाई गयी है। यह पारंपरिक तरीके से सजाया गया है।

हाई तकनीक बीम लाइट की मदद से रोशनी की गई है, जो रात में खास लगती है। इस फेस्टिवल की नींव 1963 में रखी गई थी। चीन का हाबिन इंटरनेशनल आइस एंड स्नो शो हर साल दुनिया में चर्चा का विषय बनता है। यह शो पिछले 30 सालों से हर साल मनाया जा रहा है। इस साल बर्फ की



इस दुनिया को बनाने में करीब 15000 मजदूरों ने अपना योगदान दिया है। इस साल इस फेस्टिवल की थीम रखी गई है, ग्लोबल आइस एंड स्नो ड्रीम, वर्ल्ड कार्टून टूर। मतलब तुम बच्चों की कार्टून की दुनिया को यहां हकीकत में बदलने की कोशिश की गई है। एक महीने तक चलने वाले इस फेस्टिवल को अब तक करीब 10 लाख लोग देख चुके हैं। यहां आने वाले पर्यटक हॉट एयर बैलून, बर्फ के स्टैचू, आइस स्विमिंग के अलावा अन्य खेलों का आनंद भी ले सकते हैं।



हिंदी का निबंध ऐसे लिखो...

हिंदी में निबंध याद करना तुम्हें कुछ कठिन लगता होगा ना। इतना बड़ा निबंध याद करते-करते थक जाते होगे। अगर खुद लिखना पड़ जाए तो नानी याद आ जाती है। समझ ही नहीं आता कि क्या लिखें, कितना लिखें। चलो आज हम तुम्हें बताते हैं कि इसे कैसे लिखना चाहिए। पहले ये समझ लो कि अच्छे निबंध के गुण क्या-क्या होते हैं

बंधे हों वाक्य

निबंध का अर्थ है बंधा हुआ। निबंध की पहली विशेषता है कि निबंध एक सूत्र में बंधा होना चाहिए। एक क्रम में लिखा होना चाहिए। कोई बात कहीं भी नहीं लिखनी चाहिए। आलतू-फालतू बातों का निबंध में कोई स्थान नहीं होता।

ज्यादा बड़ा न हो

तुम हमेशा यह सोचते हो कि निबंध का अर्थ है 4-5 पेज का लम्बा-चौड़ा। लेकिन ऐसा नहीं है, अगर सटीक, सही बातों को लिखा हो तो वो भी निबंध कहलाता है। निबंध छोटा होना चाहिए।

भाषा

यह निबंध की सबसे महत्वपूर्ण विशेषता है। निबंध की भाषा सरल, सहज, सटीक होनी चाहिए। शब्दों का प्रयोग अच्छा होना चाहिए। व्याकरण का प्रयोग भी सही होना चाहिए।

ऐसे लिख डालो

भूमिका

सबसे पहले आती है भूमिका, अर्थात् निबंध के विषय के बारे में लिखने से पहले तुम निबंध के विषय से संबंधित भूमिका बांधो। परंतु यह अधिक लम्बी नहीं होनी चाहिए, नहीं तो बोरिंग हो जाती है।

विषय से संबंधित

जब कोई निबंध लिखना हो तो रफ लिख लेना चाहिए कि पहले क्या बताना है, फिर प्वाइंट बना लो, इसके बाद उन्हें पैराग्राफ में लिखो।

उपसंहार

इसमें निबंध का निष्कर्ष होता है, अर्थात् इस विषय से तुम क्या सोचते हो, यह लिख डालो।

रटो नहीं, समझकर करो तैयारी

बच्चों, ये सच है कि जिस भी विषय को रटकर याद करते हो, वह ज्यादा दिन तक तुम्हारा साथ नहीं देता। इसलिए विषय को समझ कर पढ़ने की आवश्यकता है। वैसे भी अब तुम्हारी परीक्षा पास है। ऐसे में तनाव होना स्वाभाविक है। इस तनाव को दूर करने का एक ही तरीका है, विषय को रटने की बजाए उसे समझकर याद करो। वह विषय चाहे लैंग्वेज हो या साइंस या फिर मैथ्स, हर विषय के साथ तुम इसे आजमा सकते हो। समझने से अर्थ यह है कि विषय को जिसे तुम तैयार करना चाहते हो, उसे स्टेप बाई स्टेप पढ़ो, फिर लिखकर अभ्यास करने से वह विषय पूरी तरह से तुम्हारे साथ हो जाता है। परीक्षा के बाद भी तुम उसे नहीं भूलते। यही तो कमाल की बात है, जो तुम्हें रटने में नहीं मिलता, क्योंकि रटी हुई चीजें जिस रफ्तार से याद होती हैं, उसी तेजी से वह हमारी स्मृतियों से गायब भी हो जाती हैं। मान लो तुम्हें अंग्रेजी या हिन्दी की तैयारी करनी है तो तुम उसके शब्दों, अर्थों, वाक्यांशों को टुकड़ों में करके याद करो। दुबारा उन्हें लिखकर देखो कि उनमें से कितनी चीजें याद हुईं। जहां भी गलती हुई उसे दुबारा लिखकर अभ्यास करने से हिन्दी या अंग्रेजी के मैटर तुम्हें याद हो जाएंगे। पाठ के अंत में दिए गए सवालों को पढ़कर उत्तर देने होते हैं ऐसे में मूल पाठ को ठीक से पढ़ना चाहिए। फिर उनके उत्तर उन्हीं वाक्यांशों में ढूँढना चाहिए। जो शब्द समझ में नहीं आते हों उन्हें या तो डिक्शनरी में देखो या फिर अपने टीचर से उनका अर्थ पूछ लो। रटने से हमेशा बचना चाहिए, साथ ही पढ़ने-लिखने से विषय की बारीकियों को समझने में आसानी होती है। इसलिए विषय को रटो नहीं, बल्कि उसे समझकर लिखने का अभ्यास करो।



NEWS BOX

IND vs SA: Rohit Sharma's eyelash falls, Pant has the most millennial reaction ever

New Delhi. (Agency)

A moment from the India vs South Africa 2nd ODI match went viral on Wednesday, December 3. Opener Rohit Sharma and wicketkeeper Rishabh Pant shared a brief interaction that sent Indian millennials into a wave of nostalgia during the game.

What was the incident? Rishabh Pant noticed that Rohit Sharma had lost an eyelash while fielding at the boundary line. Pant, who was sitting on the bench, quickly picked up the eyelash, handed it to Sharma, and asked him to close his eyes and make a wish.Sharma, who was born in 1987 and must have gone through this childhood ritual hundreds of times, immediately went along with it. He closed his eyes, said a short prayer to the gods, and made his wish. Millennials watching the match quickly noticed the heartwarming moment and helped it go viral across the internet.If Rohit made a wish for India to win the ODI match in Raipur, his prayers did not work. South Africa edged India in Raipur, in yet another nervy encounter in the ODI



series.Chasing 359, South Africa finished the job in 49.2 overs, owing to Aiden Markram's sensational hundred and yet another quickfire cameo from Corbin Bosch at the fag end of the innings.Virat Kohli's hundred was the high point for the Indian team, with the master scoring his 53rd ODI hundred. Kohli batted 93 balls and scored 102 runs, and added 195 runs with Ruturaj Gaikwad, who hit his maiden ODI hundred as well.India will now travel to Vizag to play their third and final ODI of the series. The series is level at 1-1 after the first two matches in Ranchi and Raipur. India would be tempted to bolster their batting line-up in the final ODI after hitting slightly below par totals in both matches of the series.

Age does not matter till Rohit, Kohli continue performing with bat: Tim Southee

New Delhi. (Agency)

Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma's age should not be held against them as long as they continue to perform, said former New Zealand fast bowler Tim Southee. Speaking during a media roundtable, courtesy of the Sharjah Warriors, Southee explained that both players were still contributing heavily to the Indian side.Virat and Rohit have been India's standout batters over the past year. Even though India recently won the Champions Trophy, there are still murmurs that the two might not remain automatic selections for the 2027 ODI World Cup. The Indian team management has been asked several times whether the pair will play in that ICC tournament, and every time the question has been raised, they have avoided making any commitments regarding the spots of either player.Both Rohit and Virat



have made noticeable adjustments to their batting after the Champions Trophy. These changes have helped them score runs in Australia and now in South Africa. While speaking about the pair, Southee highlighted these improvements and added that as long as they are scoring runs, their age at the start of the ODI World Cup should not matter."Kohli is arguably the best ever one-day batsman and if he is still performing, then why not? Rohit also scored a hundred a few days ago in Australia, so they are still performing. As long as they are contributing to the side, I believe age is only a number," Tim Southee said during the media interaction.Since the Champions Trophy, Virat Kohli has been India's top run scorer with 311 runs at an average of 77. Rohit is close behind with 273 runs at an average of 68. Southee said that deciding whether to play in the World Cup is a choice that should be left to the two senior players, and if they believe they can contribute in every area of the game, then there is no reason they should be left out of the squad.

Mumbai Indians acquire Oval Invincibles in the Hundred, new name revealed

Reliance Industries, owners of the Mumbai Indians, and Surrey County Cricket Club have entered a partnership, officially announcing the renaming of the Oval Invincibles franchise to MI London in The Hundred.

New Delhi. (Agency)

Reliance Industries and Surrey County Cricket Club have formalized a partnership that sees the Oval Invincibles franchise in The Hundred rebranded as MI London. The move follows several months of delay, with most agreements reportedly finalised in July. The arrival of the Mumbai Indians' ownership further expands the IPL's global footprint and underlines the increasing influence of Indian owners in UK cricket competitions. The announcement signifies a shift for the most dominant team in The

Hundred. Oval Invincibles have won five titles in five seasons, with the women's team securing championships in 2021 and 2022, and the men's team emerging victorious from 2023 to 2025. The rebranding to MI London is expected to bring new commercial strategies and a broader international profile to the franchise."Reliance Strategic Business Ventures Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of Reliance Industries Limited, and Surrey County Cricket Club, today announced their partnership in the Oval Invincibles franchise in The Hundred. This follows the completion of a deal, which gives the organisations 49% and 51% stakes in the franchise, respectively, transferring ownership from England and Wales Cricket Board. As part of this new partnership, from 2026 both the men's and the women's teams will be known as MI London," read the statement.Mumbai Indians' latest expansion adds the UK to its list of franchises, which already includes teams in India, the UAE,



South Africa, and the USA. This strategy reflects a trend where IPL owners continue to establish a presence in multiple cricketing markets, reinforcing the Mumbai Indians' commitment to building a global sports brand."The Invincibles' winning record and spirit of excellence perfectly embody the MI ethos of passion, resilience, and teamwork. Building on our shared passion for cricket, we look forward to collaborating with our partners at Surrey CCC and building on the legacy of The Hundred's most successful

team," said Akash Ambani. Surrey Chair Oli Slipper added, "We're pleased to have reached an agreement with the Reliance team over our partnership in the Hundred franchise team. "Reliance bring a significant depth of cricket and business expertise and have had great success with their franchise teams in India and around the world - there's no doubt that they are here to win."They are passionate cricket people and together we will continue the success of our two teams."Other IPL franchises have also invested in The Hundred. The Lucknow Super Giants own a 70% stake in the Manchester franchise, the GMR Group (owners of Delhi Capitals) has a 49% stake in Hampshire, and Sunrisers Hyderabad has complete ownership of Yorkshire. These investments demonstrate the increasing commercial interest and strategic alignment between Indian cricket entities and the UK's professional leagues.

A Virat Kohli ton finally isn't enough: India's 7-year unbeaten ODI streak ends

Virat Kohli's superb 102 in Raipur could not save India, who suffered their first ODI defeat with a Kohli century in nearly seven years. His stand with Ruturaj Gaikwad set up 358, but South Africa chased it down to level the series.

New Delhi. (Agency)

Virat Kohli produced yet another masterclass in Raipur, crafting a sublime 102 off 93 balls, but for the first time in 6 years and 9 months, an ODI century from him did not carry India to victory. His effort, along with Ruturaj Gaikwad's maiden ODI hundred, powered India to 358 for five, yet South Africa chased it down with four balls to spare to level the series.



This was only the eighth instance in Kohli's ODI career where a hundred ended in defeat. The previous occurrence dated back to March 2019. His 53rd ODI ton was built with typical precision: crisp drives, sharp running, and effortless strike rotation. The 195-run partnership with Gaikwad was the highlight of India's innings, and Kohli looked in complete command from the

moment he stepped in. Despite the imposing total, India found themselves up against unfavourable conditions in the second half. Heavy dew blunted the grip of the spinners and reduced the margin for error for the pacers. The bowling lacked consistency, and South Africa capitalised with a composed, well-constructed chase.Aiden Markram's century anchored the pursuit, Dewald Brevis provided a brutal counterpunch with a 34-ball 54, and Matthew Breetzke's steady 68 kept the visitors ahead of the rate. Even late strikes from Prasidh Krishna and Arshdeep Singh could not prevent Corbin Bosch and Keshav Maharaj from steering South Africa home.For India, the match will be remembered not just for the defeat, but for the end of a remarkable streak — nearly seven years without losing an ODI when Kohli reached three figures. With the series now level at 1-1, all focus shifts to Visakhapatnam for the decider.

Finisher who Raipur loss highlights India's glaring ODI weakness

New Delhi. (Agency)

India arrived in Raipur with a sense of rising rhythm, carried by the glow of Virat Kohli's second successive century and Ruturaj Gaikwad's maiden ODI hundred. Under the bright floodlights and in front of 60,000 spectators, the scoreboard read 358 for 5, a total that felt full, loud and imposing. The atmosphere suggested a night that should belong to India. But cricket, as it often does in India's final overs, posed a question the team still cannot answer. By the time the innings closed, that seemingly commanding total felt like a promise unkept.advertisementDew softened the ball and the bowlers in equal measure, but it could not blur the truth India have lived with for years: they do not have a finisher they trust. Aiden Markram's century carried assurance, Matthew Breetzke brought urgency in the middle overs, and Dewald Brevis played with the freedom of someone unburdened by pressure. South Africa's chase unfolded not with chaos but with conviction, levelling the series and exposing

India's most familiar flaw once again.Brevis' 54 off 34 balls, full of crisp hitting and unruffled composure, pushed



South Africa ahead. Even after his dismissal with 70 needed off 57 balls, the visitors retained clarity. India sensed an opening when Breetzke and Marco Jansen fell in quick succession, and tension rose when Tony de Zorzi limped off with a hamstring issue. For a moment, Raipur held its breath. But Corbin Bosch arrived with

purpose, Keshav Maharaj steadied the chase, and together they restored the calm India never found with the bat. With 27 required off 30 balls, South Africa barely blinked. India, meanwhile, were left to reckon with the runs they left behind in the final 10 overs.

ARECURRING PATTERN

This series has followed a strikingly similar script. India lose the toss, Kohli scores a hundred, and the team moves past or close to 350. Then the dew arrives, the spinners lose control of the ball, and the match tilts decisively. What should be a tactical contest becomes a struggle against slippery conditions.Around the 25-over mark in each chase, the ball has resembled a bar of wet soap. On flat, unresponsive pitches under lights, bowlers get nothing in return and are reduced to waiting for mistakes rather than forcing them. In Ranchi, South Africa made enough errors to fall 17 short. In Raipur, needing 359, they kept their discipline and won with four balls to spare.

What Gautam Gambhir told Ruturaj Gaikwad after giving No.4 role India batter reveals

New Delhi. (Agency)

India batter Ruturaj Gaikwad revealed the message he got from coach Gautam Gambhir ahead of being used at No.4 for the side in the South Africa ODIs. Known to be an opener on the domestic circuit, and for most of his IPL career, Ruturaj was given the No.4 spot as Shreyas Iyer continues to recover from his injury. However, the selection choice didn't sit well with a lot of fans who criticised the selection process by Gambhir and the team management after his failure in the first ODI.However, the Maharashtra batter shut down the noise by scoring his maiden hundred, that saw the 28-year-old accelerate in fantastic fashion in the second half of his knock. Speaking at the post-match press conference, Gaikwad said it was a privilege for him to have the vote of confidence from the team management. He revealed that Gambhir's word



of advice was to just play his natural game. "I was told that I will bat at number four this series and encouraged to enjoy my game. I feel it is a privilege to have that kind of confidence from management to an opener who can bat at four. Hopefully, I can do well in the last match too. Coach told me to enjoy the game and play my natural game," said Ruturaj."Yes (if it was his best knock). Batting at number four is a challenge for me," said Ruturaj.

WHEN I AM SET, I TRY TO MAKE IT LONG'

Ruturaj opened up on his process while batting and said that he always tries to make his innings a long one once he settles down. After his below-par Vijay Hazare Trophy campaign last year, the Maharashtra batter said his thought was to remain consistent in terms of runs.

"In ODI format, even while I was opening, I always wanted to bat till 40-45 overs and capitalize after that. I know how to play 11-40 overs and rotate strike, find my boundary options. It was just about playing the first 10-15 balls well and keep the process. Whenever I'm set, I try to make it long."

Premier League: Arsenal grind out Brentford win, Chelsea suffer shock loss

➡Arsenal reinforced their position at the top of the Premier League with a disciplined win against Brentford, extending their unbeaten run. Chelsea, meanwhile, suffered a home defeat to Leeds United, slipping further behind in the title race.

New Delhi. (Agency)

Arsenal strengthened their hold at the top of the Premier League table with a 2-0 victory over Brentford, maintaining a five-point advantage over their closest rivals, Manchester City. First-half and stoppage-time goals secured a composed win at home, pushing Arsenal's unbeaten run across all competitions to 18 matches. Despite not

being at their most fluent, Arsenal's control and resilience, particularly in the face of defensive absences and late pressure from Brentford, kept their title challenge on track.The Gunners had their lead cut to two points after City's 5-4 win over Fulham. The match began with Arsenal taking the lead through Mikel Merino in the 11th minute, setting the tone for a professional showing. Bukayo Saka added a crucial second goal in injury time (90+1'), offering relief after a tense second half and ensuring the three points were secured.While Arsenal controlled possession for significant periods, the match was punctuated by nervy moments. Brentford's Kevin Schade struck the crossbar, threatening to level the score. Brentford later increased their intensity with long balls and crosses, but Arsenal's reorganised back line managed these threats, despite suffering injuries to

Cristhian Mosquera and later Declan Rice.Arsenal's tactical approach involved retaining possession and resisting



Brentford's late physical and direct style.CHELSEA SUFFER SHOCK LOSSIn contrast, Chelsea suffered a damaging 3-1 defeat at home to Leeds United, hampering their title aspirations. Leeds took an early

lead through Jaka Bijol in the sixth minute and extended it with Ao Tanaka's spectacular goal before half-time. Pedro Neto reduced the deficit for Chelsea after the break, but Dominic Calvert-Lewin capitalised on a defensive error in the 72nd minute to secure Leeds' win.The defeat leaves Chelsea on 24 points, now in fourth place and nine points adrift of Arsenal. Leeds' victory lifted them out of the relegation zone into 17th place with 14 points. Chelsea's defensive lapses and inability to control Leeds' intensity and counter-attacks were evident, further damaging their standing in the title race.

Aston Villa moved to the third spot on the table with a thrilling 4-3 comeback win over Brighton. After trailing 0-3, goals from Ollie Watkins, Amadou Onana and Donyell Malen got the win for Unai Emery's side in the end.

You need to love yourself and stay physically and mentally fit. If you are not happy, your family cannot be completely happy." She also added that she has a lot to achieve right now.

कोडरमा में युवक ने फांसी लगाकर आत्महत्या की

कोडरमा,एजेंसी। कोडरमा जिले के तिलैया थाना क्षेत्र अंतर्गत वार्ड संख्या 11 में बुधवार रात एक 23 वर्षीय युवक ने फांसी लगाकर आत्महत्या कर ली। मृतक की पहचान उमेश जोशी के पुत्र मानव जोशी के रूप में हुई है। मृतक के पिता उमेश जोशी ने बताया कि वे झुमरीतिलैया के वार्ड संख्या 11 में आईसीआईसीआई बैंक के पीछे किराए के मकान में रहते हैं। घटना के समय उनके मकान के ऊपरी तल पर रहने वाले मुकेश जोशी की दिवंगत मां मनी देवी का श्राद्ध कार्यक्रम चल रहा था, जिसमें पूरा परिवार व्यस्त था।



बुलाने पर नहीं आया तो परिजन पहुंचे उसके कमरे में : परिवार के सदस्यों ने मानव को वहां नहीं देखा तो उसे आवाज लगाई। जब वह नहीं आया, तो वे उसके कमरे में गए। वहां उन्होंने देखा कि मानव अपने कमरे में बेडशीट से पंखे से फंदा बनाकर फांसी पर झूल रहा था। परिवार ने उसे फंदे से नीचे उतारा और तुरंत सदर अस्पताल ले गए, जहां चिकित्सकों ने उसे मृत घोषित कर दिया। उमेश जोशी ने बताया कि मानव ने यह कदम क्यों उठाया, इसकी जानकारी किसी को नहीं है। घटना की सूचना मिलते ही तिलैया पुलिस मौके पर पहुंची और मामले की छानबीन में जुट गई है। पुलिस आत्महत्या के कारणों की जांच कर रही है और मृतक के परिजनों के बयान दर्ज कर लिए गए हैं। मानव एक निजी संस्थान में काम करता था।

जमशेदपुर में चार दिनों से लापता

युवक का मिला शव

जमशेदपुर (पूर्वी सिंहभूम),एजेंसी।जमशेदपुर के शंकोसाई में चार दिनों से लापता युवक का शव गुरुवार को स्वर्णरेखा नदी से बरामद किया गया। ग्रामनगर छठ घाट के पास पानी में उपलता शव मिलने से क्षेत्र में सनसनी फैल गई। परिजनों ने हत्या की आशंका जताते हुए मृतक के तीन दोस्तों पर आरोप लगाया है, जिन्हें पुलिस ने हिरासत में ले लिया है।

जेल भी जा चुका था प्रदीप : मृतक की पहचान ओलीडीह थाना क्षेत्र के ग्रामनगर निवासी 24 वर्षीय प्रदीप साहू के रूप में की गई है। परिजनों के अनुसार, प्रदीप नशे का आदि भी था। दो साल पहले एक नाबालिग लड़की को लेकर भागने के आरोप में जेल भी गया था। ओलीडीह थाना के एसआई विजय कुमार यादव ने बताया कि स्थानीय लोगों ने सुबह नदी में एक शव उपलता देखा, जिसकी पहचान बाद में प्रदीप साहू के रूप में हुई। सूचना मिलते ही घटनास्थल पर भीड़ जमा हो गई।

तीन दोस्त घर से बुलाकर ले गए थे-पिता : मृतक के पिता पास साहू ने गंभीर आरोप लगाते हुए कहा कि रविवार को प्रदीप को उसके तीन साथी, कुंदन, बाला और लूडो अपने साथ ले गए थे। पास साहू के अनुसार, इन्हीं तीनों ने प्रदीप की हत्या कर शव को रात में स्वर्णरेखा नदी में फेंक दिया। पुलिस ने इन तीनों आरोपियों को हिरासत में ले लिया है।

पुलिस की प्रारंभिक जांच में हत्या की आशंका : इधर, सूचना मिलते ही शंकोसाई थाना पुलिस मौके पर पहुंची और शव को नदी से बाहर निकलवाकर पोस्टमॉर्टम के लिए एमजीएम अस्पताल भेज दिया। पुलिस ने अभी तक इस संबंध में आधिकारिक बयान जारी नहीं किया है, लेकिन प्रारंभिक जांच में हत्या की आशंका प्रबल मानी जा रही है। प्रदीप साहू बीते चार दिनों से लापता थे और परिजन लगातार उनकी तलाश कर रहे थे। परिवार ने प्रदीप की गुमशुदगी की सूचना पुलिस को दी थी और लगातार संपर्क में था, लेकिन कोई ठोस जानकारी नहीं मिल पा रही थी। शव की पहचान होते ही परिवार में मााम छ गया।

कोडरमा में विस्फोटक से बच्चा गंभीर रूप से घायल

कोडरमा,एजेंसी। कोडरमा थाना क्षेत्र के सलैया गांव में बुधवार रात एक बच्चा विस्फोटक की चपेट में आने से गंभीर रूप से घायल हो गया। घायल बच्चे की पहचान 14 वर्षीय त्रिलोकी उर्फ लव कुश दास, पिता बिरजू दास के रूप में हुई है। बच्चे के पिता बिरजू दास ने बताया कि त्रिलोकी बुधवार को परिवार के साथ जानवर चराने गांव से सटे खेतों की ओर गया था। जानवर चराने के बाद जब वह घर लौट रहा था, तभी खेतों में रखे एक विस्फोटक पर उसका पैर पड़ गया। पैर पड़ते ही विस्फोटक फट गया, जिससे बच्चा दूर जा गिरा और उसके पैर गंभीर रूप से जखमी हो गए। धमाके की आवाज सुनकर परिजन घटनास्थल पर पहुंचे और बच्चे को तुरंत स्वास्थ्य उपचार केंद्र ले गए। कुछ लोग मिट्टी खोदकर जमीन के नीचे कपड़े में बांधकर विस्फोटक रखते हैं प्राथमिक उपचार के बाद बच्चे की गंभीर हालत को देखते हुए उसे सदर अस्पताल रेफर कर दिया गया। बिरजू दास के अनुसार, सलैया गांव से सटे जंगल में घूमने वाले जानवरों को मारने के लिए कुछ लोग मिट्टी खोदकर जमीन के नीचे कपड़े में बांधकर विस्फोटक रखते हैं। उनका बच्चा इसी की चपेट में आ गया। यह पहली घटना नहीं है। कुछ महीने पहले भी ऐसी ही एक घटना हुई थी, जब एक गाय ने मिट्टी में छिपे विस्फोटक को मुंह में ले लिया था। वह विस्फोटक गाय के मुंह में ही फट गया था, जिससे गाय बुरी तरह घायल हो गई थी।

धनबाद में गैस रिसाव, दो महिला की मौत; विरोध प्रदर्शन:एक दर्जन बच्चे-महिलाएं बीमारें

धनबाद,एजेंसी। धनबाद के केंदुआडीह थाना क्षेत्र स्थित चिल्ड्रन पार्क के निकट अग्नि व भू-ध्वंसन प्रभावित राजपूत बस्ती में जहरीले कार्बन मोनोऑक्साइड गैस का दो दिनों से रिसाव जारी है। इसी बीच क्षेत्र में रह रही दो महिलाओं की मौत हो गई। आशंका है कि जहरीले गैस की वजह से उनकी जान गई है।

बुधवार देर शाम प्रियंका देवी की मौत हुई थी। वहीं, गुरुवार को ललिता देवी ने भी दम तोड़ दिया। वहीं, क्षेत्र में एक दर्जन बच्चे-महिलाएं बीमार हैं। लगातार हो रही इन मौतों ने स्थानीय लोगों के गुस्से को उबाल पर ला दिया है। हालांकि दोनों महिलाओं की मौत किस कारण से हुई है, यह पोस्टमॉर्टम रिपोर्ट आने के बाद ही स्पष्ट हो सकेगा।

दुर्गंध और गैस रिसाव ने लोगों का जीना मुश्किल : बंद पड़ी भूमिगत केंदुआडीह कोलियरी के 13 और 14 नंबर सिम से पिछले दो दिनों से गैस रिसाव हो रहा है। गैस का अस्पर्श केंदुआडीह के राजपूत

बस्ती, मस्जिद मोहल्ला, ऑफिसर कॉलोनी सहित करीब 10 हजार की आबादी वाले इलाकें में देखा जा रहा है। लगातार फैल रही दुर्गंध और गैस रिसाव ने लोगों का जीना मुश्किल कर दिया है।

लोगों ने की सुरक्षित पुनर्वास की मांग : जहरीली गैस का खतरा लगातार बढ़ता जा रहा है। गैस के प्रभाव से दो महिलाओं की मौत के बाद पूरे इलाकें में तनाव और भय का माहौल है। इधर, इसके विरोध में ग्रामीणों ने धनबाद ड्यूरांची मुख्य मार्ग को पूरी तरह जाम कर दिया। सड़क पर टायर जलाकर लोगों ने जिला प्रशासन और बीसीसीएल प्रबंधन के खिलाफ नाराजगी जताई।

प्रदर्शनकारियों का कहना है कि जब तक उन्हें सुरक्षित पुनर्वास नहीं दिया जाता और जहरीली गैस के स्रोत को चिह्नित कर बंद नहीं किया जाता, तब तक वे जाम नहीं हटाएंगे। स्थानीय निवासी प्रदीप कुमार ठाकुर ने बताया कि अब तक दो महिलाओं की जान जा चुकी है और लगभग 15 20



लोग बीमार हैं। उन्होंने कहा कि यदि गैस रिसाव बंद नहीं हुआ तो और भी लोगों की जान जा सकती है। उनकी मांग है कि उचित मुआवजा दिया जाए और सुरक्षित जगह पर पुनर्वास की व्यवस्था की जाए।

बीसीसीएल ने रहने के लिए उचित

सुचना के आधार पर साइबर अपराध थाना जामताड़ा की टीम ने यह छापेमारी की। छापेमारी के दौरान पांडू मंडल (38 वर्ष, निवासी सियाटाड़, थाना करमाटांडा) और निताई दां (23 वर्ष, निवासी विघोपुर, थाना नारायणपुर) को रंगे हाथों गिरफ्तार किया गया। इनके पास से 06 मोबाइल फोन, 07 सिम कार्ड, 03 एटीएम कार्ड, 01 आधार कार्ड और 01 मोटरसाइकिल बरामद की गई है। स्क्रीन शेरिंग ऐप डाउनलोड करवाकर गोपनीय जानकारी हासिल करते थे

वे अपराधी लोगों को स्टेट बैंक ऑफ इंडिया के क्रेडिट/डेबिट कार्ड बंद होने का झांसा देते थे। वे स्क्रीन शेरिंग ऐप डाउनलोड करवाकर गोपनीय जानकारी हासिल करते थे और फिर ई-वॉलेट के जरिए ठगी करते थे।

गिरफ्तार पांडू मंडल का 2021 में भी साइबर अपराध का इतिहास रहा है। दोनों के विरुद्ध साइबर थाना जामताड़ा में कांड संख्या 71/25 दर्ज कर उन्हें न्यायिक हिरासत में भेज दिया गया है।

चतरा का तमासिन जलप्रपात, पहुंचने लगे सैलानी:मिल्क फॉल के नाम से भी है यह चर्चित

हर साल बिहार-बंगाल से भी आते हैं पर्यटक

चतरा,एजेंसी। झारखंड की प्राकृतिक सुंदरता में चतरा जिले का तमासिन जलप्रपात प्रमुख स्थान रखता है। यह राज्य के बड़े पिकनिक स्थलों में से एक है, जिसकी ख्याति झारखंड के अलावा बिहार और पश्चिम बंगाल तक फैली हुई है। नए साल, मकर संक्रांति या अन्य त्योहारों पर झारखंड, बिहार और बंगाल समेत कई राज्यों से पर्यटक और श्रद्धालु यहां पहुंचते हैं। तमासिन जलप्रपात घने जंगलों के बीच स्थित है। नए साल के नजदीक आते ही लोग यहां पहुंचने लगे हैं और यहां के मनोरम दृश्य का आनंद उठा रहे हैं।

दूर से यह दूध की धारा जैसा प्रतीत होता : यह जलप्रपात उजलै और फिसलन भरे पथरों की चट्टानों से बना है। जब पानी नीचे गिरता है, तो उसका रंग इतना श्वेत और निर्मल दिखाई देता है कि दूर से यह दूध की धारा जैसा प्रतीत होता है। झरने के आसपास फैली सफेद चट्टानें दृश्य को और भी आकर्षक बनाती हैं।

जितना खूबसूरत है, उतना ही खतरनाक भी : हालांकि, इस मनमोहक सुंदरता के पीछे एक गंभीर सच्चाई छिपी है। तमासिन जलप्रपात जितना खूबसूरत है, उतना ही खतरनाक भी है। इसी कारण स्थानीय

प्रशासन ने इसे डेंजर जोन घोषित किया है। प्रत्येक वर्ष यहां कई पर्यटकों की जान चली जाती है। इसका मुख्य कारण झरने के पास फोटो या सेल्फी लेने का चुनून है। फिसलन भरी चट्टानों पर थोड़ी सी चूक होने पर पैर फिसल जाता है और लोग गहरे पानी में गिर जाते हैं।

घोषणाएं आज भी धरातल पर नहीं उतर सकी : यह जलप्रपात दिखने में शांत और सुंदर लगता है, लेकिन इसकी गहराई और पानी का तेज बहाव इसे बेहद घातक बना देता है। भीड़ होने वाले दिनों में भी स्थानीय गोताखोरों की टीम, एनडीआरएफ की टीम या पुलिस बल की टीम की कोई सुविधा मुहैया नहीं कराई जाती है।

झारखंड राज्य सरकार ने तमासिन जलप्रपात को विकसित करने की बात कही थी। इसे भद्रकाली और मां कालेश्वरी मंदिर के साथ पर्यटन सर्किट में विकसित कर एक नई पहचान दिलाने का ऐलान भी किया गया था। लेकिन, ये घोषणाएं आज भी धरातल पर नहीं उतर सकी हैं।

पिकनिक और वन भोज के लिए पर्याप्त खुली जगह : जलप्रपात तक उतरने



के लिए 316 सीढ़ियां हैं, जिसका निर्माण लगभग डेढ़ दशक पहले वन विभाग द्वारा कराया गया था। पिकनिक और वन भोज के लिए पर्याप्त खुली जगह तो है, लेकिन सुरक्षा और मूलभूत सुविधाओं का नामोनिशान नहीं है। तमासिन जलप्रपात का नाम केवल झारखंड तक ही नहीं, बल्कि बिहार और पश्चिम बंगाल में भी प्रसिद्ध है। तमासिन जलप्रपात की प्राकृतिक सुंदरता के साथ इसकी धार्मिक और ऐतिहासिक महत्ता भी जुड़ी हुई है। माना जाता है कि यह रमणीय स्थल कभी महान ऋषि मातंग का आश्रम हुआ करता था, जो इस क्षेत्र की आध्यात्मिक महत्ता को बढ़ाता है।

श्रद्धालु दूर-दराज से पूजा-अर्चना के लिए भी यहां आते हैं : जलप्रपात के पास

जलप्रपात के गहरे स्थान पर जमावड़ा न लगाएं- डीडीसी

इधर, चतरा डीडीसी अमरेंद्र कुमार सिन्हा ने कहा कि चतरा जिले के कान्हाचट्टी प्रखंड में स्थित तमासिन जलप्रपात काफी खूबसूरत और आकर्षण का केंद्र है, लेकिन उससे कई गुना अधिक खतरनाक और जानलेवा भी है। जिला प्रशासन द्वारा अपील की जा रही है कि लोग जानलेवा जगह पर न जाएं, फिसलन भरी जगह पर न जाएं और जलप्रपात के गहरे स्थान पर जमावड़ा न लगाएं। विकास कार्यों को लेकर डीडीसी ने कहा कि तमासिन जलप्रपात के विकास को लेकर वह तत्पर हैं। उन्होंने डीएमएफटी (इस्खन्न) के अलावा पर्यटन पदाधिकारी के साथ समीक्षा कर पर्यटन सेल गठित की है। आने वाले दिनों में तमासिन जलप्रपात को झारखंड में एक अलग पहचान दिलाई जाएगी।

जंगली भालू का हमले से मवेशी चराने

गाए युवक गंभीर रूप से घायल



पश्चिमी सिंहभूम, एजेंसी।

पश्चिमी सिंहभूम जिले के जंगलों के आसपास रहने वाले लोगों में वन्यजीवों का खोफ लगातार बढ़ता जा रहा है। बुधवार को कुमारडुंगी प्रखंड के खड़बांध स्थित बुरुसाई जंगल में एक जंगली भालू ने मवेशी चराने गए युवक पर हमला कर दिया, जिससे वह गंभीर रूप से घायल हो गया। घायल युवक की पहचान स्थानीय निवासी डुके कारवा के रूप में हुई है।

जानकारी के अनुसार डुके कारवा हर दिन की तरह अपने पालतू मवेशियों को लेकर जंगल गया था। इसी दौरान अचानक एक

भालू ने उस पर धावा बोल दिया। हमले के दौरान युवक ने बहादुरी दिखाते हुए भालू से संघर्ष कर किसी तरह अपनी जान बचाई, लेकिन उसके शरीर पर कई गहरे घाव आए हैं।घटना की खबर मिलते ही ग्रामीणों ने घायल युवक को तत्काल चर्चिबासा सदर अस्पताल पहुंचाया, जहां डॉक्टरों ने उसकी स्थिति को गंभीर बताते हुए बेहतर इलाज की आवश्यकता जताई है। घटना के बाद इलाके में दहशत फैल गई है और ग्रामीणों ने स्वयं को सुरक्षित रखने के लिए जंगलों में कम से कम जाने की अपील की है।

गिरिडीह में 28.50 लाख की अवैध शराब जब्त

डुमरी-पीरटांड मार्ग से तीन तस्कर गिरफ्तार, पानी की पेटियों में छिपाई थी

गिरिडीह,एजेंसी। गिरिडीह पुलिस ने डुमरी-पीरटांड मार्ग पर बड़ी कार्रवाई करते हुए 28.50 लाख रुपए की अवैध शराब जब्त की है। इस अभियान में तीन तस्करों को भी गिरफ्तार किया गया है। यह शराब पानी की पेटियों के पीछे छिपाकर ले जाई जा रही थी।

पुलिस को गुप्त सूचना मिली थी कि अवैध शराब से भरा एक ट्रक, एक एसयूवी से एस्कॉर्ट करवाते हुए बिहार ले जाया जा रहा है। सूचना के आधार पर एसपी डॉ. बिमल कुमार के निर्देश पर डुमरी एसडीपीओ सुमित प्रसाद के नेतृत्व में एक विशेष जांच टीम गठित की गई। टीम ने पीरटांड थाना के पास वाहन जांच अभियान चलाया।

ट्रक को पुलिस ने मौके पर ही रोक लिया : जांच के दौरान एक लाल रंग की कार पुलिस बैरिकेड तोड़कर फरार होने की



कोशिश में आगे निकल गई। हालांकि, ट्रक को पुलिस ने मौके पर ही रोक लिया। बाद में कार का पीछा कर उसे भी पकड़ लिया गया।

ट्रक की तलाशी लेने पर पुलिस टीम को भारी मात्रा में शराब मिली। पानी की पेटियों के पीछे लुप्त शराब की मात्रा 28.50 लाख रुपए आंकी गई है। इस कार्रवाई में पुलिस ने तीन तस्करों को गिरफ्तार किया है। इनमें ट्रक चालक मुबारिक, कार चालक लमभग 380 पेटी प्रीमियम व्हिस्की (कुल 4560 बोतलें) बरामद की गई। इसके अलावा, 32 पेटी

श्वश्रद्धहृद्धश्र ब्रांड की पैकेज्ड ड्रिंकिंग वाटर भी मिली। जब शराब की अनुमानित बाजार कीमत करीब 28.50 लाख रुपए आंकी गई है। इस कार्रवाई में पुलिस ने तीन तस्करों को गिरफ्तार किया है। इनमें ट्रक चालक मुबारिक, कार चालक लमभग 380 पेटी प्रीमियम व्हिस्की (कुल 4560 बोतलें) बरामद की गई। इसके अलावा, 32 पेटी

चेंकिंग के दौरान बाइक से बरामद हुआ

लोडेड देसी पिस्तौल, प्राथमिकी दर्ज

रामगढ़, एजेंसी। पुलिस की सक्रियता से एक आपराधिक प्रवृत्ति के युवक के पास से लोडेड देसी पिस्तौल बरामद हुआ है। बुधवार को सदर थाना प्रभारी नवीन प्रकाश पांडे ने बताया कि नई सराय चौक पर एंटी क्राइम चेंकिंग अभियान चलाया गया था। इस दौरान एक बाइक सवार को पुलिस ने रोका और जब ड्राइविंग लाइसेंस और बाइक के कागजात मांगा गया उसने घर से लाने की बात कही। पुलिस ने उस युवक की तस्वीर बाइक के साथ खींची और उसे दस्तावेज लाने के लिए भेज दिया। लगभग 5 घंटे बाद भी वह युवक वापस नहीं लौटा। पुलिस ने जब गाड़ी की तलाशी ली तो डिब्की से लोडेड देसी पिस्तौल बरामद हुआ। देसी पिस्तौल में एक

कारतूस लोड था। मामले में पुलिस अवर निरीक्षक मनोज कुमार के बयान पर प्राथमिकी दर्ज की गई है। एंटी क्राइम चेंकिंग के दौरान रोके गए हीरो होंडा ग्लैयर बाइक जेजक 11 एन 4198 पर एक ही युवक ही सवार था। ब्लैक जैकेट पहना हुआ युवक अपना घर आसपास होने की बात कर रहा था। लेकिन पुलिस ने जब उसकी तस्वीर खींची तब वह सकपका गया, लेकिन तब किसी को भी इस बात का अंदेशा नहीं था कि वह हथियार लेकर कहीं जा रहा है। इस मामले में जब गाड़ी नंबर और इंजन नंबर मिलया गया तो वह सही पाया गया। बाइक चलाने वाला और उसके मालिक दोनों के खिलाफ पुलिस कार्रवाई कर रही है।

दिल्ली विधानसभा में अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी एवं मदन मोहन मालवीय के चित्रों का अनावरण करेंगे नहु

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नई दिल्ली। दिल्ली विधानसभा अध्यक्ष विजेंद्र गुप्ता ने बताया किया कि भारत रत्न पूर्व प्रधानमंत्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी की 100वीं जयंती के अवसर पर केन्द्रीय मंत्री जेपी नड्डा 25 दिसंबर को दिल्ली विधान सभा में उनके चित्र का अनावरण करेंगे। इस अवसर पर महामा पंडित मदन मोहन मालवीय के चित्र का अनावरण भी किया जाएगा। ये चित्र विधानसभा सदन में स्थापित किए जाएंगे, जो इन दोनों महान राष्ट्रीय हस्तियों के प्रति गहरी श्रद्धांजलि और सम्मान का प्रतीक होंगे। अध्यक्ष विजेंद्र गुप्ता ने कहा कि दिल्ली विधानसभा सदन में इन दोनों महान विभूतियों के चित्रों की स्थापना, उन व्यक्तित्वों को श्रद्धांजलि है जिन्होंने राष्ट्र की सेवा, लोकतंत्र की रक्षा और मानवीय गरिमा के लिए अपना संपूर्ण जीवन समर्पित कर दिया। उनकी प्रेरणादायी यात्रा, राष्ट्रभक्ति, निःस्वार्थ नेतृत्व और अटूट समर्पण भाव समस्त जनप्रतिनिधियों को सदैव मार्गदर्शन प्रदान करेगा। दिल्ली विधानसभा राष्ट्रीय नायकों की गौरवशाली विरासत को संजोने एवं उसे आने वाली पीढ़ियों तक पहुंचाने के लिए प्रतिबद्ध है।

जीत छोटी लेकिन संकेत बड़े बदलाव का: देवेन्द्र यादव

नई दिल्ली। दिल्ली प्रदेश कांग्रेस कमेटी के अध्यक्ष देवेन्द्र यादव ने कहा कि निगम उपचुनावों में वोट प्रतिशत में लगभग दोगुना बढोत्तरी के साथ संगम विहार वार्ड में सुश्रुत चौधरी की जीत के साथ कांग्रेस ने जिस तरह वापसी की है, उसका श्रेय कांग्रेस के बूथ स्तर तक के कार्यकर्ताओं को जाता है जिन्होंने दिन रात मेहनत करके उपचुनाव में काम किया। कांग्रेस का वोट प्रतिशत में 6.18 प्रतिशत से बढ़कर 13.44 प्रतिशत पर पहुंचना राजनीतिक परिवर्तन का प्रमाण है। देवेन्द्र यादव ने कहा कि 12 वार्डों पर जो उपचुनाव हुआ, उसमें 9 भाजपा के पास थी जिनमें वो 7 पर जीती है। इन उपचुनावों के परिणामों के बाद सामने आ गया है कि लोग एक बार फिर कांग्रेस की ओर देख रहे हैं और जहाँ हमारा वोट प्रतिशत दोगुना हुआ है वहीं भाजपा के वोट प्रतिशत में 2 प्रतिशत और आम आदमी पार्टी के वोट प्रतिशत में 8 प्रतिशत की भारी गिरावट दर्ज है। देवेन्द्र यादव ने कहा कि निगम चुनाव में पिछले 10 महीने पहले बनी भाजपा की रेखा गुणा सरकार को जनता ने पूरी तरह नकार दिया है। निगम चुनाव में मुख्यमंत्री रेखा गुप्ता ने जिस तरह जनता के बीच झूठे वादों को भुनाने की कोशिश की, जनता ने उनको नजरअंदाज करके निगम चुनाव में मतदान करके भाजपा को करारा जवाब दिया है।

केजरीवाल ने एमसीडी उपचुनाव के नतीजों को आआपा के लिए बताया सकारात्मक

नई दिल्ली। आम आदमी पार्टी (आआपा) के राष्ट्रीय संयोजक अरविंद केजरीवाल ने दिल्ली नगर निगम (एमसीडी) के 12 वार्डों के उपचुनाव के घोषित नतीजों को अपनी पार्टी के लिए सकारात्मक बताया। उन्होंने आआपा पर भरोसा जताने के लिए जनता का आभार जताया। केजरीवाल ने एक्स पोस्ट में कहा कि एमसीडी उपचुनाव में इस बार आआपा ने अपने समर्पित कार्यकर्ताओं को चुनाव मैदान में उतारा और दिल्ली की जनता ने अपने जनानदेश से ये साफ कर दिया है कि जनसमर्थन लगातार आआपा की तरफ मजबूत हो रहा है। उन्होंने कहा कि सिर्फ 10 महीनों में ही जनता का विश्वास एक बार फिर तेजी से आआपा की ओर लौट रहा है। उन्होंने कहा कि दिल्ली बहुत जल्द वापस सकारात्मक राजनीति और अच्छे कामों की तरफ लौट रही है। एमसीडी के 12 वार्डों के उपचुनाव में भाजपा ने सात और आआपा ने तीन सीटों पर जीत दर्ज की है। पिछली बार इन 12 सीटों में से 9 पर भाजपा और 3 पर आआपा का कब्जा था, जबकि इस उपचुनाव में भाजपा सिर्फ सात सीटें ही जीत सकी। आआपा ने इस बार भी तीन सीटें जीती है। इनमें मुंडका से अनिल लाकड़ा, नारायणा से राजन अरोड़ा और दक्षिणपुरी से रामस्वरूप कर्नौजिया ने जीत हासिल की।

एमसीडी उपचुनाव में भाजपा की जीत पर मुख्यमंत्री ने जताया जनता का आभार

नई दिल्ली। दिल्ली नगर निगम (एमसीडी) उपचुनाव के नतीजों में भारतीय जनता पार्टी (भाजपा) ने 12 में से 7 सीटों पर जीत दर्ज की। उपचुनाव नतीजों के बाद मुख्यमंत्री रेखा गुप्ता और भाजपा नेताओं ने इसे जनता का आशीर्वाद बताते हुए उनका आभार व्यक्त करते हुए खुशी जाहिर की। दिल्ली की मुख्यमंत्री रेखा गुप्ता ने सोशल मीडिया एक्स पर दिल्ली के नागरिकों का आभार व्यक्त किया। उन्होंने सभी विजयी उम्मीदवारों को बधाई देते हुए कहा कि यह जीत पार्टी कार्यकर्ताओं की कड़ी मेहनत और जनता के विश्वास का प्रमाण है। उन्होंने आश्वासन दिया कि दिल्ली सरकार विकास कार्यों को तेज गति से जारी रखेगी। प्रदेश के पर्यावरण मंत्री मनीषिंद्र सिंह सिस्सा ने उपचुनाव के नतीजों को भाजपा की नीतियों और नेतृत्व में जनता के भरोसे की जीत बताया। उन्होंने कहा कि दिल्ली ने विकास की राजनीति को चुना है और यह परिणाम आआपा की सनातन विरोधी सोच, भ्रष्टाचार और झूठे वादों की राजनीति को दिल्ली का करारा जवाब है। सिस्सा ने प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी और मुख्यमंत्री रेखा गुप्ता के नेतृत्व में दिल्ली की सभी समस्याओं के समाधान का भरोसा जताया।

दिल्ली के समाज कल्याण मंत्री ने रोहिणी-डी के वार्ड 54 में किया निरीक्षण

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नई दिल्ली। समाज कल्याण मंत्री एवं उत्तर पश्चिमी दिल्ली के प्रभारी रविन्द्र इन्द्राज सिंह ने रोहिणी-डी के वार्ड-54 में सफाई व्यवस्था और अन्य जन शिकायतों का निरीक्षण किया। निरीक्षण के दौरान कैबिनेट मंत्री ने क्षेत्र में सफाई व्यवस्था को और बेहतर बनाने एवं अतिक्रमण को लेकर जन शिकायतों को दूर करने के निर्देश दिए। रविन्द्र इन्द्राज सिंह ने लोगों की ओर से समयपुर बादली मेट्रो स्टेशन और दिव्य ज्योति अपार्टमेंट के नजदीक अतिक्रमण को लेकर मिल रही शिकायतों पर निरीक्षण किया एवं उन्होंने संबंधित अधिकारियों को समन्वय बनाकर कार्रवाई के निर्देश दिए। साथ ही कहा कि जहां भी अतिक्रमण के कारण जाम की स्थिति बन रही है, वहां लोगों और वाहन चालकों की सुविधा के लिए उचित कार्यवाही करें। समाज कल्याण मंत्री ने निरीक्षण के दौरान स्वच्छता व्यवस्था, कूड़ा प्रबंधन, नालों की सफाई तथा स्थानीय नागरिक सुविधाओं की स्थिति का जायजा भी लिया। उन्होंने कहा कि



का निरीक्षण कर जन शिकायतों को दूर करने और स्वच्छता कार्यों में जुटे कार्यकर्ताओं का उत्साहवर्धन करने में कार्य कर रहे हैं। उन्होंने पिछली सरकारों पर आरोप लगाते हुए कहा कि पूर्ववर्ती सरकार ने दिल्ली के कई क्षेत्रों में विकास कार्यों

महिलाओं को निशाना बनाकर लिफ्ट और एस्केलेटर पर चोरी की वाददात को अंजाम देते थे। पुलिस ने आरोपितों के कब्जे से कुल एक करोड़ रुपये का सामान बरामद किया है। रेलवे के पुलिस उपायुक्त केपीएस मलहोत्रा ने बताया कि जांच के दौरान

दिल्ली की सफाई व्यवस्था सुधारने को सरकार नगर निगम को देगी 175 करोड़ की वित्तीय सहायता

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नई दिल्ली। दिल्ली के शहरी विकास और शिक्षा मंत्री आशीष सूद ने वार्ड 118, सागरपुर का दौरा कर क्षेत्र में स्वच्छता एवं साफ सफाई के कार्यों की मौजूदा स्थिति का निरीक्षण किया। इस दौरान उन्होंने दिल्ली की सफाई व्यवस्था सुधारने के लिए नगर निगम को 175 करोड़ की वित्तीय सहायता दिए जाने की जानकारी दी। निरीक्षण के साथ ही आशीष सूद ने जनकपुरी विधानसभा में चाणक्य प्लेस पार्ट-1 में 25, 30 एवं 40 फीट सड़कों पर आरसीसी नाले के निर्माण कार्य का उद्घाटन, जे एवं के ब्लॉक और राम दत्त एक्स्लेव में सड़क निर्माण कार्य की शुरुआत भी की। सागरपुर वार्ड 118 के निवासियों ने आशीष सूद को बताया कि यहां के नालों, सड़कों और ग्रीन



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नई दिल्ली। दिल्ली के दो अलग-अलग इलाकों में शाम आग लग गई। पहली घटना यमुना विहार की है। यहां बंद पड़ा यह मोहल्ला क्लीनिक में आग लगी। दमकल ने एक घंटे के भीतर आग पर काबू पाया जबकि पीतमपुरा स्थित झुग्गियों में आग लगी। खबर लिखे जाने तक दमकल की टीम आग बुझाने में जुटी थी। दमकल विभाग के अनुसार पहली घटना यमुना विहार की है। यहां दोपहर करीब 4.20 बजे सूचना मिली कि मोहल्ला क्लिनिक में आग लग गई है। सूचना मिलते ही तीन दमकल की गाड़ियों को मौके पर भेजा गया। दमकलकर्मियों ने करीब एक घंटे की कड़ी मशकत के बाद आग पर काबू पाया। घटना में किसी के हताहत होने की कोई सूचना नहीं है। स्थानीय लोगों ने बताया कि शाम करीब 4:00 बजे मोहल्ला क्लीनिक के अंदर से धुआं उड़ता दिखाई दिया। कुछ ही मिनटों में आग भड़कने लगी और क्लीनिक के पोटों के केबिन से



पोटों केबिन आमतौर पर शीट, फाइबर और हल्के ढांचे से बने होते हैं, जिनमें आग तेजी से फैलने की संभावना रहती है। प्रारंभिक जांच में माना जा रहा है कि क्लीनिक बंद होने के बावजूद भीतर रखे कुछ सामान, वायरिंग या सामग्री ने आग को तेज

एमसीडी के अधिकारियों को गाया की समस्या से मुक्ति दिलाने के भी ठोस उपाय करने के आदेश दिया। शिक्षा मंत्री ने बताया की वार्ड 118 में नाला रोड पर कूड़ा प्रबंधन, साफ सफाई और सड़क पर पशुओं की जो समस्या है उसका क्षेत्रीय विधायक प्रद्युम्न के साथ निरीक्षण कर इसे अगले 15 दिनों में समाधान करने के कड़े निर्देश दे दिए गए हैं। उन्होंने बताया कि आज चाणक्य प्लेस पार्ट-1, पार्ट-2 और सीतापुरी में 25 फुट, 30 फुट और 40 फुट रोड पर पानी निकासी व्यवस्था को बेहतर बनाने के लिए आरसीसी नाले के निर्माण कार्य का शुभारंभ किया गया है। पंखा रोड से जुड़ने वाला यह नाला लंबे समय से बनी जलभराव की समस्या को खत्म करेगा। आने वाले दिनों में जनकपुरी की हर सड़क

लपटें बाहर निकलने लगीं। लोगों ने तुरंत दमकल विभाग और पुलिस को मामले की सूचना दी। दमकल अधिकारियों ने बताया कि बंद पड़ा यह मोहल्ला क्लीनिक पोटों केबिन में बनाया गया था। ऐसे



सूचना मिली कि एक पीतमपुरा स्थित झुग्गियों में आग लग गई है। मामले की सूचना मिलते ही एक-एक कर दमकल की पांच गाड़ियों को मौके पर भेजा गया। दमकल अधिकारियों का कहना है कि अभी आग बुझाने का कार्य जारी है।

आआपा नेताओं के बयानो को भाजपा ने बताया हार की हताशा

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नई दिल्ली। दिल्ली नगर निगम (एमसीडी) उपचुनाव के नतीजों में आम आदमी पार्टी (आआपा) के प्रदेश अध्यक्ष सौरभ भारद्वाज एवं दुर्गेश पाठक के बयानों पर भारतीय जनता पार्टी (भाजपा) के दिल्ली प्रदेश अध्यक्ष वीरेंद्र सचदेवा ने हार की हताशा बताया। वीरेंद्र सचदेवा ने एक पत्रकार वार्ता में कहा कि दिल्ली भाजपा ने दिल्ली नगर निगम के उपचुनाव को पूरी गम्भीरता से लेकर लड़ा और इसके माध्यम से 12 में से 8 महिला प्रत्याशी लड़वाकर एक प्रयोग भी किया और दिल्ली की जनता ने 8 में 6 महिला प्रत्याशियों को जीतवा कर भाजपा के महिलो सशक्तिकरण के प्रयास की सराहना की है। उन्होंने कहा कि साथ 12 में से 7 वार्ड जीतना और उपचुनाव में 46 प्रतिशत (45.9) से अधिक वोट भाजपा को मिलना दर्शाता है की भाजपा दिल्ली वालों की आज भी पहली पसंद है। इस जीत का श्रेय



बाद आम आदमी पार्टी (आआपा) के दिल्ली अध्यक्ष सौरभ भारद्वाज एवं एक अन्य नेता दुर्गेश पाठक की ब्यानबाजी जहां उनकी हार की हताशा को दर्शाती है। वहीं यह पार्टी

टिकट वितरण में हुई धांधली के कारण मुस्लिम वोट खिसकने की जिम्मेदारी को का प्रयास भी है। उन्होंने कहा कि आआपा अध्यक्ष एवं अन्य नेता बहुत कम अंतर से अशोक विहार हार कर एवं नारायणा जीत कर भी वोट चोरी एवं चुनाव चोरी जैसे ब्यान देते दिखे और पुनः गिनती भी करवा कर भी असंतुष्ट दिखे जो उनकी हताशा को दर्शाता है।

सीईसी ज्ञानेश कुमार ने अंतर्राष्ट्रीय आईडीईए के महासचिव डॉ. केविन कैसास-जमोरा से मुलाकात की

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नई दिल्ली। मुख्य चुनाव आयुक्त ज्ञानेश कुमार इंटरनेशनल इंस्टीट्यूट फॉर डेमोक्रेसी एंड इलेक्टोरल असिस्टेंस (इंटरनेशनल आईडीईए) के अध्यक्ष पद की कमान संभालेंगे। इससे पहले उन्होंने अंतर्राष्ट्रीय आईडीईए के महासचिव डॉ. केविन कैसास-जमोरा से मुलाकात की। भारतीय चुनाव आयोग ने सोशल मीडिया प्लेटफॉर्म 'एक्स' पर जानकारी देते हुए कहा कि सीईसी स्वीडन के स्टॉकहोम में होने वाली इंटरनेशनल आईडीईए के सदस्य देशों की समिति की बैठक में आईडीईए की अध्यक्षता संभालेंगे। अध्यक्ष के तौर पर वे साल 2026 में सभी काउंसिल मीटिंग्स की अध्यक्षता करेंगे। आयोग की तरफ से बताया गया कि मुख्य चुनाव आयुक्त ज्ञानेश कुमार ने अंतर्राष्ट्रीय आईडीईए के महासचिव डॉ. केविन कैसास-जमोरा से मुलाकात की। इस दौरान सदस्य राष्ट्री की परिषद के 34 वें सत्र

के एजेंडे के बारे में जानकारी दी गई, जहां मुख्य चुनाव आयुक्त अंतर्राष्ट्रीय आईडीईए की अध्यक्षता



संभालेंगे। इस दौरान ज्ञानेश कुमार ने स्वीडिश संसद में संविधान संबंधी समिति से मुलाकात की और लोकतंत्र के विभिन्न पहलुओं पर चर्चा की। इससे पहले चुनाव आयोग

दिल्ली के उपराज्यपाल के आधिकारिक आवास का नाम बदल कर 'लोक निवास' किया गया



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नई दिल्ली। दिल्ली के उपराज्यपाल के आधिकारिक आवास का नाम भी बदल कर 'राज निवास' से 'लोक निवास' कर दिया गया है। गृह मंत्रालय ने इस संबंध में देशभर के राजभवनों और राज निवास का नाम बदलने का निर्देश दिया था। उपराज्यपाल सचिवालय की ओर से जारी अधिसूचना में आज इसकी जानकारी सामने आई। इसमें कहा गया है कि राज निवास दिल्ली

अब से केवल 'लोक निवास, दिल्ली' के तौर पर जाना जाएगा। इसके अलावा उपराज्यपाल से जुड़े सचिवालय की ओर से संचालित एक्स खाते का नाम भी बदल कर लोक निवास, दिल्ली कर दिया गया है। उल्लेखनीय है कि प्रधानमंत्री के आह्वान पर औपनिवेशिक परंपराओं को बदलने का क्रम जारी है। राजपथ का नाम कर्तव्य पथ, प्रधानमंत्री कार्यालय का नाम सेवा तीर्थ होना इसकी का हिस्सा है।

जंतर-मंतर पर एनएसयूआई और दिल्ली सिटीजन्स ग्रुप ने किया सांस्कृतिक प्रदर्शन

बढ़ता वायू प्रदूषण हमारे जीवन और भविष्य के लिए खतरा है। करोड़ों लोग जहर जैसी हवा में सांस ले रहे हैं। वरुण चौधरी ने कहा कि दिल्ली लगातार घुट रही है प्रदूषण का स्तर बढ़ता

प्रस्तुत कर पाई हैं और न ही दीर्घकालिक स्वच्छ हवा की रणनीति। उन्होंने कहा कि एनएसयूआई इस आंदोलन को तब तक जारी रखेगी जब तक स्वच्छ हवा और 50 से कम



जा रहा है। एक्सआई 500 के पार पहुंच चुका है और पौषम 2.5 स्तर डब्ल्यूएचओ मानकों से 50-100 गुना अधिक बना हुआ है। बच्चे सांस नहीं ले पा रहे, बुजुर्ग बेहोश हो रहे हैं और लाखों लोग दीर्घकालिक स्वास्थ्य क्षति का सामना कर रहे हैं, इसके बावजूद सरकारें न तो कोई आपातकालीन योजना

एक्सआई को मौलिक अधिकार के रूप में मान्यता नहीं मिलती। आंदोलन के अंत में नागरिकों ने सर्वसम्मति से यह निर्णय लिया कि जब तक दिल्ली को स्वच्छ हवा नहीं मिल जाती। वे हर रविवार एकत्र होकर काला, संस्कृति और जनशक्ति के माध्यम से इस आंदोलन को आगे बढ़ाते रहेंगे।

अंतरराज्यीय इग सिंडिकेट का भंडाफोड़, पांच गिरफ्तार

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नई दिल्ली।दिल्ली के उत्तरी जिले की एंटी-नारकोटिक्स सेल ने एक बड़े अंतरराज्यीय इग सिंडिकेट का भंडाफोड़ करते हुए पांच सप्लायरों को गिरफ्तार किया है। पुलिस ने आरोपितों के कब्जे से कुल 51.5 किलो गांजा, एक आई-10 कार और 1,02,510 रुपये बरामद किया है। यह गिरफ्तारी दिल्ली, उप्र, बिहार और विपरा तक फैले नेटवर्क को उजागर करती है। उत्तरी जिले के पुलिस उपायुक्त राजा बांधिया ने बुधवार को बताया कि पुलिस टीम जिले में सक्रिय इग सप्लायरों पर नजर रख रही थी। 25 नवंबर को गुप्त सूचना पर बुराड़ी के कमल विहार में छापेमारी कर जितेंद्र उर्फ जीतो को दबोचा गया। उसके घर से 6.132 किलो गांजा और 1.02 लाख रुपये मिले। इसी शिकायत पर बुराड़ी थाने में एनडीपीएस एक्ट के तहत मुकदमा दर्ज किया गया। जितेंद्र ने पृष्ठछाछ में बताया कि वह गांजा अनिल, सबीता देवी और राम कुमार से खरीदता है। पुलिस ने 26 नवंबर को स्वरूप नगर से सप्लायर सबीता देवी की 1.542 किलो गांजा के साथ पकड़ा। उसने खुलासा किया कि उसका देवर अनिल बनारस से सप्लाई करता है। इसके बाद पुलिस ने राम कुमार की तलाश में तकनीकी निगरानी शुरू की। एक-दो दिसंबर की रात पुलिस ने गाँजियाबाद रेलवे स्टेशन पर छापेमारी की, मार वहा भाग निकला। करीब 25 किलोमीटर तक पीछा करने के बाद टीम ने उसे फरीदाबाद के बदकल मॉल मेट्रो स्टेशन के पास दबोचा। जहां वह अपना माल देने पहुंचा था। वहीं से गांजा लेने आए उसके साथी वृजपाल को भी गिरफ्तार किया गया। दोनों के कब्जे से 30.431 किलो गांजा और सप्लाई में इस्तेमाल होने वाली आई-10 कार बरामद हुई।

Row over lighting of lamp at Madurai temple in Tamil Nadu explained

Madurai, Agency: Tensions over the ligin of the sacred lamp at Thiruparankundram hilltop ended with the Karthigai Deepam being lit at its traditional spot, as rig-wing activists clashed with the police in Tamil Nadu's Madurai on Wednesday. The move defied an order by the Madras High Court, which had directed that the lamp be lit at the contested hilltop temple itself.

\The clash took place during the Hindu festival of Karthigai Deepam, which celebrates the victory of lig over darkness.

What is the row about?

For many years, the Thiruparankundram hill has been seen as a place where different faiths have lived in

peace. The hill is home to the historic Subramya Swamy Temple, the Kasi Viswanathar Temple and the Sikkander Badusha Dargah, built long after the temples were established.

Earlier this week, after a petition was filed by an activist, Justice G R Swaminathan directed state officials to make sure that the sacred lamp was lit at the top of the hill. The Madurai Bench of the Madras High Court had instructed that the petitioner and ten others be allowed to reach the Deepam pillar at the top of Thirupparankundram hill to lig the Karthigai Deepam.

Government officials believed this went against the long-followed practice of lighting the lamp at the nearby



Deepa Mandapam, a ritual carried out for several years. The state government chose

an earlier report.

Tensions at the location also rose in February after protests by Hindu orgsations when a member of parliament was accused of eating meat on the hill. The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) recently described Thiruparan kundram as the “Ayodhya of the South”.

The Subramya Swamy Temple claims ownership over almost the entire hill based on a 1920 court ruling, while the dargah has recognised rigs over the mosque and other related structures.

Clash between police, activists

The situation escalated when the petitioner, Rama Ravikumar, along with Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) personnel sent

as per court directions, tried to make their way up the hill.

Protesters pulled down police barricades and tried to move towards the temple at the top. Videos of the clashes also surfaced on social media.

However, they were stopped by the police after the Madurai district collector issued prohibitory orders under Section 163 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), citing concerns about public safety and the current law and order conditions.

A senior leader of the Hindu Munn claimed that temple officials had not prepared for lighting the lamp at the court-mandated site.

Delhi air sees mild improvement as AQI settles at 299, enters 'Poor' category

New Delhi, Agency: Delhi's air quality improved significantly on Thursday morning, with the overall Air Quality Index (AQI) standing at 299 at 8 am, according to data from the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB).

For comparison, the city recorded an AQI of 342 at 4 pm on December 3, placing it in the 'very poor' category. According to CPCB, the air quality in some parts of the National Capital improved and was classified in the 'poor category'.

Najafgarh recorded an AQI of 286, while IGI Airport T3 reported 255. Sri Aurobindo Marg and North Campus registered AQI of 283 and 281, respectively.

But despite slight improvement, several parts of the city remained shrouded in a dense layer of toxic smog. Areas like Ghazipur and Akshardham reported thick haze early this morning, with visibility remaining significantly reduced. According to CPCB, many areas in the



National Capital fell into the 'very poor' category.

The area around Anand Vihar was blanketed in a dense layer of toxic smog, with an AQI of 316 in the 'very poor' category. According to CPCB data, Sonia Vihar recorded an AQI of 302, while Wazirpur recorded 323. The Air Quality Index in Patparganj was 309.

According to AQI categorisation, 0-50 is 'good', 51-100 'satisfactory', 101-200 'moderate', 201-300 'poor', 301-400 'very poor', and 401-500 'severe'.

Earlier, Delhi

Environment Minister Manjinder Singh Sirsa announced the use of anti-smog guns, meched road sweepers, and water sprinklers in Delhi, Noida, Ghaziabad, Faridabad, Gurgaon, and Greater Noida.

"In the meeting, all states in northern India participated. Following the meeting, it was ordered that meched road sweepers, anti-smog guns and water sprinklers should be operated in Noida, Faridabad, Gurgaon, Ghaziabad and Greater Noida. It was also decided that the potholes

will be identified and repaired within 72 hours," he said.

Sirsa stressed that Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta has stated that no government or private agency that violates the anti-pollution measures will be spared.

"Delhi CM has stated that no agency, be it the government or private, will be spared if found violating anti-pollution measures and rules. Construction and demolition sites should be properly fenced, and water sprinklers should be used to mitigate dust. MCD has been ordered that all its 8000 km of roads should be pothole-free and dust-free..." he said after the meeting.

Furthermore, he outlined the installation of tube wells and water pipelines by the PWD department. He informed that the Municipal Corporation of Delhi has been allowed to purchase at least 100 new meched road sweepers.

New pilot roster norms tied to 150 IndiGo flight cancellations: What are they



New Delhi, Agency: At least 150 IndiGo flights were cancelled on Wednesday, and many flights were delayed as India's largest airline faces one of the biggest operational disruptions in recent years, mainly due to a crew shortage. Chaos broke out among passengers who waited for hours to board their flights, while others saw their schedules affected due to the cancellation of their flights.

IndiGo apologised for the chaos and said that it has initiated “calibrated adjustments” to its flight schedules. Meanwhile, the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) said that it is looking into the IndiGo flight disruptions and has asked the airline to submit a report detailing the reasons for the situation.

IndiGo flight disruptions:

What caused the chaos

An airline spokesperson said that IndiGo's operations have been “significantly disrupted across the network for the past two days” and attributed the reasons to a combination of factors, including tech glitches, unfavourable weather, increased congestion and the implementation of updated Flight Duty Time Limitations (FDTL) that came into effect in November.

Adding to this, an urgent Airbus A320 software patch disrupted several of IndiGo's flights over the last weekend.

(November 29-30) and affected the airline's operations that were already grappling with the new FDTL rules related to roster management.

Privacy concerns, Apple and Samsung's non-compliance Why Centre withdrew mandatory pre-installation of Sanchar Saathi

New Delhi, Agency: After massive backlash from privacy advocates, cybersecurity experts and the opposition, the Centre announced it would be withdrawing the mandate for the pre-installation of Sanchar Saathi. In a statement issued on Wednesday, the Ministry of Communications stated it has decided to recall its mandate due to the app's “increasing acceptance”.

The Sanchar Saathi portal was launched by the Modi govern-

ment in May 2023. With this portal, citizens will be able to check mobile connections linked to their IDs, report fraud, scams and trace lost phones.

The mobile application for the Sanchar Saathi was launched earlier this year as part of the government's efforts to combat cybercrime. As part of its effort to tackle rising cybercrime cases in India, the Indian government called on smartphone compes to mandatorily pre-install the apps on all new smartphones, sparking a row.

‘Hiring freeze, short-sighted planning’: Pilot body attacks Indigo amid cancellation chaos

New Delhi, Agency: The Federation of Indian Pilots (FIP) has alleged that IndiGo “inexplicably” adopted a “hiring freeze” despite getting a two-year preparatory window before the full implementation of new flight duty and rest period norms for cockpit crew”. In a letter to the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) late Wednesday, the pilot body said it has urged the safety regulator not to approve airlines' seasonal flight sched-

ules unless they have adequate staff to operate their services “safely and reliably” under the New Flight Duty Time Limitations (FDTL) norms.

The pilots' body alleged that “despite the two-year preparatory window before full FDTL implementation, the airline inexplicably adopted a hiring freeze, entered non-poaching arrangements, maintained a pilot pay freeze through cartel-like behaviour, and

Flight No.	Origin	Destination	Status
6E 101	Delhi	Chennai	Cancelled
6E 102	Delhi	Chennai	Cancelled
6E 103	Delhi	Chennai	Cancelled
6E 104	Delhi	Chennai	Cancelled
6E 105	Delhi	Chennai	Cancelled
6E 106	Delhi	Chennai	Cancelled
6E 107	Delhi	Chennai	Cancelled
6E 108	Delhi	Chennai	Cancelled
6E 109	Delhi	Chennai	Cancelled
6E 110	Delhi	Chennai	Cancelled

demonstrated other short-sighted planning practices,” PTI reported.

The letter comes amid chaos among flyers as Indigo has cancelled scores of flights

across multiple airports due to reasons including crew shortages resulting from the implementation of new roster norms. FIP has urged the DGCA to consider re-evaluating and reallocating slots to other airlines, which have the capacity to operate them without disruption during the peak holiday and fog season if IndiGo continues to “fail in delivering on its commitments to passengers due to its own avoidable staffing shortages.

Chaos continues at airports as 250 IndiGo flights cancelled; Mumbai, Hyd, B'luru, Delhi worst hit

Mumbai, Agency: At least 250 IndiGo flights were cancelled on Thursday as chaos continued at major airports across India, with the carrier struggling to adapt to stringent new crew rostering rules. On Wednesday, the airline cancelled at least 150 flights and announced that it had initiated “calibrated adjustments” to its schedules for the next 48 hours.

The on-time performance (OTP) of IndiGo, India's largest airline, dropped to



19.7% on Wednesday from 35% a day earlier, according to civil aviation ministry data.

An official aware of the matter said 33 flights were cancelled from Delhi, 68 from Hyderabad, 85 from Mumbai, and 73 from Bengaluru on Thursday. On Wednesday, at least 67 flights were cancelled at Delhi airport (37 departures and 30 arrivals), 42 at Bengaluru, 40 at Hyderabad (19 departures and 21 arrivals), and 33 at Mumbai (17 departures and 16 arrivals).

‘Stealing from a thief’: How ChatGPT helped Delhi man outsmart scammer, make him ‘beg’ for forgiveness

New Delhi, Agency: A Delhi man outsmarted a scammer impersonating his college senior and tracked him down using ChatGPT to ruin his “Army transfer/cheap goods” scam.

Sharing a post on Reddit, the man said he used ChatGPT to locate the scammer and “made him beg”. The post, made under the r/delhi subreddit, detailed how an everyday scam message turned into an AI-powered operation.

According to the man, the scammer contacted him on

Facebook, pretending to be a senior from college who is an IAS officer. The scammer claimed that a “CRPF officer friend” was being transferred and was selling high-end furniture and appliances at throwaway prices.

Feeling that something was not right with the message, the man said that he contacted the said friend on WhatsApp, and the whole thing was revealed to be a fraud. code from another profile with an Army uniform profile picture, he decided to pursue the matter.



Dress to Impress: What to Wear on a Date

Dates are exciting, but whether it's your first or your fourth, dressing up for a date can be quite overwhelming but fun if you take it in the right spirit. While you cannot predict the outcome you sure can dress to kill! And if it's your first date, the suspense and anxiety could turn you into a bundle of nerves, so it's even more important to choose the right date outfit to feel comfortable and exude confidence. To start with, the setting matters! Consider if there would be any outdoor activity involved (in case you're planning a game night or a hike) and yes, the weather does play a significant role. You don't want to be feeling sweaty nor freezing when you're trying to focus on the conversation! So, we thought we'd share some quick tips to pick the right outfits for your date. We've listed some casual, chic and time-tested options that are sure

to let you look alluring, polished and most importantly, confident.

Dress Comfortably: Well, this is the cardinal rule for any occasion. You cannot wear heels for a trek or wear athleisure for a cosy candlelight dinner at a posh restaurant. Well, while the former is a no-no, the latter can be managed if you accessorise with sculptural earrings, carry a beaded, sequined clutch and a statement cuff bracelet. So yes, wear what works for you but never overlook the setting, the place, the weather and the activity involved.

Wear Your Confidence: You are what you wear. You could be wearing the best outfit for your date but if it doesn't shine the light on your personality then it's going to be a task making the person you meet to see who you are.

Be Yourself: Agreed, this sounds

predictable but remember that your best date outfit should be an authentic reflection of your personality and your personal style. Now that's about it for the gyan! Let's get you started on choosing the best date outfits.

Movie Date: Jeans, a nice white tee (change the colour to suit your preference), a colourful crossbody macramé sling bag or a satchel bag to carry your essentials. Accessorise with a layered necklace, studs, a statement ring if you want to be a bit dressy. Finish off with ballet flats or sneakers. Carry a denim jacket to survive the air-conditioning or if it's an outdoor movie night.

Coffee Date: An A-line floral skirt, sandals or sneakers depending on your mood and the place. Make sure you carry a stylish mini beaded bag or a colourful crochet bag. Choose a statement cuff bracelet and a ring

that complements it; dress up your ears with a pair of elegant threader earrings or small hoops and you're all set.

Cocktail Date: When it comes to choosing the best cocktail date outfits and dinner date outfits, we know the little black dress is a top favourite, but if you're not up to it, try something different. Team a classy accordion skirt or an A-line skirt with a dressy top or go for a printed or patterned dress with an interesting neck or sleeves. A sheath dress would be great too. Don't forget to add some statement pieces, like a beaded bag or bold hoops to complete the look.

Dinner Date: The classy black dress paired with gold-plated accessories and a sequined clutch you just cannot go wrong with! Want to dress down? Add some colour with an interesting skirt and a black halter neck

top. Don't forget the statement necklace or earrings.

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5 weird dressing habits of a narcissist Soap Nails and 9 Other Nail Trends Set to Be Big

Understanding narcissists often starts with their behavior, but their wardrobe can be just as telling. From flashy outfits to surprising style choices, the way they dress goes beyond fashion-it reflects how they see themselves and how they want others to see them. In this article, we will discuss the peculiar ways narcissists use clothing to make an impression.

- **Copypcat dressing** - Narcissists often change their style to fit whoever they're trying to impress. One day they might be trendy and youthful, and the next, they're mirroring your exact look-down to your favorite colors or brands. This isn't genuine; it's a tactic to make you feel an instant connection. By dressing like you, they trick you into thinking you're soulmates, gaining your trust quickly.
- **Dressing younger than they are** - Narcissists often refuse to accept aging and try to hold onto their youth through their clothing. You'll see them in tight jeans, flashy accessories, or outfits that feel too trendy for their age. It's not about loving the clothes-they're trying to avoid facing the reality of getting older. This is even more noticeable if they're surrounded by younger people, as they'll go out of their way to fit in. For female narcissists, this might include wearing high heels all the time, even in completely inappropriate situations, to feel powerful and attractive.
- **Polished in public, careless in private** - In public, narcissists dress impeccably to impress others. They'll make sure every detail of their outfit is perfect to project an image of success and sophistication. But at home, it's a completely different story. They might neglect their appearance, wear old, unkempt clothes, or even ignore basic hygiene. This contrast shows their need for validation from an audience-they care about looking good only when others are watching.
- **Always competing** - For narcissists, getting dressed isn't just about self-expression-it's about winning. They'll go out of their way to outshine everyone, even at someone else's special event. Imagine them wearing a show-stopping outfit at your wedding, trying to steal the spotlight. Whether it's copying your look or dressing extravagantly to draw attention, they always want



to be the center of everything, even if it creates unnecessary drama.

● **Obsessed with designer labels** - Narcissists often fixate on wearing designer brands, but it's not because they love fashion or appreciate quality. For them, it's about showing off their status and feeling superior. Their wardrobe might be full of luxury labels, not for personal enjoyment, but to feed their need to appear elite and powerful. Their clothes become another way to flaunt their inflated self-image.

If our manicures were all about being bright and light, there's a slight shift to how we're approaching 2025 nail trends. Whether you're one to attribute this call for radical transformation to Pluto entering Aquarius or just wanting something new and edgy for the upcoming year, the experts are predicting bolder nail designs and finishes and a major lean into texture play to motivate our nail choices moving forward. Think dreamy milk bath tones and magnetic cat eye finishes. Shiny iridescent textures and smokey quartz tips. Next year's nails are all about tapping into your inner artist. Below are the 10 biggest nail trends the experts say will be everywhere. While nail shape is all about personal preference, there are two that you're most likely going to see everywhere. Celebrity nail artist Gina Edwards predicts that the hottest shape of them all will be the oval nail. Often likened to the shape of an egg, the oval nail is usually long and tapered, thus lending itself quite nicely for your most imaginative nail art desires.

Pointed Almonds: The second shape Edwards predicts will be big is the almond nail. Aptly named, this nail gradually gets slimmer as you get to the almond-shaped tip. Experts have called this a favorite for everyone and one of the most flattering nail shapes you can



try.

Blush Layers: Edwards says that it's all about layering your favorite colors next year, but she especially loves mixing blush shades with bare neutrals for a look that goes with anything.

Iridescent Texture "It'll be less about crazy design and more about the textures and effects," says celebrity nail artist and Tweezerman Pro Artist Tom Bachik when talking about nail trends. "[They] are so popular because you can stick with the colors you love and know are flattering, but completely change it up with exciting effects." You can go for shimmers and sparkles, but we especially love an iridescent chrome texture.

Soap Nails: Bachik saw soap nails continue to trend all year and predicts that it will continue well. "This is all about the cleanest, freshest manicure that looks like it's straight out of a spa

day," he says. To get that clean look, he recommends using something like the Tweezerman Glass Nail Buffer to buff the nail and bring the nail to a high shine finish before you even put on polish.

Milky Tones: Milk bath nails are dreamy and ethereal by nature, and are another pick from Edwards for a nail trend to be on the lookout for next year. You can mix any shade to get that milky tone, but she is especially fond of soft lavenders and pinks. And "quiet luxury" is still very much your vibe, she says this is the perfect nail for it.

Cat Eye Effect: Sly like your favorite feline, the cat-eye nail is a very subtle elevation of the velvet nail and a look Edwards loves. Start off with a metallic texture before drawing a diagonal line at the center of the nail to get that cat-eye effect. Pro-tip: she says tools and knowing the basics on how to use them are key to executing this and any other nail vision. Great beginner tools include a dotter to drag color or create dots, a cosmetic sponge to blend color, and a thin liner brush for lines.

Smokey Quartz: One of Edwards's New York Fashion Week nail looks that she thinks will be big next year is the smokey quartz effect. Created for the Prabal Gurung show, these nails are elusive yet chic, and just a fun spin to a neutral shade.

Why women risk losing out in shift to green jobs

Men hold about 70 percent of the world's polluting jobs, so one might think that they have most to lose from the transition to cleaner energy. After all, they risk finding themselves out of work as countries close down dirty industries in a push to decarbonize and reach net-zero emission targets.

Yet our analysis shows that women are also at risk of losing out over the course of the transition. That's because too few women study the science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) subjects that are vital to the green jobs of the future.

Women are much more underrepresented in green jobs, which improve environmental sustainability or reduce greenhouse gas emissions, than in polluting jobs, those in industries with per-worker emissions in the top five percent of polluters. While most workers work in neutral jobs, that gap is important because green jobs, which already employ one in 10 workers, are poised for much faster employment growth as the world shifts toward a sustainable economy.

For example, just 6 percent of women who work in advanced



economies hold green jobs, compared to over 20 percent of working men. Green jobs employ an even lower share of women in emerging markets and developing economies.

This is significant because green jobs command a substantial wage premium over other jobs in the economy, even after accounting for workers' education and experience, as our calculations based on several representative countries show.

In Colombia, for example, the wage premium is 9 percent for men and 16 percent for women. This wage premium highlights another reason women stand to lose out: they may be missing out on higher-paying opportunities.

The gender gap in STEM education is one of the biggest barriers to women getting green jobs.

Women don't have abortion on their bucket list

I was forging through medical school despite the COVID-19 pandemic. My husband and I had plans to grow our family a few years down the road. Our timeline was turned upside down when I became pregnant just one semester into medical school. Rather than joy, I felt uncertainty, fear, and even shame. I was unsure what this would mean for my career and our financial stability. I didn't know the first thing about caring for an infant; I'd never changed a diaper.

Our plates were full between my education, his job, and our newly purchased fixer-upper home. I was lucky to find the support I needed from family, friends, and my medical school, but even with a village, it was immensely difficult. We lived in a childcare desert, which left me as the primary caretaker for my infant son for 10 months. A single income wasn't enough to cover both cost of living and childcare, so I had to max out my student loans.

Navigating new motherhood as



a medical student gave me firsthand understanding of some of the challenges women face when they unexpectedly become pregnant. Many women are not as fortunate to find the support I did, and our society is sadly often unaccommodating to families, parents and children.

Until it was my problem, I never knew how many restaurants and other public places don't have a changing table in the men's restroom, or at all. A 2023 survey of 4,000 couples with 2024 wedding dates found that 80 percent were in favor of child-free weddings. Only 13 percent of private employers offer paternity leave, leaving many mothers alone in the postpartum period.