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Matter Of Life And Exam: Why Indian Students Are Stuck In Iran Amid US Threat

Tehran. (Agency)

Amid soaring geopolitical tensions between Washington and Tehran, India has advised all its nationals, including students, in Iran to leave by any available transport as soon as possible. But for many students--torn between seeking safety and facing academic setbacks--departure is not an easy option. Missing crucial examinations scheduled in early March could delay their graduation and even jeopardise professional recognition of their degrees. According to estimates, there are around 1,000 to 1,500 Indian students-- a large proportion of them medical students from Jammu and Kashmir -- enrolled at Iranian universities. Some of them have appealed to Prime Minister Narendra Modi for intervention after the advisory, which clashed with their university examination schedule.

The Plea

"We want to come back home. Our families are worried," Bilal Bhat, an Indian medical student in Iran, said while talking to news agency ANI.

"But our exams are scheduled in March, and there is no clarity on postponement. If we miss exams, it will affect our academic year...If our exam gets postponed, we will leave as soon as possible," he said.

According to Bhat, while day-to-day life continues and flights are still operating, uncertainty about how the situation may unfold has left many students and their families concerned. Another student, Musafid, shared similar apprehensions, stating that they are constantly monitoring the situation. "Flights are operational, but we don't know what may happen next. Our only concern is safety and our studies," he said, highlighting the dilemma faced by many pursuing professional degrees abroad. The Jammu and Kashmir unit of the All India Medical Students Association (AIMSA) has also written to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, seeking his intervention to ensure the safety and academic future of Indian students currently in Iran. Speaking to ANI, Mohammad Momin Khan, President of the Jammu and Kashmir unit of AIMSA, highlighted the concerns following a recent travel advisory from the Indian High Commission in Tehran, which has asked citizens to return.

"The Indian High Commission in Tehran issued an advisory, in which they have asked their citizens to return. However, we have received information from students that their exams are scheduled for March 5. Some students have already arrived in India, so it is not possible for them to return. The current situation is very tense, and their parents are also very worried," Khan said.

UK Imposes New Travel Permit Requirement On These Foreign Visitors

World. (Agency)

Starting on Wednesday, visitors to Britain from 85 countries must obtain an electronic permit in advance of their trip or they will be barred from travelling, the UK interior ministry said. The Electronic Travel Authorisation (ETA) scheme requires all visitors who do not need a visa to enter Britain to purchase a pre-travel permit online at a cost of 16 pounds (\$21.57). It was introduced in 2023 and extended to European visitors in April last year, but has not been strictly enforced. However, from February 25, it will be mandatory for visitors to the UK to have obtained an ETA to travel. This means that airlines will prevent passengers from boarding if they do not have an ETA, eVisa or other valid documentation, the interior ministry said. British and Irish citizens, including dual citizens, as well as those with the right to live in the UK, are exempt from needing an ETA. The ETA scheme is a vital part of our work to strengthen the UK's border security, helping to deliver a more efficient and modern service that works for both visitors and the British public," migration minister Mike Tapp said.

In October last year, the European Union (EU) began rolling-out its much delayed post-Brexit border security checks for UK nationals entering the bloc. Britain formally left the EU in 2020.

Trump's 'Dalilah Law' Demand After Girl Injured In Crash By Indian Driver

Amsterdam. (Agency)

US President Donald Trump called on the American Congress to pass the so-called 'Dalilah Law', aimed at preventing states from issuing commercial driving licences to illegal immigrants. The American commander-in-chief said the law was named after Dalilah Coleman, a first grader who was severely injured in a car accident caused by an illegal immigrant from India who was driving a semitruck with a commercial driver's licence. "Many, if not most, illegal aliens do not speak English and cannot read even the most basic road signs," Trump said in his State of the Union address. "That's why tonight I'm calling on Congress to pass what we will call the Dalilah law, barring any state from granting commercial driver's licences to illegal aliens."

About Dalilah Coleman

According to the White House, Dalilah Coleman's injuries from the semi-truck accident include a traumatic brain injury and cerebral palsy, and she will need lifelong care and therapy. The driver who caused the accident, Partap Singh, is an illegal immigrant in the US from India. He crossed the border in 2022 and was released into the country by the Biden administration. Dalilah was left nonverbal after her family vehicle was struck in a 2024 wreck by an 18-wheeler driven by Singh. She is now relying on how to walk, according to a report by the New York Post. Singh had been given a commercial driver's licence by the state despite his immigration status. He had entered the US illegally through the southern border in October 2022 and was released by the Biden administration. He was again arrested by ICE in August 2025 to face deportation proceedings under the Trump administration

Cartel violence fuels doubts about FIFA World Cup games in Mexico

GUADALAJARA. (Agency)

Mexico: Hugo Alejandro Pérez was in his house a few miles from the Mexican stadium that is slated to host FIFA World Cup games when gunfire and explosions erupted just outside his door.

The 53-year-old restaurant owner was already skeptical about his city, Guadalajara, hosting the international sporting event. He saw a government that failed to fix basic things, like water service to his home, along with cartel violence in the surrounding state of Jalisco and shook his head. The surge of bloodshed this week following the Mexican military's killing of the country's most powerful cartel boss offered more confirmation of his doubts.

"I don't think they should host the World Cup here," Pérez said. "We have so many problems, and they want to invest in the World Cup? With all the violence, it's not a good idea." Pérez joined other people Tuesday in questioning Guadalajara's capacity to be a host city for the summer soccer competition, even as the Mexican government vowed that the international

event — hosted jointly by Mexico, the United States and Canada — will not be affected. President offers 'every guarantee' for World Cup President Claudia Sheinbaum was asked at her daily news briefing what guarantees there are that World Cup matches will be held in Jalisco. "Every guarantee," she said, adding that there was "no risk" for fans coming to the tournament. Jalisco Gov. Jesús Pablo Lemus said he had spoken with local FIFA officials, who have "absolutely no intention of removing any venues from Mexico. The three venues remain completely unchanged."

The same day, the Portuguese soccer federation said it was "closely monitoring the delicate situation" in Mexico. Its national team was scheduled to play Mexico's team in a friendly on March 28 at the newly renovated Azteca Stadium in Mexico City, which is scheduled to host the opening World Cup match on June 11.

Jalisco, in western Mexico, was already facing scrutiny. The state has been plagued by some of the starkest examples of cartel violence in recent years, including the

Oseguera Cervantes, or "El Mencho," was killed Sunday in a capture attempt by the military. The operation and waves of violence killed 70 people. Cartel gunmen



discovery of a cartel killing site at a ranch last March and a crisis of disappearances. The state, with Guadalajara as its capital, is the central hub for the Jalisco New Generation Cartel, whose leader Nemesio

set fire to cars to block streets in states across the country, namely Jalisco, and fought with Mexican forces into Monday as the government said the conflict was under control. The death of Oseguera Cervantes came as Mexico's government has stepped up its offensive against cartels in an effort to meet demands by U.S. President Donald Trump to crack down on criminal groups. The cartel, also known as CJNG, is one of the fastest-growing criminal networks in Mexico. The White House

confirmed that the U.S. provided intelligence support to capture the cartel leader and applauded Mexico's army for taking down a man who was one of the most wanted criminals in both countries.

Trump claims Iran working on missiles that could hit US

KATHMANDU. (Agency)

US President Donald Trump on Tuesday claimed Iran is seeking to develop missiles that can strike the United States and accused Tehran of working to rebuild a nuclear program that was targeted by American strikes last year.

The United States and Iran are engaged in high-stakes negotiations over Iran's atomic program and other issues including missiles, with Trump saying he prefers diplomacy but is willing to use force if talks fail. "They've already developed missiles that can threaten Europe and our bases overseas, and they're working to build missiles that will soon reach the United States of America," Trump alleged during his State of the Union address.

In 2025, the US Defense Intelligence Agency said Iran could potentially develop a militarily viable intercontinental ballistic missile by 2035 "should Tehran decide to pursue the capability," but did not say if it had made such a decision.

Tehran currently possesses short- and medium-range ballistic missiles with ranges that top out at about 1,850 miles (3,000 kilometers), according to the US Congressional Research Service. The continental United States is more than 6,000 miles from Iran's western

tip. Washington and Tehran have concluded two rounds of talks aimed at reaching a deal on Iran's nuclear program to replace the agreement that Trump tore up during his first term in



office.

'Preference' is diplomacy The United States has repeatedly called for zero uranium enrichment by Iran but has also sought to address its ballistic missile program and support for armed groups in the region -- demands Iran has rejected.

Iran has also repeatedly rejected that it is pursuing nuclear weapons.

Trump ordered strikes on three Iranian nuclear sites last year, claiming afterward that Tehran's atomic program was obliterated.

On Tuesday, he said Iran wants "to start all over again," and that it is "at this moment again pursuing their sinister

nuclear ambitions." Trump has sent a massive US military force to the Middle East, deploying two aircraft carriers as well as more than a dozen other ships, a large number of warplanes and other assets to the region. He has repeatedly threatened to strike Iran if negotiations fail to reach a new agreement. Talks with Tehran are currently set to continue on Thursday.

"My preference is to solve this problem through diplomacy but one thing is certain: I will never allow the world's number one sponsor of terror, which they are by far, to have a nuclear weapon," Trump said. The US president's speech primarily focused on domestic issues, making no mention of all of China -- Washington's primary military and economic rival -- and only briefly referring to Russia.

Trump said he was working to end the bloody conflict between Russia and Ukraine, and repeated his inaccurate claim that he had brought eight other wars to an end since returning to office in January 2025. He also hailed NATO's decision to spend five percent of gross domestic product on defense -- a move made under heavy pressure from Trump and his administration.

Man kills four in stabbing spree near Tacoma, shot dead by police

SEOUL. (Agency)

A man fatally stabbed four people before being shot by a sheriff's deputy outside a home northwest of Tacoma, Washington, on Tuesday, authorities said. The Pierce County Sheriff's Office said deputies initially responded to reports made at around 8:40 a.m. Tuesday that a 32-year-old man was violating a no-contact order. They obtained a copy of the order, learned it was not valid because it had not been served on the suspect and headed to the scene to provide it to him.

While en route, additional reports came in that the man was stabbing people outside the home, the sheriff's office said. The first deputy arrived within about three minutes and shot the

suspect, who was pronounced dead at the scene, according to Officer Shelbie Boyd, a spokesperson for the Pierce County Force Investigation Team.

Three of the stabbing victims were dead at the scene and another died while being taken to a hospital. The stabbings occurred in a cul-de-sac on the Key Peninsula, northwest of Tacoma. Pierce County court records show that a woman who lived at the address last May obtained a one-year protection order against her 32-year-old son. She wrote that he had mental health and substance abuse issues, had previously pushed her, and more recently had threatened her by saying that her "grave has been already dug up."

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The records show that the son had notice of a hearing before the issuance of the restraining order but did not appear for it. The protective order required him not to possess dangerous weapons; to stay 1,000 feet (305 meters) from his mother, her vehicle and her address, which they had shared; and to comply with a previously prescribed mental health treatment plan, including medication.

US Man Stabs 4 To Death, Cops Were On Way To Serve Him Restraining Order

SEATTLE. (Agency)

A man fatally stabbed four people in Washington state on Tuesday morning as sheriff's deputies were on their way to hand him a domestic violence protection order, authorities said. The suspect died after being shot by an arriving deputy.

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It was not immediately clear why the attacker had not previously been served with the protection order. Typically in Washington state, someone who obtains such an order

can request that law enforcement deliver it to the subject of the order or hire a private investigator or "process server" to do so. Not knowing the location of the subject of the restraining order can delay that.

Chris Cardenas, who lives just a couple minutes driving from the street where the stabbings occurred, said he was washing his truck in his driveway when he heard the gunfire. "All of a sudden I just heard like a series of gunshots," he said. "You could really hear it echoing through the trees."

Sirens then sounded nonstop for about 40 minutes, he said. "I immediately knew something was up because I've never heard gunshots out here," he said. He went over to the cordoned-off scene and saw ambulances, a forensics bus and dozens of police vehicles, he said, adding that he couldn't have braced himself "for how tragic the news would be."

Mars in 30 Days? Russia's Plasma Rocket Sparks Global Space Race

by Ashis Sinha

Russian scientists working under the state atomic energy corporation Rosatom have unveiled a laboratory prototype of a plasma-electric rocket engine that they claim could slash the Earth-Mars travel time to just 30 to 60 days — a journey that currently takes six to nine months using conventional chemical rockets. The breakthrough, announced by researchers at Rosatom's Troitsk Institute, has generated global attention as it presents a radically different propulsion concept from chemical heavy-lift systems such as SpaceX's Starship, which relies on massive fuel burn and orbital refuelling to reach Mars. **How the Plasma Engine Works** Unlike chemical rockets that burn fuel for short, high-thrust bursts, the Russian system uses electromagnetic fields to ionise hydrogen, turn-

ing it into plasma. The charged particles are then accelerated and expelled at extremely high speeds — reportedly up to 100 km per second — producing continuous thrust over long durations. The prototype, tested inside a vacuum chamber that simulates space conditions, operates in a pulsed mode at roughly 300 kilowatts of power. Rosatom engineers say this sustained acceleration model is the key to dramatically reducing interplanetary travel time. **Why It Could Change Space Travel** Continuous electric thrust, even at low force, can gradually build enormous velocity over weeks. Scientists say this method could allow spacecraft to follow faster, non-traditional trajectories to Mars, cutting exposure to radiation and reducing life-support demands for crewed missions. If realised at scale, the technol-



ogy could reshape deep-space travel by shifting propulsion from chemical combustion to electric plasma acceleration. **How It Compares with Starship** SpaceX's Starship system is designed around brute-force chemical propulsion — massive thrust, orbital refuelling, and long coasting phases. The

Russian plasma engine represents the opposite philosophy: low thrust, ultra-high exhaust velocity, and continuous acceleration. In theory, the plasma system could outperform chemical rockets on long interplanetary routes. In practice, however, it remains a laboratory-stage technology.

The Big Challenges Despite the bold claims, experts urge caution:

- Power supply: The engine's high electrical demand would likely require a compact space nuclear reactor, raising major engineering and regulatory challenges.
- Thrust scaling: Current

laboratory thrust is tiny. Scaling the system to move a crewed spacecraft remains a major hurdle.

- Thermal control: Continuous plasma discharge produces extreme heat that must be safely managed.

Flight readiness: The engine has never been tested in orbit, and years of space qualification would be required. **Timeline and Reality Check** Rosatom scientists have suggested that a flight-ready version could be possible by 2030, but independent validation and real-world testing will determine whether the concept can move beyond the lab. *For now, the "30-day Mars" headline remains theoretical — but it highlights a growing global race to develop next-generation propulsion systems that could one day make interplanetary travel faster, safer, and more practical.*

India Abstains on UNGA Resolution Seeking Unconditional Russia-Ukraine Ceasefire



United Nations/New Delhi: India abstained from voting in the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) on a draft resolution calling for an immediate, complete and unconditional ceasefire between Russia and Ukraine. The resolution, titled "Support for Lasting Peace in Ukraine," was adopted on the fourth anniversary of Russia's invasion. It secured 107 votes in favour, 12 against, while 51 member states abstained in the 193-nation Assembly. India was among the countries that chose to abstain, alongside Bahrain, Bangladesh, Brazil, China, South Africa, Sri Lanka, the United Arab Emirates and the United States. The proposal had been introduced by Ukraine. The text reiterated the Assembly's demand for a comprehensive, just and lasting peace in accordance with international law and the UN Charter. Following the vote, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy thanked the 107 nations that backed the resolution, urging continued support for a full ceasefire and the return of Ukrainian citizens. India has consistently maintained a calibrated position on the Russia-Ukraine conflict, advocating dialogue and diplomacy while refraining from taking sides in UN votes.

CIL T20 Tournament Heats Up as SCCL and NCL Register Victories



Ranchi: The Coal India Limited (CIL) Inter-Company T20 Cricket Tournament gathered momentum on Tuesday as Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) and Northern Coalfields Limited (NCL) clinched victories in two closely watched matches at MECON Stadium. In the opening clash, SCCL edged past Central Coalfields Limited (CCL), Ranchi, in a tightly fought contest that went down to the wire, with players from both sides showcasing discipline and strong team spirit. The second match saw NCL, Singrauli, deliver a commanding performance to defeat Bharat Coking Coal Limited (BCCL), Dhanbad, highlighted by sharp batting and coordinated bowling. CCL Head of Corporate Communications Alok Kumar Gupta attended as chief guest and felicitated the first match's Man of the Match. He said such sporting events foster coordination, camaraderie and healthy competition among Coal India subsidiaries. Sports Manager Adil Husain also lauded the enthusiastic participation of teams. The tournament, hosted by CCL, began with a grand opening on February 20 and will culminate in the final on February 28, with ten teams competing. Officials said the event reflects Coal India's push to strengthen team spirit, employee engagement and a positive work culture alongside its core mining operations.

CMC Counting to Be Completed in One Day; Officials Stress Form Matching

Bokaro: Preparations are in full swing to ensure error-free, single-day vote counting for the 2026 Chas Municipal Corporation elections. A training session for counting staff was held at DAV Ispat Vidyalaya, Sector 2/C, where 60 supervisors and 130 assistants were briefed. Senior officials, including Prabhakar Dutta, Premchand Sinha, Jagarnath Lohara and Master Trainer Ashutosh Kumar, guided the personnel. Kumar highlighted common counting mistakes and demonstrated proper sorting, bundling and tallying procedures. Deputy Election Officer Premchand Sinha said counting for all wards of Chas Municipal Corporation and Phusro Municipal Council will be finished in one day, with additional counting tables arranged and staff directed to report on time. Officials made Form 17 and Form 18 matching mandatory. Ward ballot papers will be counted first, followed by pink ballots for Mayor/Chairman. Standard protocols—showing seals to agents, arranging ballots and bundling in sets of 50—were reiterated.

Mithila Sanskritik Parishad to Host Phagun Festival on March 2



Bokaro: The Mithila Sanskritik Parishad, representing the Mithila-Maithili community in Bokaro, will organise a grand Holi Milan and Phagun Festival on March 2 at 6:30 pm on the premises of Mithila Academy Public School. The decision was taken unanimously at the Parishad's executive meeting held late Tuesday evening at the Vidyapati Auditorium of Mithila Academy. The cultural evening will feature traditional Phagun songs, group singing and live musical performances. The meeting, chaired by Board of Directors Convenor Rajendra Kumar, constituted a five-member committee to ensure smooth conduct of the programme. Under the leadership of Vice President Samarendra Jha, the committee includes Finance Secretary Mihir Mohan Thakur, S.K. Jha, Avinash Jha 'Avi', Tarun Jha and Vijay Kumar Mishra 'Anju'. Among those present at the meeting were Board members Krishna Chandra Jha and Vijay Kumar Jha, General Secretary Neeraj Chaudhary, School Secretary Dilip Kumar Jha, Cultural Programme Director Arun Pathak, and several other council members. Organisers said the event aims to strengthen cultural bonding and celebrate the traditional spirit of Phagun among the Mithila community in Bokaro.

IIM Jamshedpur Marks Foundation Day with Student Pitch Contest, Expert Talks

Jamshedpur: The Indian Institute of Metals (IIM), Jamshedpur Chapter celebrated its Foundation Day with a series of academic and motivational events aimed at inspiring young minds in metallurgy and materials science. Students from the Department of Metallurgical and Materials Engineering (MME) of NIT Jamshedpur and BIT Sindri participated in an Elevator Pitch competition held at Beldhi Club. The student category focused on "Future Challenges in Metallurgy and Materials Science," while IIM members spoke on "Recent Developments in Metallurgy and Materials Science." The programme also featured expert talks by Dr. Anup Kumar, recipient of the IIM National Metallurgist Award-2025, along with IIM Young Metallurgist Award-2025 winners Dr. Ammasi and Mr. Kaushal, who motivated participants with insights from the field. A felicitation ceremony honoured chapter members recognised at the IIM-ATM 2025 event held at IIT Hyderabad. NIT Jamshedpur Director Dr. Gautam Sutradhar attended as chief guest, while Chapter Chairman Dr. Atanu Ranjan Pal presided over the programme.

'Pakistan PM Could Have Died': Trump Rekindles Operation Sindoor Narrative

Washington/New Delhi: US President Donald Trump has once again asserted that his intervention helped avert a potential India-Pakistan conflict in 2025, claiming millions of lives were at stake. Speaking during his State of the Union address on Tuesday, Trump said Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif told him that nearly 35 million people could have died if he had not stepped in during the tensions linked to Operation Sindoor. "In my first 10 months, I ended eight wars... Pakistan and India would have had a nuclear war. Thirty-five million people, the Prime Minister of Pakistan said, would have died if it were not for my involvement," Trump said, according to ANI. **India Firmly Rejects Claim** New Delhi has consistently dismissed Trump's



'35 Million Deaths Averted': Trump Says Pakistan PM Praised His Role in India-Pakistan Conflict

assertion, reiterating that the de-escalation between India and Pakistan was achieved without any third-party mediation. **Background: Operation Sindoor** India launched Operation Sindoor following the deadly Pahalgam terror attack, which killed 26 civilians. During the

operation, Indian Armed Forces conducted precision strikes on terror infrastructure in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK). Officials said nine terrorist camps—described as key training hubs—were destroyed within about 25 minutes of the operation.

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Income Tax Raids in Bokaro over Alleged DMFT Fund Irregularities

by Arvind Sharma

Bokaro: In a late-night crackdown, the Income Tax Department conducted extensive raids at multiple locations in Bokaro district of Jharkhand following allegations of large-scale misappropriation of District Mineral Foundation Trust (DMFT) funds. Search operations were carried out in Prabhat Colony and Street 37 of Sector 9 under Chas police station limits. Confirming

the development, Bokaro Deputy Commissioner Ajay Nath Jha said the Income Tax Department is probing the matter and that relevant fund details are available on the official website. According to police sources, Income Tax teams, supported by CRPF personnel, scrutinised documents at several suspected premises. One team reportedly searched the residence of Sonu Mishra of Chas, linked to Trinetra Enter-

prises. The probe is examining the firm's supply of Bala paintings to various schools in the district. Investigators also raided Prakash Xerox in Sector 9, operated by Prakash Kumar. The firm has been supplying stationery and related materials to schools and government institutions where irregularities have allegedly surfaced. Sources indicated the action followed suspicions of widespread discrepancies in the utilisation of DMFT

funds. During the operation, a cash-counting machine was reportedly requisitioned at one Sector 9 residence. An RTI inquiry is believed to have flagged embezzlement running into crores. Income Tax officials have so far refrained from making any official statement, maintaining distance from the media. The high-profile raids have triggered considerable buzz within Bokaro's administrative circles.

Sri Sri University Hosts Farmers' Fair Promoting Sustainable Agriculture in Athagarh

by Apurva

RNS: In a significant push toward promoting sustainable and technology-driven agriculture, Sri Sri University, Cuttack, Odisha, successfully organised the Krushak Sahayogi Mela at Kandarpur in Athagarh, attracting nearly 500 farmers from the surrounding region. The mela emerged as a vibrant platform for meaningful interaction among farmers, scientists and administrators, with a clear focus on advancing organic and sustainable practices in agricultural and horticultural crops. The event was formally inaugurated by Athagarh Sub-Collector Prahlad Narayan Sharma in the presence of Kandarpur Sarpanch Kalyani Khatua. Innovative stalls set up by ELP students showcased advanced farming methods,



pest and disease management models, and value-added agri products. ADM (Development) Ipsita Priyadarshini Mishra, attending as Chief Guest, urged farmers to adopt modern technologies and integrated pest management practices. Dean, Faculty of Agriculture, Prof. (Dr.) S. Kumaraswamy delivered the concluding address, while special appreciation was given to Asst. Prof. (Dr.) Subhrajyoti Panda for curating the farmer-centric exhibition.

The programme also featured a technical session and panel discussion on integrated pest and disease management and advanced crop techniques. Experts including Dr. Hara Prasad Mishra and Dr. Bhagaban Dash shared insights on IPM, climate-resilient farming and modern agricultural technologies. Active farmer participation made the mela a meaningful step towards strengthening sustainable agricultural development in the region.

DPS Bokaro Shines in KAMP-NASTA 2025 with Top State, District Ranks



Bokaro: Students of Delhi Public School (DPS), Bokaro Steel City delivered an outstanding performance in the KAMP-NASTA 2025 examination, securing top honours at both state and district levels. At the state level, DPS Bokaro claimed four spots among the 15 achievers. The state toppers from the school are Deeptanishu Kumar (Class V), Aniket Singh (Class VI), Saatvik Rupam Dwivedi (Class VII) and Pratyush Kumar (Class VIII). The school also dominated the district rankings, with four of the eight awardees belonging to DPS Bokaro. The district achievers include Divyanshi

Raj (Class V), Akshat Sparsh (Class VI), Sajag Suryansh Pandey (Class VII) and Alok Kushwaha (Class VIII). The Knowledge and Awareness Mapping Platform (KAMP) is a flagship initiative of the Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR) in collaboration with the National Institute of Science Communication and Policy Research (NIScPR). Congratulating the achievers, Principal Dr. A. S. Gangwar said nurturing analytical thinking and scientific temperament among young learners is key to shaping confident innovators of the future.

From Best Speaker to TQM Gold: BSL Doctors Make Mark at AISMOC

by Deepak Kumar

Bokaro: Doctors of Bokaro Steel Plant (BSL) delivered an impressive performance at the 45th All India Steel Medical Officers Conference (AISMOC) held in Durgapur, winning several prestigious awards and bringing laurels to the unit. The national-level conference saw participation from medical teams of all SAIL units, Tata Steel and other leading steel plants. Nine BSL doctors presented research papers and technical work under the guidance of Executive Director (Medical & Healthcare) Dr. B.B. Karunamay and CGM (Medical & Healthcare) Dr. R.K. Gautam. Among the top achievers, Dr. Tripti Chandra secured first place in the Total Quality Management category. Dr. Rajneesh Kumar was adjudged Best Speaker in



the Occupational Health & Safety category for his presentation on coal tar exposure among industrial workers. Dr. Deepti Prabha Ekka clinched second place in the long paper category for her study on tobacco's impact on the retinal nerve fibre layer. Dr. Shama Parveen and Dr. Akash Kant finished third in the PG short paper and MBBS paper categories respectively, while the duo of Dr. Santosh Choubey and Dr. Mohit Kumar secured third place in the MediQuiz event. Senior specialists Dr. Anand Kumar, Dr. Anindo Mandal

and Dr. Indranil Chaudhary provided key technical mentoring. The award-winning team met BSL Director-in-Charge Priya Ranjan on February 25 to share their experience. Congratulating the doctors in the presence of Dr. Karunamay, he praised their excellence and urged them to continue innovating in medical science. Officials said the achievement reflects BSL's strong commitment to quality healthcare and continuous professional development of its medical fraternity.

Bombay High Court reserves order on Rahul Gandhi plea in PM Modi defamation case

The complainant, a BJP worker, has alleged that Rahul Gandhi referred to PM Modi as 'commander-in-thief' while addressing a public rally in Rajasthan in September 2018.

Mumbai.(Agency)

The Bombay High Court on Tuesday reserved its order on Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's plea seeking the quashing of a defamation complaint pertaining to alleged remarks made by him against Prime Minister Narendra Modi in 2018. A single-judge bench of Justice NR Borkar heard advocates at length before reserving the order. The matter is related to a criminal defamation proceeding initiated before the Metropolitan Magistrate Court at Girgaon on August 28, 2019 by a Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) member named Mahesh Shrishrimal. He has said in his complaint that Gandhi referred to PM Modi as "commander-in-thief" while addressing a public rally in Rajasthan in



September 2018. Shrishrimal has alleged that the Congress leader also targeted the prime minister with the same term on social media as well. The complainant claimed that Gandhi's alleged name-calling amounted to describing all BJP

members and Indian citizens as thieves. The magistrate's court had issued a summons to Gandhi, who challenged it in the High Court, terming the complaint frivolous and vexatious, which deserved to be quashed. In his petition, the Congress leader said that the complaint was motivated by the sole purpose of furthering the complainant's latent political agenda. His counsel cited Section 199(2) of the Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC) – a provision which prescribes that a sessions court is required to take cognisance of an offence where the offence is alleged against a public servant in respect of conduct in the discharge of his public functions. Gandhi's lawyers argued that, in view of the aforementioned provision, a legal bar existed

on Shrishrimal against filing a complaint. It was also argued before the High Court by the petitioner that a political party is not identified as a group of persons eligible to file a defamation complaint in accordance with explanation 2 under Section 499 of the Indian Penal Code. Gandhi's legal team argued that this disbars Shrishrimal from filing a complaint in a representative capacity. The complainant opposed the petition, asserting that he had made out a prima facie case against Gandhi by deposing in support of his complaint and submitting evidence. It was further argued that Shrishrimal was an aggrieved person himself. He pointed out that the complaint was filed in the capacity of a member of BJP's Maharashtra unit.

Hope PM Modi mentions genocide in Gaza while addressing Knesset: Priyanka Gandhi

Her remarks came ahead of Modi's departure for Israel on a two-day visit, during which he is set to hold talks with the top leadership there and address the Knesset (Israeli parliament).

New Delhi.(Agency)

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upcoming trip to Israel and demands justice for them." She asserted, "India has stood for what is right throughout our history as an independent nation, we must continue to show the light of truth, peace and justice

to the world." Modi's visit begins on Wednesday to shore up bilateral defence and trade cooperation between the two countries. It will be Modi's second visit to Israel in nine years. The India-Israel relationship was elevated to the level of a strategic partnership during Modi's first visit to that country in July 2017. The Congress on Tuesday alleged that the government has abandoned the Palestinians and said the prime minister was going to Israel despite that country's attacks on civilians in Gaza continue "mercilessly". The party's general secretary in-charge communications, Jairam Ramesh, said the Modi government makes cynical and hypocritical statements on its commitment to the cause of the Palestinians, but, in reality, it has abandoned them.

Maharashtra's debt set to hit Rs 9.32 lakh crore as fresh budget demands raised

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Maharashtra's projected state debt is expected to rise to Rs 9.32 lakh crore, placing pressure on the state government's finances as it seeks additional funds to maintain essential services. On Tuesday, Chief Minister Devendra Fadnis, who also holds the finance portfolio, introduced supplementary budget demands worth Rs 11,995.33 crore in the state assembly. The latest proposal is significantly smaller than previous demands, as the government attempts to contain a widening revenue deficit that has already neared Rs 2 lakh crore following major spending approvals earlier in the fiscal year. Of the total proposed amount, Rs 5,748.10 crore has been earmarked for revenue expenditure to cover operational costs. Another Rs 6,003.79 crore has been allocated for capital expenditure aimed at infrastructure and long-term asset creation. The Industries and Energy Department accounts for the largest share, seeking Rs 5,840 crore. Within this, Rs 3,262 crore has been set aside for the power sector, while Rs 803 crore will go towards small and village industries. Other notable allocations include Rs 1,431 crore for water supply and sanitation. Smaller provisions have been proposed for medical education, rural development and OBC welfare. This conservative approach to spending comes after Fadnis took over the

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finance portfolio following the passing of Deputy CMAjit Pawar. Unlike earlier assembly sessions, where demands running into tens of thousands of crores were



placed for new schemes, the current supplementary demands are limited to meeting existing commitments. With the state's debt burden reaching record levels, the government has shifted its focus toward fiscal discipline in an effort to prevent the revenue deficit from widening further.

Identity not spelling test: MP schools Shashi Tharoor over 'Keralamite' quip

Thiruvananthapuram.(Agency)

Congress MP Shashi Tharoor's witty take on the renaming of Kerala to 'Keralam' -- particularly his quip about what residents should now be called -- has drawn a sharp response from CPI(M) MP John Brittas, who retorted that a simple glide from 'Kerala' to 'Keralam' would hardly trigger an "identity extinction event". Tharoor, reacting on Tuesday after the Union Cabinet approved the CPI(M)-led state government's proposal to rename the state, wondered what would happen to terms such as "Keralite" and "Keralan" for the "denizens" of the newly named "Keralam". "Keralamite sounds like a microbe and Keralamian like a rare earth mineral," he joked, adding that the Chief Minister might want to launch a competition to coin new terms "resulting from this electoral zeal". Brittas responded sharply, urging Tharoor to "step away from the microbe-mineral anxiety" and pointing out that people in the state would continue to identify themselves as Malayalees or Mallus. "We've survived quite happily as Malayalees in polite society and Mallus among friends (and in JNU, where it was equal parts tease and term of endearment). A gentle glide from "Kerala" to "Keralam" is not going to trigger an identity extinction event," the Rajya Sabha MP, a JNU alumnus, said in a social media post. He also noted that people from other states -- such as Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Bengal -- are commonly identified by linguistic identities like Telugu, Tamilian and Bengali. "No one panicked, coined 'Teluguite,' or set Twitter on fire," he remarked. "So if 'Keralam' makes you itch to invent new demonyms, feel free to clutch 'Keralite'. The rest of us will continue with Malayalee/Mallu, as we have for decades." Brittas, who is also from Kerala continued. The Left MP added, "Because identity isn't a spelling test. It's what survives when you're ordering biryani in Delhi and someone yells, 'Mallu da!'" -- with a grin. "On Tuesday, the Union Cabinet approved a proposal of the CPI(M)-led Kerala government to change the name of the state to Keralam. The decision came just two months ahead of the assembly elections in the state.

Amit Shah will review demography in Bihar

New Delhi.(Agency)

Union Home Minister Amit Shah will embark on a three-day visit to Bihar beginning Wednesday, during which he is scheduled to hold extensive deliberations with local authorities and security agencies, including the Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) with regard to concerns related to alleged demographic changes, infiltration and unauthorised religious constructions in sensitive border districts, sources said. A key highlight of the tour will be high-level review meetings in Bihar's Seemanchal region, which are described by the sources as the first initiative of its kind at this scale. Shah is set to chair a comprehensive session involving District Magistrates (DMs) and Superintendents of Police (SPs) from seven districts: Kishanganj, Araria, Purnia,

Katihar, Madhepura, Saharsa, and Supaul, the sources said. These districts lie along or in close proximity to the India-Nepal and India-Bangladesh borders and have historically been regarded as sensitive due to cross-border movement and internal security considerations, they added. During the three-day engagements, Shah is expected to give focused attention to issues of demographic shifts, instances of illegal infiltration and the status of religious structures allegedly constructed without required approvals from the authorities, they said. The sources indicated that detailed presentations will be made by district administrations and police officials, incorporating intelligence assessments and ground-level reports. The deliberations aim



to assess the prevailing situation comprehensively and identify vulnerabilities that may require corrective measures, the sources said. The Home Minister is likely to stress on the need for close coordination between civil administration and law enforcement agencies to effectively address security

concerns. "Clear directives are expected on improving synergy between district authorities and policing units, particularly to tackle infiltration and unauthorised constructions," a source said. He said that Shah's direct engagement at the district level signals a more granular review of developments in the region, marking the first time he will chair such meetings focused specifically on demographic and infiltration-related issues at this administrative tier. The move is being viewed as an indication of the Centre's heightened focus on Seemanchal. Its geographical proximity to international borders, combined with a complex socio-economic landscape, has also made it an area of sustained strategic interest for both state and central authorities.

"As Soon As There's More Clarity": Piyush Goyal On India-US Trade Talk

New Delhi.(Agency)

Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal on Tuesday said "as soon as" there is more clarity in the situation at the tariffs front in the US, India will resume trade talks. "As soon as there's more clarity in the situation," he said when asked how soon India will be resuming trade talks with the US. India and the US, on February 22, decided to reschedule the proposed meeting of their chief negotiators, supposed to be held in Washington this week, to finalise the text for the interim trade pact. The Indian team was scheduled to start the three-day meeting on February 23 in the US. When asked about the government's view on

easing of investment curbs imposed through press note 3 for attracting investments from countries like China, Goyal said the ministry is in dialogue with industry to understand the issues and can make it easier for them to engage with neighbouring countries, where relationships have improved. Under this press note, investments from countries sharing land borders with India, including China, need mandatory approval from the government in any sector. "This Press note 3 was brought in to safeguard Indian industry and businesses from opportunistic takeovers. Particularly in the wake of the pandemic, when valuations are taken as a big thing... In the



evolving situation and changing times, ours is a listening government; we are always open to new ideas, and we are always open to change with evolving times," Goyal said here at Business Standard Manthan. "We have an open mind

to see how we can attract better technology, more investment from China. Also, we are in dialogue and let us see..." he said. How soon this investment from China issue can be resolved, the minister said, the government has to see what really needs to be done in consultation with the domestic industry. "It may be a calibrated response. It may be step by step. And at the same time, we will certainly like to speed up the process. Ultimately, it's (investments from China) not banned. It's an approval process... Immediate effort is to speed up that approval process and make it easier for people to engage with technology and help expand our value chain engagement," he added.

FAITHLINE | The Chindian tale

Chinese New Year was last week on February 17, the dawning of the Year of the Fire Horse. Back after 60 years, it's described as 'a symbol of forward movement, independence and endurance'. We Indians love all happy festivals, besides desi ones, so, in honour of the Chinese-origin people in India, here's wishing everyone Happy Chinese New Year. The Chinese community in India, found mostly in Kolkata and Mumbai, is a small and shrinking minority with around 3,000-4,000 in Kolkata and 400 families in Mumbai. Kolkata has the most visible community, with historic Chinatowns in Tangra and Tiretta Bazaar. Mumbai's community is smaller in areas like Mazgaon.

The first Chinese settler, Yang Tai Chow, also known as Tong Achew, arrived in 1778 from Guangdong, establishing a sugar mill near Kolkata with Warren Hastings's permission. The population surged in the early 20th century, as many fled conflict in China. But sadly, the 1962 war with China led to the internment of thousands in Deoli, Rajasthan causing mass migration to Canada, Australia and Hong Kong.

The community is tight-knit, with many having married locals and being fluent in Indian bhashas. They maintain cultural traditions, such as celebrating the Chinese New Year at their temples, including the temple in Mumbai dedicated to Kwan Kung, a popular Chinese folk deity. The grave of Tong Achew is in Achipur by the Hooghly in the 24 Parganas. Achipur is named after him. His grave is visited by many Chinese during their New Year. After establishing tea gardens in Assam, the British authorities encouraged the migration of Chinese labourers and artisans from Kolkata in 1838, who overcame the language barrier and started intermingling. Many Chinese married local women and established a new community in Assam. They worked hard and soon began to prosper. Several 'China patti,' or small Chinatowns, sprang up in different parts of Assam. The China patti of Makum in Tinsukia district was the biggest and is still known for its unique Sino-Indian community. Across India, the Chinese grew famous as excellent dentists, hairdressers, shoemakers and restaurateurs. We talk so much about the Portuguese contribution of new vegetables from South America to India like potatoes, tomatoes and green chillies. The culinary contributions of Muslim cultures are well-known and we are completely used to the British influence on our eating habits be it tea, sliced bread, salted butter, sandwiches, cakes or bakes, and trends that took off widely after liberalisation like Italian pizza and pasta, or American inventions like burgers and hot dogs. But it's the Chinese in India who created an entire Sino-Indian cuisine that many call 'Chindian' and Delhi-NCR calls 'Chinjabi'. Nelson Wang is arguably the most famous pioneer of Chindian cuisine, and as anyone who's visited China knows, it's in a savoury league of its own, and quite different from actual Chinese food. Wang was born in Kolkata in 1950, the son of a Chinese immigrant. But his father passed away when he was very young and he was sent to an uncle in Mumbai, where he made his way up the restaurant ladder, finally opening his own. He is credited with inventing Chindian favourites like Chicken Manchurian, Cauliflower Manchurian and Veg Manchurian, none of which has anything to do with faraway Manchuria but a lot to do with pakoras dunked in gravy, with Chinese flavouring instead of Indian masalas. He is also held to have introduced Chindian staples like chicken corn soup, hot and sour soup, chicken lollipops and date pancakes with ice cream, besides spring rolls, noodles and fried rice.

India's AI ambition faces structural limits

India AI Impact Summit's most consequential silence concerned labour

A MOMENT at the India AI Impact Summit revealed more than the declaration itself. A university pavilion presented what it described as an indigenous robotic system. Within hours, it was identified as a commercially available Chinese robot dog. The exhibit was withdrawn. An apology followed. The episode was minor. The signal was not. India's sovereignty narrative in AI still rests on a global stack it does not control. The circulated Delhi Declaration affirms that AI's benefits should be shared by humanity. It is a sound principle. It is also voluntary. The text "takes note" and "recognises". It creates no binding obligation. In economics and diplomacy, commitments without enforcement shape tone, not incentives. This was the fourth in a sequence of global AI summits. Delhi was the first summit to be hosted by a Global South country. That mattered symbolically. But influence in AI will not be determined by sequence. It will be determined by control. Most AI coordination today operates through soft law — standards, benchmarks, procurement rules and reputational pressure. The issue is not whether Delhi produced a treaty. It is whether it created tools that can shape behaviour. The Declaration established platforms and frameworks. None requires reporting. None mandates verification. No institution is clearly tasked with implementation. The summit revealed a deeper divide. The UN argued for coordinated oversight and warned that without shared access to compute, developing economies risk exclusion. It is estimated that roughly \$3 billion could provide meaningful compute access for developing countries. The US delegation rejected global governance. European representatives spoke of strengthening regulatory guardrails. China — central to AI capability and chip supply chains — was not structurally embedded in the governance frame emerging from Delhi. India described itself as a bridge between advanced economies and the Global South. A bridge, however, requires stability on both sides.

The sharpest contradiction emerged on India's own stage. Leading AI firms acknowledged the risks of concentration and called for international coordination. The companies shaping the frontier were urging

oversight. Their home government was declining it. That divergence — between corporate calls for coordination and sovereign resistance — captures the gap between convening and governing. Bringing actors together does not align their incentives. The structural imbalance lies in the AI stack. The economy rests on three layers: compute, models and applications. India is strong at the application layer. UPI, Aadhaar and multilingual platforms such as BHASHINI operate at a national scale. They are credible templates. At the model layer, domestic firms have begun launching language models suited to Indian contexts. Compute remains the constraint. India's expansion of its

developing economies do not yet command. For advanced economies, the message is different. The firms driving AI's frontier are urging coordination. Governments remain divided. If major powers do not converge on governance architecture, fragmentation will follow. Developing economies will absorb the costs. India's parallel decision to join a US-led AI supply-chain initiative underscores the balancing act. Alignment may strengthen access. It also reduces room for neutrality. The test will be what India secures in return — influence over standards, access to compute or flexibility within export control regimes.



GPU pool is serious policy. Frontier clusters elsewhere operate at a much larger, dedicated scale. Compute is not merely hardware. It encompasses supply chains, export controls, energy capacity, cloud access and pricing power. Application strength built on externally controlled compute remains a form of dependence.

Two clear messages follow. For the Global South, the Declaration is a beginning, not a solution. Inclusion will depend less on the language of communiqués and more on who controls access to compute, sets evaluation standards and defines procurement rules. India's digital public infrastructure is replicable. But replication requires resources most

The summit's most consequential silence concerned labour. Its theme was "Welfare for all, Happiness of all." India's technology services workforce — roughly 5.8 million people — had no structured presence in the summit's power forums. The IMF estimates that about 40% of jobs globally could be affected by AI. Entry-level coding, testing and administrative work — the base of India's IT pyramid — is precisely where generative tools are reshaping demand. Labour appeared in commitments as a policy concern. It did not appear as a represented interest.

Prime Minister Modi's MANAV framework, moral systems, accountable governance, national sovereignty, accessible AI and valid oversight sets out the right ambition. The next phase will determine whether those principles translate into operational tools: audit capacity, supply-chain strategy, compute diffusion and legal clarity. That is not a criticism. It is the natural progression from declaration to implementation. Delhi demonstrated convening power. It showcased strength at the application layer and ambition at the model layer. It placed India at the centre of the discussion. What it did not demonstrate is structural leverage over the variables that determine who governs AI: compute access, standards and binding rules. A host sets the seating plan. A bridge connects systems. A passenger uses what others design. India is not merely a passenger. Whether it becomes a rule-shaper, rather than the world's most effective convener, is the question the next summit will sharpen.

Waste burden: New rules must be strictly enforced

The Supreme Court has flagged "uneven compliance" with the decade-old SWM Rules across the country

GETTING the basics right is a prerequisite for achieving the grand goal of Viksit Bharat. Among the civic challenges, solid waste management (SWM) continues to stick out like a sore thumb. Both urban and rural areas are plagued by overflowing landfills, improper waste segregation and inefficient disposal. The Supreme Court has flagged "uneven compliance" with the decade-old SWM Rules across the country, weeks before the new norms come into force. The SC has observed that the treatment of solid waste is not just an environmental issue — it also concerns public health and the economy. The ever-increasing garbage burden is adversely affecting ease of living, laying bare gaps in the implementation of flagship schemes like AMRUT (Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation) and the Smart Cities Mission. The Court has put the onus on local bodies and elected representatives (councillors/corporators) to encourage a sense of



responsibility among residents. Public awareness must go hand in hand with deterrence. It's clear that there is no room for leniency. The imposition of fines at the initial stage, followed by criminal prosecution when repeat offenders are involved, can potently demonstrate a zero-

tolerance approach. Cracking the whip on negligent officials can send a strong message against dereliction of duty.

There is a dire need for close coordination between the authorities and resident welfare associations. India's rise as a global economic powerhouse is expected to boost consumption and, consequently, increase waste generation. The Union government's new scheme to overhaul urban infrastructure with an investment of Rs 1 lakh crore is a step in the right direction. However, India's cities will struggle to meet the demands of a growing population unless policy-makers prioritise solid waste management. A waste-free India is just a chimera, but every sincere effort made today can prove to be worthwhile in the long run.

Cognition: the 7th domain of manoeuvre

The Meghna river testament argues that India's constitutional design is a strategic asset for cognitive resilience

THE vocabulary of conflict has outgrown its skin. For centuries, power was measured by the furrow of the plough and the wake of the warship. Strategy mapped land, sea, air, the silent depths, the vacuum of space and the flickering nerves of the cyber grid. Today, a seventh domain has quietly occupied the strategic centre. It is the most intimate and the most expansive: cognition.

This shift is no longer theoretical. From Eastern Europe to West Asia and across our own contested frontiers, the battlespace has already widened. Influence operations now precede, accompany and outlast kinetic action. The centre of gravity is migrating from platforms to perception, from firepower alone to the cohesion societies can sustain under stress. Across modern theatres, outcomes are increasingly shaped by narrative velocity, informational shock and societal resilience. Perception now compresses OODA (Observe, Orient, Decide, Act) loops, escalation thresholds and political decision cycles in ways classical doctrine did not fully anticipate. In mathematics, the zero, an Indian civilisational contribution, is the silent pivot that makes scale possible. In the architecture of a nation, societal coherence performs the same foundational role. Without that zero, the arithmetic of power becomes unstable.

Without it, even the most advanced kinetic integers — missiles, satellites and carrier groups — lose traction. When societal trust fractures, military capability grinds. When the two are fused, national power moves with far greater fluency. Cognition has therefore emerged as the

binding domain of modern conflict. At one layer lies the cohesion of the people; at the other operate the six traditional media of warfare. Each can function independently, but their true potency lies in integration. In the seventh domain, coherence is the adhesive that holds the whole.



The doctrine of the river: From attrition to envelopment India witnessed an early demonstration of this dynamic in 1971. The Meghna crossing, the audacious river manoeuvre that opened the road to Dhaka after the Pakistani Army demolished the bridge over the river, did more than reposition forces. It reshaped the adversary's perception of inevitability.

By bridging water obstacles through air mobility and

placing armour where logic denied movement, the campaign imposed cognitive shock. The adversary did not run out of ammunition; it ran out of will. Cognition accelerated surrender. In the age of artificial intelligence, the Meghna principle regains sharp relevance. In the seventh domain, the aim is cognitive envelopment: preserving systemic equilibrium faster than an adversary can fracture it. This advantage is never improvised in crisis; it is forged in the inter-war years through sustained, imaginative training.

India's structural masterpiece: Distributed resilience. Most modern powers resemble fortresses — centralised, imposing and often brittle. India has evolved differently. It functions as a living network. The Preamble serves as the constitutional source code. Pluralism operates as a high-bandwidth shock absorber. "Unity in Diversity" functions not as rhetoric but as distributed defence. Electoral churn, linguistic plurality and federal complexity have repeatedly stress-tested the Republic. That accumulated experience now constitutes strategic depth. A nation of 1.4 billion distinct voices, anchored in democratic consent, becomes an unusually powerful absorber of informational shock. Power that is not socially anchored is strategically fragile. Every conflict after 1962 bears witness to this resilience.

The AI moment and digital scaffolding Artificial intelligence is compressing the interval between perception and reaction. In such an environment, credibility itself becomes a form of combat power. The drone is a vector; cognition is the medium.

India's Digital Public Infrastructure offers an early template for architecting trust at population scale.

Properly governed, such platforms ensure that the distance between perception and verifiable reality does not widen dangerously.

The Ukraine stress test The Ukraine-Russia conflict provides a sobering stress test of the seventh domain. Years into the war, battlefield performance alone has not determined strategic endurance. Narrative coherence, economic stamina and political legitimacy continue to shape the trajectory.

What is increasingly visible is the centrality of societal cohesion under prolonged strain. States that retain internal trust sustain purpose longer; those that fragment accumulate strategic drag. From its founding moment, India embedded legitimacy in "We the People" and operationalised its civic compact at national scale. In the seventh domain, endurance flows not merely from firepower but from the cohesion that stands behind it.

The long war reality Modern conflict has shifted from a kinetic event to a prolonged systemic contest. In extended campaigns, the side that masters the learning loop dictates tempo, but endurance flows to the state that preserves its moral and institutional bedrock. Victory is no longer a single breakthrough. It is the sustained maintenance of decision advantage across time and distance. Narrative fatigue, decision overload and institutional drift now rival battlefield losses.

Doctrine itself is being forced into continuous adaptation. Rigid manuals struggle against conflicts that evolve in real time. The modern battlespace rewards organisations that can learn continuously, decentralise intelligently and adjust without losing coherence. Here again, the deeper advantage lies in the societal and constitutional anchors that sustain clarity under strain.

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नशा शराब के बेअसर हो जाला ।
तोहार हुस्न जब नजर हो जाला ।
डगमगाला पांव नशा के असर से,
नशा आंख दिल पर गदर हो जाला ।
झुके नजर त सांझ उठे त भोर होला,
निकला रात में दिन ओहर हो जाला ।
दिन में काजर ना लगावा तू आंख में ।
उगल सूरज डूब के बेनजर हो जाला ।
करिया केस उड़ी त बादर कहा जाई ।
लहराई बरसी बरखा जबर होजाला ।
हंसला से तोहरे जईसे चमके बिजुरी ।
जुदाई में तोहरे तन्हाई जहर हो जाला ।
मुस्का के मत देखा तिरछी नजर से तू ।
तड़प के दिल भारती कहर हो जाला ।

पितृ परबेर अनुष्ठान: गया माल नदीते व्यापक उपस्थिति जारी

गया, वशिष्ठ: आज पितृ पर २०२५-२६ एर द्वितीय दिने गयार पवति फल नदीरे उीरे उक्ति ३ उत्रशिरे एक गजौर प्रधनी अनुष्ठिति रया। प्राय ५०,००० एर३ वरनि उकु पदिान ३ उत्रण अनुष्ठाने अरुष तति एथाने जडरा रत। मधुपाठारे ह्रद, धूरे मूवाप एव पूणायीदने त्रुधग्राशी प्राथनार अरुषे पुरो पदविषे मूधरति ह्रनि। आवग्रेथन पदविषे पुद्रारे आदरे मातार जन्य पत्रिपण करनने, कनारार कौदते कौदते आदरे पतिमातार प्रति वदिन जानानने, आर एक शक्ति आर प्रशाउ भाखरे उत्रण अर्पण करे उपस्थिति प्रयार रनेके स्थ करे गशिहरे। एहे अनुष्ठान, या शक्ति उत्रशिरे गजौर अरुष, जौवति ३ प्रशाउरे मरुषे पवति अरुषकरे प्रतीक, या प्रजनारे आत्मार शक्ति ३ मुक्ति आत्माय दये वने वशिष्ठ करार रय। दीय शक्ति ३ दाशक आग अरुषे उकुवरा आदरे आरन तक्ति प्रदर्शन करनने। वशिष्ठेभावे तमिति पमिषे जन, तनि ३ पत्रिपण करे नदीते पवति भ्रान करनने। पुरोशतिदो ज्ञावगाश्रिपुर्ण नयिमे अरुषे अनुष्ठान पदविषे आर३ वरनि करनने। गया, या गजुषरुष-एर उरुषि श्रिषेवे पदविषे, पति परारे अरुषे वशिष्ठे आरुषे धारण करार। ए अरुषे दशरे करारकृति शके एव वदिषे शके ३ राजारे पूणायी एथाने आर। उरुषे नदीते कर्पणर जानशिहरे, एहे वरुषे उपस्थिति प्रशाउर आनके ३ परे गशिहरे, या प्राचीन उत्रशिरे प्रति आरुषे प्रदरार पदविषे। एकजन उकु वने, “एहे रीतिरिती श्रुधुमाप एकति उत्रशि नय, एति पतिपुररुषे प्रति कृउऊता प्रकाश एव आमादरे पवति कर्तव्य पालनरे माध्याम।” अरुषे दतिक यथन आकाश वीरे वीरे अरुषेकाराशति रते नागन, मरुषे पाड प्रदीपरे आनो नदीते उरुषे नागन, या ररुषे उरुषे प्रतीक श्रिषेवे वरुषे करारहनि।

सिंगापुर में मिले 1 लाख करोड़ रुपये के निवेश प्रस्ताव, 60 हजार करोड़ रुपये के हुए एमओयू: सीएम योगी

एजेंसी सिंगापुर। उत्तर प्रदेश को वर्ष 2029-30 तक 1 ट्रिलियन डॉलर की अर्थव्यवस्था बनाने के लक्ष्य के साथ सिंगापुर दौरे पर पहुंचे मुख्यमंत्री योगी आदित्यनाथ ने कहा कि सिंगापुर में टीम यूपी को लगभग 1 लाख करोड़ रुपये के निवेश प्रस्ताव प्राप्त हुए हैं, जिनमें से 60 हजार करोड़ रुपये के एमओयू 'इन्वेस्ट यूपी' द्वारा संपन्न किए जा चुके हैं। उन्होंने विश्वास जताया कि यह निवेश प्रदेश को 1 ट्रिलियन डॉलर इकॉनमी बनाने की दिशा में मील का पत्थर साबित होगा। मुख्यमंत्री ने कहा कि दुनिया आज पूरी तरह पारदर्शी हो चुकी है। निवेशकों को उत्तर प्रदेश में हो रही प्रत्येक गतिविधि की जानकारी है। यही कारण है कि कम समय में ही यूपी को इतना बड़ा निवेश प्राप्त हुआ है। मौडियाकार्मियों से



बातचीत में मुख्यमंत्री ने बताया कि उनके साथ एक बड़ा प्रतिनिधिमंडल सिंगापुर व जापान की यात्रा पर आया है। सिंगापुर पहुंचने के बाद सुबह 8:30 बजे से देर रात तक लगातार बैठकें चलीं और दूसरे दिन भी प्रातःकाल से ही कार्यक्रम जारी रहे। उन्होंने कहा कि प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी के विजनरी नेतृत्व में पिछले 11 वर्षों में भारत ने समग्र विकास के विभिन्न

क्षेत्रों में उल्लेखनीय प्रगति की है। उसी विजन को आगे बढ़ाते हुए उत्तर प्रदेश ने बीते साढ़े आठ-नौ वर्षों में इन्फ्रास्ट्रक्चर, लॉजिस्टिक्स, सर्विस सेक्टर और जन-कल्याण के क्षेत्रों में तेज गति से विकास किया है। आज भारत और उत्तर प्रदेश की छवि विश्व स्तर पर अत्यंत सकारात्मक रूप में देखी जा रही है। 100 से अधिक शीर्ष प्रतिनिधियों से मुलाकात मुख्यमंत्री ने बताया कि पिछले दो दिनों में उन्होंने 100 से अधिक प्रतिनिधियों से भेंट की है। सिंगापुर के राष्ट्रपति, प्रधानमंत्री, उपप्रधानमंत्री, गृहमंत्री और ऊर्जा मंत्री के साथ भी उनकी सकारात्मक व सार्थक बातें हुईं। इसके अतिरिक्त प्रमुख फिनटेक कंपनियों के अध्यक्ष व सीईओ के साथ भी बैठकें की गईं। कई कंपनियों पहले

से भारत और उत्तर प्रदेश में निवेश कर रही हैं। सीएम योगी ने उल्लेख किया कि देश के सबसे बड़े एक्सप्रेसवे के रूप में विकसित हो रहे गंगा एक्सप्रेसवे में भी कुछ कंपनियों ने पहले से निवेश किया है। उन्होंने कहा कि उत्तर प्रदेश के प्रति निवेशकों की धारणा में 360 डिग्री का सकारात्मक परिवर्तन आया है। **जेवर में एमआरओ और कार्गो हब की दिशा में पहल** मुख्यमंत्री ने बताया कि प्रतिनिधिमंडल ने उन अत्याधुनिक स्थलों का भी दौरा किया, जहां सामान्य लोगों का प्रवेश कठिन होता है। विशेष रूप से शीघ्र शुरू होने वाले जेवर स्थित नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट के साथ कार्गो सुविधा और एमआरओ (मेंटेनेंस, रियर एंड ओवरहॉलिंग) विकसित करने के लिए सिंगापुर की दृष्टता का अध्ययन किया गया।

जीडीपी माप का तरीका बदलेगा, 27 फरवरी को आएंगे तीसरी तिमाही के आंकड़े

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। चालू वित्त वर्ष 2025-26 की तीसरी तिमाही (अक्टूबर-दिसंबर) के सकल घरेलू उत्पाद (जीडीपी) के आंकड़े 27 फरवरी को जारी किए जाएंगे। सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्रालय अब नई सीरीज के आधार पर जीडीपी का आंकड़ा जारी करेगा। आधिकारिक सूत्रों ने आज बताया कि केंद्र सरकार 27 फरवरी से जीडीपी गणना का नया तरीका लागू कर रही है। केंद्र सरकार ने बेस इयर 2011-12 से बदलकर 2022-23 कर दिया है, जिसके तहत जीडीपी के आंकड़े जारी होंगे। उपभोक्ता मूल्य सूचकांक (सीपीआई) पर आधारित खुदरा महंगाई के बाद जीडीपी आंकड़े के लिए बेस इयर 2022-23 होगा, जिसमें सटीकता के लिए 'डबल डिफ्लेशन' और 500-600 आइटम का इस्तेमाल होगा। इसके अलावा सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्रालय वित्त वर्ष 2025-26 के लिए जीडीपी के दूसरे अग्रिम अनुमान 27 फरवरी को जारी कर सकता है। इनमें नए आंकड़े और संशोधन शामिल होंगे। इसलिए पहले और दूसरी तिमाही के सभी पुराने आंकड़े भी नए आधार वर्ष 2022-23 के अनुसार बदल सकते हैं। उल्लेखनीय है कि पिछले महीने राष्ट्रीय सांख्यिकी कार्यालय (एनएसओ) के पहले अग्रिम अनुमान के अनुसार चालू वित्त वर्ष 2025-26 में वास्तविक जीडीपी में 7.4 फीसदी की वृद्धि दर रहने का अनुमान जताया गया है, जबकि पिछले वित्त वर्ष 2024-25 में जीडीपी वृद्धि दर 6.5 फीसदी थी।

केंद्र ने कच्चे जूट के लिए MSP बढ़ाई, प्रति क्विंटल 275 रुपए का इजाफा किया

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। केंद्र सरकार ने कच्चे जूट के लिए एमएसपी बढ़ाने का ऐलान किया। इससे जूट से जुड़े किसानों को अपनी फसल पर पहले के मुकाबले अधिक मुनाफा कमाने में मदद मिलेगी। विपणन सत्र 2026-27 के लिए कच्चे जूट के न्यूनतम समर्थन मूल्य (एमएसपी) को मंजूरी प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी की अध्यक्षता में गठित आर्थिक कार्य मंत्रिमंडलीय समिति में दी गई। आधिकारिक बयान में कहा गया कि 2026-27 सीजन के लिए कच्चे जूट (टीडी-3 ग्रेड) का एमएसपी 5,925 रुपए प्रति क्विंटल निर्धारित किया गया है। इससे जूट के अखिल भारतीय भांरित औसत उत्पादन लागत पर 61.8 प्रतिशत का लाभ सुनिश्चित होगा। विपणन सीजन 2026-27 के लिए कच्चे जूट का यह घोषित एमएसपी बजट 2018-19 में सरकार के घोषित अखिल भारतीय



भारित औसत उत्पादन लागत के कम से कम 1.5 गुना एमएसपी निर्धारित करने के सिद्धांत के अनुरूप है। बयान में आगे कहा गया कि किसानों को भुगतान की गई एमएसपी राशि 1342 करोड़ रुपए थी, जबकि वर्ष 2004-05 से 2013-14 की अवधि के दौरान भुगतान की गई राशि 441 करोड़ रुपए थी। सरकार ने बताया कि भारतीय जूट निगम (जेसीआई) मूल्य समर्थन संचालन करने के लिए केंद्र सरकार की नोडल एजेंसी के रूप में कार्य करना जारी रखेगी और ऐसे संचालन में होने वाले किसी भी नुकसान की भरपाई पूरी तरह से केंद्र सरकार की ओर से की जाएगी। भारत विश्व का सबसे बड़ा कच्चा जूट उत्पादक देश है, जिसका 99 प्रतिशत से अधिक उत्पादन पश्चिम बंगाल, बिहार, असम, ओडिशा और आंध्र प्रदेश में केंद्रित है। अनुकूल जलवायु और जलवायु के कारण पश्चिम बंगाल कुल उत्पादन का 80 प्रतिशत से अधिक हिस्सा उत्पादित करता है, जिसके बाद बिहार और असम का स्थान आता है।

भारत-इजराइल ने मुक्त व्यापार समझौता के लिए बातचीत का पहला दौर शुरू किया

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। भारत-इजराइल के बीच मुक्त व्यापार समझौता (एफटीए) के लिए बातचीत का पहला दौर 23 फरवरी को नई दिल्ली में शुरू हो गया है, यह दौर 26 फरवरी तक चलेगा। वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्रालय ने जारी एक बयान में बताया कि इस दौर के दौरान दोनों तरफ के तकनीकी विशेषज्ञ एफटीए के अलग-अलग पहलुओं जैसे कि सामान का व्यापार, सर्विस का व्यापार, ओरिजिन के नियम, सैनिटरी और फाइटोसैनिटरी उपाय, व्यापार में तकनीकी रुकावटें, कस्टम प्रक्रिया और व्यापार सुविधा, बौद्धिक संपदा अधिकार वगैरह को कवर करने वाले सत्र में शामिल होंगे। केंद्रीय वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्री पीयूष गोयल ने 'एक्स' पोस्ट पर जारी बयान में लिखा है, इजराइल के एक



प्रतिनिधिमंडल से आज मिला, जो इंडिया-इजराइल मुक्त व्यापार समझौता वार्ता (23-26 फरवरी, 2026) के पहले दौर के लिए भारत आया है। गोयल ने आगे कहा कि एफटीए पर बातचीत भारत-इजराइल द्विपक्षीय व्यापार और आर्थिक सहयोग को बढ़ाने की दिशा में एक जरूरी कदम है, जिसका मकसद दोनों तरफ के बिजनेस एर लोगो के लिए ज्यादा मौके बनाना है। मंत्रालय के मुताबिक भारत-इजरायल के बीच संदर्भ की शर्तें (टीओआर) पर नवंबर,

2025 में हस्ताक्षर किए गए थे, जिससे व्यापार और आर्थिक सहयोग बढ़ाने के लिए पहलवाने गए एफ्टिया पर वार्ता के लिए एक संरचित ढांचा बनाया गया था। वित्त वर्ष 2024-2025 में दोनों देशों के बीच कुल व्यापारिक व्यापार 3.62 बिलियन यूएस डॉलर। भारत और इजराइल कई सेक्टर में एक-दूसरे को पूरा करते हैं, और एफटीए एमएसएमई समेत बिजनेस को निरिश्चिता और अनुमान लगाकर दोनों देशों के व्यापार को और बढ़ाने में एक उत्प्रेरक की भूमिका निभाएगा।

छत्तीसगढ़ बजट: 1.72 लाख करोड़ का बजट पेश, एजुकेशन, इंडस्ट्री और कनेक्टिविटी पर बड़ा निवेश

एजेंसी रायपुर। छत्तीसगढ़ में साय सरकार ने वित्त वर्ष 2026-27 के लिए 1.72 लाख करोड़ रुपए का बजट पेश करते हुए बस्तर और अन्य पूर्व नक्सल प्रभावित क्षेत्रों के लिए शिक्षा, स्वास्थ्य, सिंचाई, डिजिटल कनेक्टिविटी और रोजगार का बड़ा रोजगार पैक पेश किया। वित्त मंत्री ओपी चौधरी ने साय सरकार का तीसरा बजट संकल्प धीम पर प्रस्तुत किया। मुख्यमंत्री विष्णुदेव साय ने बजट 2026-27 को जनकल्याण और विकास को समर्पित बताते हुए कहा कि यह बजट किसानों, महिलाओं, युवाओं और कर्मचारियों के सर्वाधिकरण के साथ छत्तीसगढ़ को विकसित राज्य बनाने की दिशा में महत्वपूर्ण कदम है। उन्होंने कहा कि कृषि, उद्योग, स्वास्थ्य और बुनियादी ढांचे पर विशेष प्रावधानों से प्रदेश में रोजगार के नए अवसर सृजित होंगे और आम जनता के जीवन

स्तर में सुधार आएगा। सरकार ने इस वर्ष कुल व्यय 1.72 लाख करोड़ रुपए निर्धारित किया है, जिसमें राजस्व व्यय 1.45 लाख करोड़ रुपए और पूंजीगत व्यय 26,500 करोड़ रुपए रखा गया है। पूंजीगत व्यय में वृद्धि से सड़क, स्वास्थ्य, शिक्षा और बुनियादी ढांचे जैसी स्थायी परिसंपत्तियों के निर्माण को गति मिलेगी, जिससे प्रदेश में विकास कार्यों को मजबूती मिलेगी। बजट में पूंजी निवेश के लिए केंद्र से मिलने वाली विशेष सहायता को 4,000 करोड़ रुपए से बढ़ाकर 8,500 करोड़ रुपए किया गया है, जिससे बड़े बुनियादी ढांचा और विकास परियोजनाओं को आगे बढ़ाने में मदद मिलेगी। वहीं राजकोषीय घाटा जीएसडीपी के 2.87 प्रतिशत में नियंत्रित रखा गया है, जो संतुलित वित्तीय प्रबंधन को दर्शाता है और राज्य की मजबूत आर्थिक स्थिति का संकेत देता है। इस बार छत्तीसगढ़ के बजट में

सामाजिक क्षेत्र को सर्वाधिक प्राथमिकता देते हुए कुल व्यय का 40 प्रतिशत प्रावधान किया गया है, जबकि आर्थिक गतिविधियों को गति देने के लिए 36 प्रतिशत और प्रशासनिक व सामान्य सेवाओं के लिए 24 प्रतिशत राशि निर्धारित की गई है। इसके साथ ही पर्यावरण संरक्षण और सतत विकास को बढ़ावा देने के उद्देश्य से 14,300 करोड़ रुपए का विशेष ग्रीन बजट का भी प्रावधान किया गया है। बजट में सरगुजा, बस्तर और अन्य पूर्व नक्सल प्रभावित क्षेत्रों के समग्र विकास को केंद्र में रखा गया है। बस्तर क्षेत्र में शिक्षा के क्षेत्र में बड़ा कदम उठाते हुए अनुसूचित जाति और अनुसूचित जनजातों को आगे बढ़ाने के उद्देश्य से 'एजुकेशन सिटी' स्थापित करने की घोषणा की गई है। इसके लिए बजट में 100 करोड़ रुपए का प्रावधान रखा गया है। खेल और सांस्कृतिक पहचान को बढ़ावा देने के लिए भी सरकार ने

विशेष प्रावधान किए हैं। बस्तर ओलिंपिक और बस्तर पंडुम जैसी पहलों के लिए बजट में संसाधन उपलब्ध कराए गए हैं, ताकि स्थानीय प्रतिभाओं को मंच मिल सके और क्षेत्र की सकारात्मक पहचान मजबूत हो। इसके साथ ही बस्तर फाइटर्स के 1500 नवीन पदों का सृजन किया गया है। स्वास्थ्य सेवाओं के विस्तार पर भी सरकार ने खास ध्यान दिया है। जगदलपुर में सुपर स्पेशलिटी अस्पताल और दंतवाड़ा में मेडिकल कॉलेज एवं मेडिकल सिटी की स्थापना की घोषणा की गई है। इसके साथ ही इन क्षेत्रों में डॉक्टरों की विशेष भर्ती की जाएगी, ताकि दूरस्थ इलाकों के लोगों को गुणवत्तापूर्ण उपचार अपने ही क्षेत्र में मिल सके। सिंचाई क्षेत्र में भी बड़ा कदम उठाते हुए इंदरावती नदी पर लगभग 2024 करोड़ रुपए की लागत से बैराज निर्माण की योजना घोषित की गई है।

पीएनजीएस रेवा डायमंड ज्वेलरी का आईपीओ पहले दिन 59 फीसदी सबक्राइव

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। पीएनजीएस रेवा डायमंड ज्वेलरी लिमिटेड का आरंभिक सार्वजनिक निर्माण (आईपीओ) बोली के पहले दिन ही 0.59 गुना

सबक्राइव हुआ, जबकि गैर-संस्थागत निवेशक (एनआईआई) भाग 0.07 गुना सबक्राइव हुआ। पीएनजीएस रेवा डायमंड लिमिटेड ने इश्यू खुलने से एक दिन पहले एंकर निवेशक से



सबक्राइव हुआ, जो इस आईपीओ के लिए योग्य संस्थागत खरीदार और खुदरा निवेशक की जरूरतसत मांग को दिखाता है। स्टॉक एक्सचेंज पर मौजूद आंकड़ों के मुताबिक इस इश्यू को ऑफर किए गए 57,06,235 इक्विटी शेयरों के मुकाबले 33,83,712 इक्विटी शेयरों की बोली मिली। आंकड़ों के मुताबिक योग्य संस्थागत क्रेता (क्यूआईबी) और खुदरा भाग 0.92 गुना और 0.37 गुना

लगभग 170.6 करोड़ रुपये जुटाए थे। एंकर निवेशकों में हिस्सा लेने वाले कुछ बड़े संस्थानों में सिटीग्रुप ग्लोबल मार्केट्स मॉरिशस, सोहावती जेनरल, एस्टॉन कैपिटल वीसीसी-आर्वेन, अंजय एलजेस एआईएफ फंड, और होलानी वेंचर कैपिटल फंड-1 शामिल हैं। 10 रुपये फेस वैल्यू वाला यह आईपीओ 26 फरवरी को बंद होगा। इसके शेयर बीएसई तथा एनएसई पर सूचीबद्ध होने के लिए प्रस्तावित हैं।

'डेस्टिनेशन त्रिपुरा बिजनेस समिट' पूर्वोत्तर के विकास की नई कहानी के तौर पर उभरा : संताना चक्रमा

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। त्रिपुरा के उद्योग एवं वाणिज्य मंत्री संताना चक्रमा ने कहा कि 'डेस्टिनेशन त्रिपुरा बिजनेस समिट' राज्य की बाढ़ी इकोनॉमिक क्षमता और पूर्वोत्तर के नए विकास की कहानी को राष्ट्रीय और वैश्विक निवेशक के सामने पेश करने के लिए एक शक्तिशाली प्लेटफॉर्म के तौर पर उभरा है। संताना चक्रमा ने राष्ट्रीय राजधानी नई दिल्ली के तानसेन मार्ग में स्थित भारतीय वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग महासंघ (फिक्की) में 'डेस्टिनेशन त्रिपुरा बिजनेस समिट' को संबोधित करते हुए यह बात कही। उन्होंने कहा कि यह केवल एक बिजनेस समिट नहीं, बल्कि पूर्वोत्तर भारत की अपार संभावनाओं, नवाचार और विकास की

नई दिशा का सशक्त मंच था। संताना चक्रमा ने कहा कि देश-विदेश से आए सम्मानित निवेशकों, उद्योगपतियों और नीति निर्माताओं के साथ संवाद एवं विचार-विमर्श करने का अवसर अत्यंत प्रेरणादायक रहा। त्रिपुरा राज्य में उभरते औद्योगिक अवसर, इंफ्रास्ट्रक्चर विकास, स्टार्टअप इकोसिस्टम, एग्री-बेसड इंडस्ट्री, बांस उद्योग, पर्यटन, आईटी और मैनुफैक्चरिंग जैसे क्षेत्रों में निवेश की असीम संभावनाओं पर सार्थक चर्चा हुई। संताना चक्रमा ने कहा कि निवेशकों के साथ सकारात्मक संवाद, नए संबंधों की स्थापना और भविष्य की संभावनाओं को लेकर उसाह ने इस अनुभव को और भी यादगार बना दिया। उन्होंने कहा कि आशा है कि ऐसे प्रयास भारत के

पूर्वोत्तर क्षेत्र को आत्मनिर्भरता, औद्योगिक समृद्धि और सतत विकास की दिशा में नई ऊंचाइयों तक पहुंचाने में महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका निभाएंगे। डेस्टिनेशन त्रिपुरा के विकसित हो रहे औद्योगिक पारिस्थितिकी तंत्र, चल रही बुनियादी ढांचा पहल और प्रारंभिकता वाले क्षेत्रों में उभरते अवसरों को प्रदर्शित किया गया। इस आयोजन ने राज्य सरकार और उद्योग प्रतिनिधियों के बीच सार्थक जुड़ाव को सुगम बनाया, जिससे त्रिपुरा को एक उभरते निवेश गंतव्य के रूप में स्थापित किया गया। समिट में विभिन्न क्षेत्रों में 2000 करोड़ रुपये से अधिक के समझौता ज्ञापन और आशय पत्रों पर हस्ताक्षर किए गए। साथ ही एक विशेष राजदूत एवं उच्चव्यक्त बैठक भी आयोजित की गई,

सर्फाका बाजार में तेजी का रुख, सोना और चांदी ने लगाई छलांग

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। घरेलू सर्फाका बाजार में आज सोना और चांदी के भाव में तेजी का रुख नजर आ रहा है। सोना आज 2,260 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम से लेकर 2,510 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम तक महंगा हो गया। इसी तरह चांदी के भाव में भी आज 10,100 रुपये प्रति किलोग्राम की तेजी दर्ज की गई है। कीमत में आई तेजी के कारण देश के ज्यादातर सर्फाका बाजारों में 24 कैंरेट सोना आज 1,61,780 रुपये से लेकर 1,61,930 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम के स्तर पर कारोबार कर रहा है। इसी तरह अहमदाबाद में 24 कैंरेट सोने की रिटेल कीमत 1,61,830 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम और 22 कैंरेट सोने की कीमत 1,48,300 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम दर्ज की गई है। इन प्रमुख शहरों के अलावा चेन्नई में 24 कैंरेट सोना आज 1,61,780 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम की कीमत पर और 22 कैंरेट सोना

1,48,250 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम की कीमत पर बिक रहा है। वहीं, कोलकाता में 24 कैंरेट सोना 1,61,780 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम और 22 कैंरेट सोना 1,48,250 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम के स्तर पर कारोबार कर रहा है। भोपाल में 24 कैंरेट सोने की कीमत 1,61,830 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम के स्तर पर है, जबकि 22 कैंरेट सोना 1,48,300 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम के स्तर पर बिक रहा है। लखनऊ के सर्फाका बाजार में 24 कैंरेट सोना आज 1,61,930 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम के स्तर पर और 22 कैंरेट सोना 1,48,400 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम के स्तर पर बिक रहा है। बता दें कि सरकार 5,630 मेगावॉट की संयुक्त क्षमता वाली पंप स्टोरेज जलविद्युत परियोजनाओं के लिए 24,631 करोड़ रुपए के अनुमानित कुल निवेश के साथ पूंजीगत आवंटन कर रही है।

उन्होंने कहा कि किसानों को बिजली आपूर्ति की लागत 8 रुपए प्रति यूनिट से घटकर 3 रुपए प्रति यूनिट से भी कम हो गई है। यह बदलाव न सिर्फ किसानों को लाभ पहुंचा रहा है, बल्कि उद्योगों और परिवारों पर वित्तीय बोझ को भी कम कर रहा है। बता दें कि सरकार 5,630 मेगावॉट की संयुक्त क्षमता वाली पंप स्टोरेज जलविद्युत परियोजनाओं के लिए 24,631 करोड़ रुपए के अनुमानित कुल निवेश के साथ पूंजीगत आवंटन कर रही है।

वरिष्ठ नौकरशाह निधि छिब्बर को नीति आयोग के सीईओ का अतिरिक्त प्रभार

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। केंद्र सरकार ने निधि छिब्बर को नीति आयोग की मुख्य कार्यकारी अधिकारी (सीईओ) का अतिरिक्त प्रभार दिया है। निधि छिब्बर वर्तमान में नीति आयोग के विकास निगरानी एवं मूल्यांकन कार्यालय (डीएफओ) की महानिदेशक के पद पर कार्यरत हैं। आधिकारिक सूत्रों ने बताया कि वरिष्ठ नौकरशाह निधि छिब्बर को नीति आयोग के सीईओ का अतिरिक्त प्रभार दिया गया। सरकार ने मौजूदा सीईओ बीबीआर सुब्रह्मण्यम का तीन साल का कार्यकाल आज पूरा होने के बाद निधि छिब्बर को नीति आयोग की मुख्य कार्यकारी अधिकारी का अतिरिक्त प्रभार दिया है। छत्तीसगढ़ कैडर की 1994 बैच की भारतीय प्रशासनिक सेवा (आईएएस) की वरिष्ठ अधिकारी छिब्बर ने अपने करियर में कई महत्वपूर्ण पदों पर कार्य किया है। छिब्बर वर्तमान में नीति आयोग के विकास निगरानी एवं मूल्यांकन कार्यालय के महानिदेशक के रूप में कार्यरत हैं। इससे पहले वे केंद्रीय माध्यमिक शिक्षा बोर्ड (सीबीएसई) की अध्यक्ष रह चुकी हैं, जहां उन्होंने प्रमुख सुधारों और परीक्षा प्रक्रिया की देखरेख की।

महाराष्ट्र: सरकार ने विधानसभा में 11,995 करोड़ रुपए की पूरक मांगों पेश कीं

एजेंसी मुंबई। महाराष्ट्र के मुख्यमंत्री देवेंद्र फडणवीस ने राज्य के वित्त पर बढ़ते दबाव के बीच वित्त वर्ष 2025-26 का बाढ़ी इकोनॉमिक क्षमता और पूर्वोत्तर के नए विकास की कहानी को राष्ट्रीय और वैश्विक निवेशक के सामने पेश करने के लिए एक शक्तिशाली प्लेटफॉर्म के तौर पर उभरा है। संताना चक्रमा ने राष्ट्रीय राजधानी नई दिल्ली के तानसेन मार्ग में स्थित भारतीय वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग महासंघ (फिक्की) में 'डेस्टिनेशन त्रिपुरा बिजनेस समिट' को संबोधित करते हुए यह बात कही। उन्होंने कहा कि यह केवल एक बिजनेस समिट नहीं, बल्कि पूर्वोत्तर भारत की अपार संभावनाओं, नवाचार और विकास की

नई दिशा का सशक्त मंच था। संताना चक्रमा ने कहा कि देश-विदेश से आए सम्मानित निवेशकों, उद्योगपतियों और नीति निर्माताओं के साथ संवाद एवं विचार-विमर्श करने का अवसर अत्यंत प्रेरणादायक रहा। त्रिपुरा राज्य में उभरते औद्योगिक अवसर, इंफ्रास्ट्रक्चर विकास, स्टार्टअप इकोसिस्टम, एग्री-बेसड इंडस्ट्री, बांस उद्योग, पर्यटन, आईटी और मैनुफैक्चरिंग जैसे क्षेत्रों में निवेश की असीम संभावनाओं पर सार्थक चर्चा हुई। संताना चक्रमा ने कहा कि निवेशकों के साथ सकारात्मक संवाद, नए संबंधों की स्थापना और भविष्य की संभावनाओं को लेकर उसाह ने इस अनुभव को और भी यादगार बना दिया। उन्होंने कहा कि आशा है कि ऐसे प्रयास भारत के



घाटा पहले ही दो लाख करोड़ रुपए के आंकड़े को छू चुका था।

में अनुमान लगाया गया था कि महाराष्ट्र का ऋण भार बढ़कर 9.32 लाख करोड़ रुपए हो जाएगा। पेश की गई पूरक मांगों में राज्य सरकार ने न सिर्फ सीईओ भी नए और अतिरिक्त व्यय का प्रस्ताव करने से परहेज किया है, बल्कि पूरी तरह से किसानों के लिए बिजली सिंसाई और उद्योग प्रोत्साहनों पर ध्यान केंद्रित किया है। मुख्यमंत्री देवेंद्र फडणवीस 6 मार्च को वर्ष 2026-27 का राज्य बजट पेश करेंगे। उन्होंने रविवार को प्रेस कॉन्फ्रेंस में पहले ही घोषणा कर दी है कि वित्तीय अनुशासन बनाए रखने

के लिए कड़े कदम उठाए जा सकते हैं। इससे पहले, विश्व आर्थिक मंच (डब्ल्यूईएफ) की वार्षिक बैठक में सीएम ने कहा था कि राज्य इस वर्ष के अंत तक 16 गीगावॉट (जीडब्ल्यू) सौर ऊर्जा उत्पादन के लक्ष्य की ओर अग्रसर है। 2032 तक राज्य का लक्ष्य अतिरिक्त 45 गीगावॉट ऊर्जा उत्पादन करना है, जिसमें से 70 प्रतिशत सौर ऊर्जा से प्राप्त होगा। उन्होंने कहा था कि नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा को चार साल पहले 13 प्रतिशत थी, 2030 तक 52 प्रतिशत तक पहुंचने का अनुमान

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बिना तैयारी के वेतन वृद्धि के बारे में कहना गलत होता है, जबकि इसके लिए की गई तैयारी कार्य को आसान बनाती है। यहां बताए जा रहे हैं इससे जुड़े कुछ जरूरी बिंदु, जो वेतन वृद्धि की मांग करते हुए हमेशा ध्यान रखने चाहिए।

वेतनवृद्धि का आवेदन क्या सही क्या नहीं

जब आपके वेतनमान से आपके बारे में सही आकलन नहीं हो पाता या लंबे समय तक वेतन बढ़ाने की आपकी प्रार्थना पर ध्यान नहीं दिया जाता तो यह कुछ उपाय हैं, जो इस दिशा में आपको सफल बना सकते हैं। बेशक, कई बार वेतन बढ़ाने के लिए कहना तनाव भरा हो सकता है। हालांकि वेतन बढ़ाने से जुड़ी योजना में निवेश किए गए समय से आपको आपकी मनचाही सैलरी मिल भी सकती है। हमेशा याद रखें, 'सही तरीके से मोलभाव करके आप अपने विरोधी पक्ष पर विजय प्राप्त कर सकते हैं।' फिर भी हममें से अधिकांश लोगों की प्राथमिकताओं में 'सैलरी नेगोसिएशन स्किल्स' नहीं होतीं, लेकिन यह इतना महत्वपूर्ण मामला होता है कि इसे दरकिनार नहीं किया जा सकता।

वेतन वृद्धि के लिए एक योजना बनाएं

इस प्रक्रिया की शुरुआत यह जानने से करें कि अप्रैजल और वेतन वृद्धि का समय कब आएगा। इसके बारे में अपने मैनेजर से पहले ही बात कर लें और उन्हें अपनी परफॉरमेंस के बारे में सविस्तर जानकारी दें। अन्य शब्दों में, 'एक आदर्श (आइडियल) के साथ शुरू करके डील

के साथ बात समाप्त करें।'

अपने हुनर और जॉब का आकलन

अपने पिछले कुछ परफॉरमेंस अप्रैजलस एकत्र करें और देखें कि उनमें आपका क्या आकलन रहा है। इसके बाद अपने कौशल, प्रोडक्टिव आउटपुट, उठाई गई अतिरिक्त जिम्मेदारियों और बेहतर या कमतर समय में कंपनी को दिए गए अपने योगदान के आधार पर अपनी वेतन वृद्धि की दावेदारी तैयार करें। यह सभी बिंदु आपके बारे में फैसला लेने में बहुत महत्वपूर्ण मानक साबित होते हैं।

अपने इतर कौशल का भी आकलन करें

वेतन वृद्धि पर बात शुरू करने से पहले मार्केट में अपने हुनर की कीमत भी जान लें। इस बारे में शोध करें और पता लगाएं कि आपके कार्यक्षेत्र में आपके बराबर अनुभव प्राप्त व्यक्तियों का वेतनमान क्या है। नेगोसिएशन प्रक्रिया की जानकारी प्राप्त करें और वेतनवृद्धि में कैश के अतिरिक्त अन्य लाभादि को भी अपनाएं। अपने आवेदन के पक्ष में आप विभिन्न तरह के

तथ्य और आंकड़ों की मदद ले सकते हैं। संस्थान के भीतर अपने उज्ज्वल भविष्य पर फोकस करें। बातचीत के समय दिल-दिमाग खुले रखें और तार्किक तरीके से अपने बॉस के दृष्टिकोण से भी सोच कर देखें। वेतनवृद्धि के बारे में अपने आवेदन में सीधी बात और एक निश्चित राशि की बात करें। यदि आपका बॉस आपके आवेदन को नकार देता है तो उनसे विनम्रतापूर्वक पूछें कि आपको उस स्तर पर पहुंचने के लिए और क्या करना होगा? कंपनी के संदर्भ में अपने प्रयासों पर बात करते हुए बताएं कि आप कितने वेतन के हकदार हैं। इन सबके बावजूद अन्य विकल्पों पर भी नजर रखें।

बिल्कुल न करें

वेतनवृद्धि पर इसलिए बिल्कुल बात न करें कि आपको पैसे की जरूरत है। आपकी कोई निजी जरूरत वेतनवृद्धि का कारण नहीं होनी चाहिए। इसके विपरीत, आपके किए गए कार्य के आधार पर ही आपकी वेतनवृद्धि तय होनी चाहिए। याद रखें, जरूरत के आधार पर कभी अच्छा मोलभाव नहीं हो सकता। अपने एम्प्लॉयर को किसी अन्य भारी वेतन वाली नौकरी से ब्लैकमेल न करें। एम्प्लॉयर कभी आपके हाथों का खिलौना बनना पसंद नहीं करेगा। इसलिए ऐसा कोई काम न करें। वेतनवृद्धि के लिए

नौकरी छोड़ने की धमकी या नोटिस देना कभी सही तरीका नहीं माना जाता। इसलिए किसी नकारात्मक तरीके को अपनाने की बजाय प्रोफेशनल तरीके से पेश आएँ। कभी अस्वाभाविक न हों। ऐसा तब और भी जरूरी हो जाता है, जब आप वेतनवृद्धि से जुड़े तथ्य जानते हों। आपके मित्रों को अधिक वेतन मिलता है, इसे देखते हुए कभी यह मांग न रखें। पहले अपना आकलन करें, उसके बाद ही कोई प्रस्ताव आगे रखें। यह भी न मानें कि आपका कार्य ही आपके बारे में बताएगा। अपने किए काम पर बात करें और उससे जुड़े आंकड़े सामने रखें, क्योंकि इससे आपका सही मूल्यांकन हो सकेगा।

बिना अपॉइंटमेंट के वेतनवृद्धि पर बात करने के लिए अपने बॉस के कमरे में न जा चुसें। इसके लिए जरूरी है कि मीटिंग के लिए सही समय पहले से निश्चित कर लें। बातचीत के दौरान वेतनवृद्धि की बात बिना भावुक हुए पूरी तार्किकता के साथ रखें। रुडयार्ड किप्लिंग ने कहा है, 'यदि आप जो चाहते हैं, वह आपको नहीं मिला तो यह इस बात का संकेत देता है कि या तो आप उसके बारे में गंभीर नहीं हैं या आपने कीमत के बारे में मोलभाव का प्रयास किया है।' लिहाजा, जरूरी है कि आपको पता हो कि वेतनवृद्धि पर बात करते हुए कहाँ सीमा रेखा खींचनी है।

पिछले एक दशक में प्रबंधन शिक्षा (मैनेजमेंट एजुकेशन) के साथ ही प्रबंधन अभ्यास के क्षेत्र में आमूल-मूल बदलाव आया है। पारिवारिक बिजनेस (फैमिली ओरिजिनेटेड बिजनेस) भी पेशेवर (प्रोफेशनल) हुआ है। प्राइवेट कंपनियों के मुख्य कार्यकारी अधिकारी (सीईओ) की सालाना सैलरी भी दो करोड़ से 20 करोड़ तक हो गई है।



मैनेजमेंट कंसलटेंसी में बढ़ी नौकरियों की संभावनाएं

युवा प्रोफेशनल्स 40 के उम्र में न केवल सीईओ बन रहे हैं, बल्कि कंपनियों के बोर्ड के मेंबर्स भी हो जा रहे हैं। इनफॉर्मेशन टेक्नोलॉजी के साथ ही वित्तीय सेवाओं और मैनेजमेंट कंसलटेंसी में नौकरियों की संभावनाएं काफी बढ़ी हैं। अब कंपनियों में न केवल सीनियर अधिकारियों को लेटरल इंट्री दे रही हैं, बल्कि उन्हें संस्था में लंबे समय तक बनाए रखने की कोशिश भी कर रही हैं। पहले कंपनियों में मैनेजमेंट ट्रेनीज पर ज्यादा विश्वास करती थीं।

बदलते परिदृश्य में कंपनियों के बोर्ड में गलत मैनेजमेंट प्रैक्टिस सामने आए हैं और कंपनियां इसको लेकर काफी संजीदा हुई हैं। कंपनियों में डेलिगेशन बढ़ा है, बावजूद प्राइवेट संगठन और फैमिली मैनेज्ड कंपनियों में नीतियों का निर्धारण अभी भी काफी हद तक सेंट्रलाइज्ड (केंद्रीयकृत) है। कंपनियों के बेहतर परफॉरमेंस के लिए अब प्राइवेट के साथ ही पब्लिक सेक्टर आर्गनाइजेशन भी प्रोफेशनल कंसलटेंट का

उपयोग ज्यादा से ज्यादा से कर रहे हैं।

प्रबंधन शिक्षा में भी बदलाव

प्रबंधन शिक्षा देने वाले बिजनेस स्कूलों की संख्या में तेजी से बढ़ोतरी हुई है। बिजनेस स्कूलों के साथ एमबीए कोर्स की संख्या में भी तेजी से इजाजा हुआ है। मैनेजमेंट के दो साल के कोर्स के अलावा अब वकिंग एजीक्यूटिव के एक साल का एमबीए प्रोग्राम काफी लोकप्रिय हुआ है। यही नहीं कोर्स कंटेंट में भी बदलाव आया है। सूचना प्रधान शिक्षण की जगह फाइनांस, स्ट्रेटजिक मैनेजमेंट को महत्व मिल रहा है।

भारतीय छात्रों का ग्लोबल एक्सपोजर बढ़ा है। मैनेजमेंट के सभी कोर्स में लड़कियों की संख्या में तेजी से बढ़ोतरी हुई है। प्रबंधन शिक्षा अब डाटा बेस्ड, केस ओरिएंटेड और पार्टिसिपेटिव हो गई है। अधिकतर बिजनेस स्कूल बिजनेस इथिक्स को अपने कोर्स में शामिल कर रहे हैं।

आइएएस के लिए कितने तैयार हैं आप

सिविल सेवा परीक्षा में भाग लेनेवाले युवाओं की संख्या बहुत अधिक होती है, क्योंकि सिविल सेवा उन्हें समाज के लिए कुछ करने का अधिकार देने के साथ-साथ रुतबा और प्रतिष्ठा भी दिलाता है। आइए जानें सिविल सेवा परीक्षा के एक पेपर (सीसेट) की तैयारी के बारे में, जिससे इसमें अच्छा स्कोर किया जा सके।

सिविल सर्विसेस प्रारंभिक परीक्षा के लिए आवेदन और शेष बचे समय में रणनीति के साथ अंतिम तैयारी परीक्षा में सफलता दिला सकती है।

परीक्षा का प्रकार

सिविल सर्विसेस प्रारंभिक परीक्षा में दो पेपर होते हैं। सीसेट और जनरल स्टडीज। दोनों का अपना महत्व होता है। इस बार सीसेट की तैयारी के बारे में, ध्यान रखें, सीसेट ऐसे अभ्यर्थियों के लिए चरदान है, जो किसी भी विषय को रटने की अपेक्षा समझने पर बल देते हैं।

सीसेट की तैयारी

सीसेट (सिविल सर्विसेस एप्टीट्यूड टेस्ट) में 200 अंकों के लिए दो घंटे का समय निर्धारित है। सीसेट के द्वारा सभी विषय के छात्रों को एक समान स्तर पर लाया गया है। इससे रटने की प्रवृत्ति को समाप्त कर अभ्यर्थी की तार्किकता, समझदारी, व्यक्तित्व और उसके अंदर छुपे प्रशासनिक गुणों को देखा जाता है। इसमें अभ्यर्थी की भाषा में पकड़, विभिन्न परिस्थितियों में निर्णय लेने की क्षमता, तीव्र गति से आकलन एवं गणना करने की क्षमता का भी पता चलता है। सीसेट कई भागों में बंटा है। प्रत्येक भाग की तैयारी के लिए अलग-अलग रणनीति अपनाएं।

भाषा-हिंदी/अंगरेजी

सीसेट के प्रथम भाग में हिंदी और अंगरेजी में कॉंप्रिहेंशन दिये जाते हैं। इसमें कुछ पैसेज के आधार पर प्रश्न पूछे जाते हैं। इस पैसेज को सावधानी से पढ़ कर, अच्छे से समझ लें, फिर उत्तर दें। आपने अपने यूपीएससी प्रारंभिक परीक्षा के फॉर्म में भाषा के स्थान पर जिस भाषा का चयन किया है, कॉंप्रिहेंशन उसी भाषा में करें।

गणितीय योग्यता

सीसेट में गणित के सवाल के जरिये आपकी सटीकता की जांच की जायेगी। गणित में एनसीइआरटी की छठी से लेकर 10वीं तक की पुस्तक से प्रश्न होंगे। इनमें प्रतिशत, औसत, आयु समय एवं काम, समय एवं दूरी, संभावना आदि अध्याय मुख्य होंगे। गणित को नियमित अभ्यास के माध्यम से ही बेहतर किया जा सकता है। कुछ चीजों को याद कर लें, जैसे 1 से 50 तक के वर्ग, 1 से 10 तक वर्गमूल

आदि। इसके अलावा गणित के प्रश्न हल करते समय अपने दिमाग को स्थिर रखना अनिवार्य है।

निर्णय क्षमता

निर्णय लेना ही प्रशासक का मुख्य कार्य है। एक अच्छा निर्णय किसी भी समस्या को सदा के लिए समाप्त कर देता है। निर्णय लेते समय समस्या से संबंधित सूचनाएं एवं आंकड़ों का विश्लेषण करते हैं। इसमें आपकी ज्ञान, समझ, धैर्य, पढ़ल करने की क्षमता आदि का पता चलता है। इसीलिए इस प्रकार के प्रश्नों को कई चरणों में बांट कर हल करें।

सम्प्रेषण कौशल

लोक सेवक को जनता, नेता, मीडिया एवं नौकरशाह से बातचीत करनी पड़ती है। इसीलिए प्रत्येक लोक सेवक को विभिन्न व्यक्तियों से विभिन्न समय पर संपर्क / संचार / वार्ता स्थापित करने की कला मिलनी चाहिए। प्रशासनिक व्यक्ति तथ्य आधारित संचार देते हैं, सभी संचार औपचारिक माध्यम के द्वारा स्थापित हो, इसका ध्यान रखना चाहिए।

तार्किक क्षमता

इस मार्ग में मुख्य रूप से अभ्यर्थी की मानसिक शक्ति की जांच की जायेगी। अधिकतर प्रश्न पहली के रूप में रहेंगे। इसके लिए आरएस अग्रवाल की पुस्तक काफी उपयोगी है। अधिक अभ्यास के द्वारा कम, समय में प्रश्न को हल किया जा सकता है।

मानसिक योग्यता

यह भी एक प्रकार से रीजनिंग का ही भाग है। इसके अंतर्गत किसी दिये गये आंकड़ों के आधार पर किसी घटना को सिद्ध करना होता है। इसके लिए भी आरएस अग्रवाल की पुस्तक उपयोगी है।

अंगरेजी भाषा और बोध परीक्षण

यह भाग सभी अभ्यर्थियों के लिए केवल अंगरेजी में ही होगा। इसमें कुछ पैसेज के आधार पर प्रश्न पूछे जायेंगे। इन्हें सावधानी से पढ़ कर उत्तर दें, इस भाग में कुछ प्रश्न ग्रांमर से भी रहेंगे, जिसके लिए कोई भी दसवीं क्लास की ग्रांमर की किताब की मदद लें। इस भाग की तैयारी के लिए यूपीएससी द्वारा आयोजित दूसरी बहुविकल्पीय परीक्षाओं, जिसमें अंगरेजी के प्रश्न पूछे जाते हैं, के प्रश्नपत्र को लेकर हल करें और बार-बार अभ्यास करें।

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Trust Hardik Pandya: Kumble says promote India all-rounder in case of another collapse

New Delhi. (Agency)

What happens if India suffers another batting collapse in the T20 World Cup 2026? Well, Anil Kumble has the solution, saying that India needs to promote Hardik Pandya up the order in such a scenario. The Indian team has struggled for consistency with the bat during the tournament, suffering collapses in their innings during the first five matches. In the loss to South Africa, India were left reeling at 26 for three and decided to send in Washington Sundar. The experiment flopped as Sundar was unable to counter the pressure, scoring 11 off 11 and by the time he was dismissed, India slipped to 43 for four in 7.2 overs while chasing 188. Speaking to the broadcasters, Kumble said that it is time India trusts Hardik in the role instead of going for a stop-gap option. The former India coach feels that the all-rounder has the skill to counter the pressure and take



India into a winning position. "God forbid, if India gets into the same position as to how they sort of started off against South Africa, I would like to see Hardik Pandya walk in there at that point, rather than somebody else as a stop-gap to take the pressure off." "Hardik Pandya is capable of managing that pressure and also taking the game into a winning position. So I think those are some of the points that I think India should look at in case they do get into that kind of a situation against Zimbabwe or against West Indies, but they must play their A game," said Kumble. Kumble does have a point as Hardik has a fantastic record coming in at No.4 and No.5 for India. The all-rounder has scored 131 runs in six matches while batting at No.4 with an average of 43.66 and a strike-rate of 238.18. At No.5, the 32-year-old has scored 1208 runs at an average above 30 and a strike-rate of 154.47. Are India yet to bring A-game? Kumble also suggested that India are yet to bring their best game to the tournament, pointing out to how they let South Africa off the hook after having reduced them to 20 for three.

Bodo/Glimt knock Inter out of Champions League as Newcastle, Atletico reach last 16

New Delhi. (Agency)

Norway's Bodo/Glimt pulled off one of the most remarkable results in modern Champions League history on Tuesday, beating last season's runners-up Inter Milan 2-1 at San Siro to reach the last 16 with a 5-2 aggregate triumph, while Newcastle United, Atletico Madrid and Bayer Leverkusen also went through. Bodo/Glimt, the modest outfit from north of the Arctic Circle, were looking to follow up their stunning 3-1 win last week



in Norway in the first leg of their knockout phase play-off tie. Inter, the three-time European champions who are currently 10 points clear at the top of Serie A, were expected to pummel their visitors in an attempt to turn the tie around. But Bodo/Glimt survived at the back before finishing off the tie in the second half.

Jens Petter Hauge, who played for AC Milan in 2020/21, gave his team the lead just before the hour mark after a mistake by Manuel Akanji had allowed Ole Blomberg in for an initial shot which was saved. Hakon Evjen made it 2-0 on the night and 5-1 on aggregate, leaving Inter with too much to do, even if Alessandro Bastoni pulled one back with a shot that just crossed the line.

Bodo/Glimt, who had won four Norwegian Eliteserien titles in five years before finishing as runners-up last season to Viking Stavanger, are the first side from the country to go so far in Europe's elite club competition since Rosenborg reached the quarter-finals in 1997. "For us it's been unbelievable. We knew it would be very hard against Inter who are a very strong team and played in the final last season," said Hauge. They will find out their last-16 opponents on Friday but already know it will either be Sporting of Portugal or Manchester City next -- they defeated City 3-1 at home last month during the league phase. What makes their success all the more striking is that Kjetil Knutsen's team are currently in their off-season, with the Norwegian league ending in late November and the new campaign not beginning until mid-March.

PAK vs ENG, Super 8s: Shaheen Afridi in awe of Harry Brook's heroics in Pallekele

PAK vs ENG, T20 World Cup 2026:

Pakistan pacer Shaheen Afridi praised Harry Brook's match-winning century as "the best innings of his life" after England secured a thrilling semifinal berth in Pallekele.

LONDON. (Agency)

Pakistan pacer Shaheen Shah Afridi hailed England captain Harry Brook for playing "the best innings of his life" after the skipper's sensational century powered England into the T20 World Cup semifinals with a thrilling two-wicket victory on Tuesday, February 24.

Brook smashed a 51-ball 100 to guide England to a successful chase of 165 at the Pallekele International Cricket Stadium. The innings marked England's fifth consecutive T20 World Cup semifinal appearance and eliminated Pakistan's direct route to the last four. Shaheen, who claimed four for 30 in four overs, walked across to shake Brook's hand during the match in a rare show of

appreciation for an opposition player. The gesture came moments after the left-arm pacer had bowled Brook with a yorker, one ball after the England captain completed his maiden T20 century. "HE DESERVED IT"

"I think this will be the best innings of his life. He should be credited for playing a proper cricketing shot. The wicket was not easy," Shaheen said at the post-match press conference.

"If we look at his batsmen, they were all struggling. But if we look at his knocks, he should be credited," the pacer added, reflecting on Brook's masterclass that came while England slipped to 58 for four in the chase. Shaheen explained his decision to acknowledge Brook's brilliance mid-match. "He deserved it; it was a world-class innings. Harry and I had a very good friendship as well when we played together in PSL. He played with us for Lahore Qalandars," he said. Brook's 100, which featured 10 fours and four sixes, is the highest individual score by an England captain in T20 World Cup history. He batted at number three for the first time and

anchored the chase single-handedly before falling in the 18th over with England needing



just 10 runs.

PAKISTAN'S SLIM HOPES

Pakistan's chances of reaching the semifinals now hang by a thread. England have already qualified from Group 2, leaving New Zealand, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka fighting for the second spot. For Pakistan to advance, they must beat Sri Lanka in their final Super Eight match and hope New Zealand lose their remaining fixture. The equation has slipped out of Pakistan's control. "These things

happen in cricket. But we are still in the tournament; anything can happen. We are thinking that we get this one opportunity -- firstly, we should win this match (against Sri Lanka)," Shaheen said.

"Hope New Zealand loses their match. Yes, you said I dropped out, but my focus is to work on my bowling, how to come back, how to work on my bowling, and maintain my normal things, so that I can give good results in the match."

SHAHEEN'S RETURN

Tuesday's match marked Shaheen's comeback after being dropped for Pakistan's previous two games.

Despite his four-wicket haul that included three wickets in his opening spell, Pakistan failed to defend 164.

Sahibzada Farhan top-scored for Pakistan with 63 off 45 balls, but England spinner Liam Dawson's three for 24 restricted the total. Brook then took control, finding an able ally in Will Jacks (28 off 23 balls) as they added 52 runs for the sixth wicket to seal England's passage.

Axar or Sundar Why not both says Shastri ahead of India's do-or-die Super 8s clash

New Delhi. (Agency)

Former India cricketer and head coach Ravi Shastri has called for defending champions India to field both spin all-rounders Axar Patel and Washington Sundar in their crucial T20 World Cup 2026 Super Eight clash against Zimbabwe on Thursday, February 26, at the MA Chidambaram Stadium. India faces a must-win situation after suffering a 76-run defeat to South Africa at the Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad on Sunday. The loss ended India's 12-match winning streak across the last two editions of the tournament and has put pressure on the team ahead of their remaining Super Eight fixtures against Zimbabwe and the West Indies in Kolkata on Sunday. The team management's decision to bench vice-captain Axar Patel in favour of Sundar against South Africa drew heavy criticism from experts and fans. Sundar bowled just two overs, conceding 17 runs without taking a wicket, and scored 11 off 11 balls at number five.

TACTICAL MATCHUP BACKFIRES

Captain Suryakumar Yadav explained at the toss that Sundar's selection was a tactical call aimed at countering South Africa's three left-handed batters in their top five. The right-arm off-spinner was expected to turn the ball away from the left-handers,

unlike left-arm spinner Axar, who would have been easier for them to attack. However, the strategy failed to deliver results. Varun Chakravarthy's struggles compounded India's bowling woes, leaving the team short of options on



the day.

SHASTRI BACKS DUAL SPIN ATTACK

"I think they have to bring him (Axar Patel) back. You need that experience," Shastri told ICC Review, advocating for the vice-captain's return to the playing XI. "I would say play both (Patel and Sundar). Give yourself that extra option. Because on a given day, you're bound to have one bowler who's going to have an off day. Like, for

example, Varun Chakravarthy on Sunday. He was not at his best, and he paid the price for it," the former coach added.

Shastri outlined a batting order that could accommodate both spinners. With Hardik Pandya at number five, Shivam Dube at six, and Sundar at seven, Axar could slot in at number eight or even move up to five if needed.

RINKU SINGH'S ABSENCE OPENS DOOR

The selection equation has been complicated by batter Rinku Singh's absence due to a family emergency. The left-hander is unlikely to be available for Thursday's match against Zimbabwe.

"Now, if eight batters can't do the job in T20 cricket, then something's wrong, especially with that kind of firepower," Shastri told ICC Review.

"Where you're missing out is you're not giving yourself that extra option of a bowler, which I think is important. Rinku Singh might have to miss out. But if he has to come in, he has to come in place of a specialist batter. Rinku's absence could allow India to directly replace him with Axar, giving the team the extra bowling option Shastri advocates for without disrupting the balance of specialist batters.

NZ vs SL, Super 8 preview: Sri Lanka look for redemption after England horror

New Delhi. (Agency)

Sri Lanka and New Zealand face off in an all-important Super 8 match on Wednesday with the race for T20 World Cup semifinals heating up. On Tuesday, England sealed one of their two semi-final spots from Group 2 with their two-wicket win over Pakistan, leaving only one more up for grabs and three teams fighting for it. The Super 8 Group 2 match between New Zealand and Sri Lanka will be played at R Premadasa Stadium in Colombo. The match will get underway at 7 pm IST. JioHotstar and Star Sports will provide livestreaming and TV coverage of the match.



door as far as semi-final qualification is concerned. Pakistan would also watch the match closely as their chances of going through will depend on the clash.

CAN SRI LANKA BOUNCE BACK?

Sri Lanka won the title back in 2014, but since then they have had a tough time, failing to qualify for the semis even once. Sri Lanka started the ongoing edition with three wins

on the bounce and looked threatening. Their momentum was halted when Zimbabwe beat them by six wickets. But the 51-run loss against England was particularly disappointing as they were bowled out for 95 while chasing 147. However, Sri Lanka are determined to respond. Speaking at the pre-match press conference, Dunieth Wellalage said the co-hosts would give everything against the Black Caps in a bid to make the nation proud.

"If you look at our recent performances, we have won several matches convincingly as a team, and the players have been performing well individually too. This World Cup is extremely important for our country," Wellalage said. "As a unit, every player is determined to give more than 100 percent for the nation whenever we step onto the field.



Brook. WHY DID BROOK MOVE TO NO.3?

Brook has enjoyed a great time playing against Pakistan in all formats of the game. In T20Is, the England skipper has 376 runs in 11 matches with an average of 62.66 and a strike-rate of 159.32. Brook attributed his record against Pakistan as the main reason to move up the order and put pressure on them.

"Well, I think partly because of my past and history against Pakistan, but like I said, to try and maximise the power play and put them under pressure early on. I know we were losing wickets, but my job was still to try to go out there and put them under pressure throughout," said Brook. When asked to rate his innings, Brook said that this knock was certainly high up on the list of his best white-ball knocks.

Turning the tide in Chennai: Inside India's 4-hour grind against absence of pace

New Delhi. (Agency)

"I have a soft spot for leg-spinners. In Under-15 cricket, I once fielded a side with four of them," said Srinivasa Rao, one of Chennai's most respected coaches. India knew exactly what they required; the Tamil Nadu Cricket Association knew exactly whom to call. Tuesday evening at the MA Chidambaram Stadium became a trial by spin. With their second Super 8 fixture of the T20 World Cup against Zimbabwe looming on Thursday, India submitted themselves to nearly four hours of deliberate slow-bowling examination. Rao's boys, alongside India's own spin arsenal, ensured the batters confronted the very condition that had undone them. This batting order, heralded as an invincible juggernaut capable of scaling the 300-run peak in T20s, had been unceremoniously dismantled the moment South Africa took the pace off the ball. Chasing 188 on Sunday, they subsided for a haunting 111. The diagnostic was clear: in

Chennai, the test would be one of patience and manufactured power. Could they dominate when the ball refused to come onto the bat? All 14 available squad members trained. Only Rinku Singh was absent, having flown home due to a family emergency. The intensity was unmistakable. While the arithmetic of semi-final permutations swirled in the outside world, India's interior world at Chepauk was one of clinical execution—refining match-ups and auditioning roles should Rinku remain unavailable for Thursday's fixture. Training began around 6pm. A gentle February evening settled over Chennai. The sun dipped behind the stands; birds drifted overhead. Beyond the ground, water slapped rhythmically in the swimming pool at the venue as local athletes trained, the sound carrying into the open stadium. Calm held Chepauk briefly, like the sea pausing between tides. Then India finished their warm-ups, and the stillness

gave way to the sharp, unmistakable crack of bat meeting ball. Zimbabwe, who had lost to West Indies in Mumbai on Monday, arrived in Chennai on Tuesday but chose not to train.



Chepauk belonged entirely to India. ABHISHEK JOINS THE SPIN-BOWLING GROUP

The first group walked in. Tilak Varma and Suryakumar Yadav took one net. Ishan Kishan and Sanju Samson the

other. Abhishek Sharma was not among the batters. He had the ball in hand. In a week when batting positions had been dissected endlessly, his absence from the first lot carried its own quiet intrigue. This was not new. Throughout this World Cup, Abhishek has eased into sessions by rolling his arm over first, entering the rhythm of training before stepping into the scrutiny that awaits him with the bat. Three ducks and a laboured 14 had shaped his tournament so far. His routine, however, has remained unchanged. Until recently, it appeared a straight Samson-versus-Abhishek call. Rinku's absence, however, has altered the arithmetic; against Zimbabwe, there may be room for both against Zimbabwe on Thursday. Abhishek bowled his full quota before even considering the pads. He joined a spin core of Axar Patel, carrying the quiet steel of a man controversially benched, Varun Chakravarthy, Kuldeep Yadav, and Washington Sundar.

Jacqueline Fernandez's

Beautiful February Moments Are Filled With 'Love'

Jacqueline Fernandez gave fans a glimpse into her February so far with a heartfelt social media post. Sharing a series of photos and videos, she captioned it: "Feb 2026 so far (red heart) Faith, God, friends, family, and showing up every day."

The post shares a mix of fun, fitness and family moments. Many photos show her spending quality time with friends and family, playing with cats and dogs, and enjoying everyday joys. Videos show her practising pole dance, highlighting a high-intensity, full-body workout that builds strength, balance and focus. Other clips show her playing golf in Dubai, sipping coffee, attending concerts, and enjoying life's lighter moments.

Amid Controversy

The post comes amid a swirl of controversy. On Valentine's Day, alleged conman Suresh Chandrasekhar, currently lodged in Delhi's Mandoli jail, claimed to have gifted Jacqueline a customised helicopter worth around ₹30 crore. In a handwritten letter, he referred to the actress as his "botta bomma" (beautiful doll) and described the helicopter as specially designed with her initials, JF, complementing other luxury assets he says he gifted her, including a yacht and a jet.



Suresh's letter was highly emotional, expressing his longing for her. "Every heartbeat of mine, especially today, reminds me of the distance between us and every breath carries your name," he wrote. He continued, "Every moment without your radiant smile, your gentle touch, your laughter, echoes like music in my dreams."

Jacqueline's Response

Jacqueline Fernandez has consistently maintained her innocence. Her legal team clarified that she has no connection to Suresh Chandrasekhar's alleged financial crimes and has not responded publicly to his recent claims about the helicopter.

Despite all the media attention, Jacqueline Fernandez's social media post focuses on gratitude and positivity. February 2026 appears to be a month of faith, family, friends, fitness, and enjoying simple joys, showing that even amid controversies, she continues to celebrate life's little moments. Fans have responded warmly to her post, appreciating the mix of inspiration, fun, and personal connection she shares.

Mamta Mohandas

Reveals She Dated An Actor Who Hid His Engagement; Says She Was 'Hasty' About Marriage

Actor-singer Mamta Mohandas has opened up about one of the most vulnerable chapters of her personal life — from heartbreak and misplaced trust to a marriage that lasted barely months.

In a recent conversation with actor Suhasini on a podcast for jewellery brand Jos Alukkas, Mamta spoke candidly about her experiences with love, including a relationship with an actor who, she later discovered, was already engaged.

Mamta Mohandas reveals she dated an engaged actor

Reflecting on the period between her cancer treatment and her 2011 marriage to Bahrain-based businessman Prajith Padmanabhan, Mamta shared that she had little experience with dating and relationships.

"I did meet a couple of men a few years before my marriage. What was interesting was that even before I got into a relationship, my diagnosis happened. I got married after the first year of my cancer treatment. One of the reasons for the haste was to fulfil all the other expectations I had of myself as a woman. I did not have practice with relationships or dating," she said. She revealed that she dated two men before getting married — one of whom belonged to the film industry.

"I dated two guys before getting married. It was very silly how much trust we place in another person. I only dated one guy from cinema back then. He was just engaged when he asked me out on a date. And I only found out about this a month later from his brother. He said, I think he has been seeing someone, and I should tell you honestly that he's engaged. Obviously, I was heartbroken," Mamta recalled.

She admitted that the revelation left her shattered, especially because she had trusted him completely. Speaking about the other man she dated, Mamta said he was largely "MIA" and emotionally unavailable. Looking back, she believes she was naive in assuming that people would treat her with greater seriousness because she had survived cancer. She

attributed those decisions to youth and inexperience, admitting she was "too young" to know better at the time.

Marriage to Prajith Padmanabhan

Mamta got engaged to Prajith in November 2011 and tied the knot in December the same year in Thalassery, Kerala. However, the marriage ended within six months, and the couple divorced in December 2012.

Her personal life during those years unfolded alongside intense health battles. Mamta was diagnosed with Hodgkin lymphoma in 2010. The cancer relapsed in 2013, adding to the emotional and physical toll. In



2023, she revealed that she had also been diagnosed with vitiligo.

Career journey

Born and raised in Bahrain, Mamta made her acting debut with the Malayalam film Mayookham in 2005. She entered Tamil cinema with Sivappathigaram in 2006, Telugu with Yamadonga in 2007, and Kannada with Gooli in 2008. Over the years, she has worked predominantly in Malayalam, Tamil and Telugu films.



Splitsvilla X6: Himanshu Defends Yogesh And Diksha, Takes Dig at Kashish Kapoor's 'Review'



Himanshu from Splitsvilla X6 has taken a sharp dig at Kashish Kapoor following her recent comments on Yogesh Rawat and Diksha Pawar. The controversy started after a clip of Yogesh and Diksha sharing a hug went viral, with some fans and contestants questioning whether it was more than friendly. Kashish Kapoor's review sparked Himanshu's strong response.

He said in his Instagram stories that Himanshu did not hold back when addressing Kashish Kapoor's past. Himanshu wrote, "Also joining the list is Kashish Kapoor. In her 'review,' she said she might have looked cheap in the way she thinks, and for your kind information, yes, the way you think is cheap."

Defending Yogesh and Diksha

Himanshu firmly defended the hug, stating, "Lastly, I just want to clarify that I don't see anything wrong with that hug. To the world and to my fans, please never behave like these idiots, take your mind out of the gutter, and respect women."

He criticised the broader behaviour of other contestants too, particularly Kushal Tanwar (Gullu) and Tayne. "Baar baar Tayne se woh baat bulwana ek purpose ke saath tha, to set a narrative and tarnish Yogesh and Diksha's character. I feel sad for all three of you and for the people associated with you," Himanshu wrote.

Calling Out Disrespectful Behaviour

Highlights her comments on Diksha he continued, "What you said about Diksha and Yogesh is extremely filthy. Especially as a woman, trying to put down another woman is shameful beyond measure."

This is the same girl who flaunted her hickeys on national television in the name of content and is now handing out character certificates to every other contestant." Ending on a sarcastic note, he added, "Ab is story ka kya jawab dena hai, woh bhi Reddit pe jaake notes banane, because anyway, your reactions are based on it."

The feud has reignited social media discussions among Splitsvilla X6 fans, with many praising Himanshu for defending Yogesh and Diksha while taking a strong stand against judgmental behaviour and disrespect toward women.

Naga Chaitanya, Sobhita Dhulipala Keep It Cute And Classy At Airport



Some couples just have that effortless vibe, and Naga Chaitanya and Sobhita Dhulipala are definitely one of them. They were spotted at the airport, looking super stylish without even trying. What really stole the show was their chemistry. Seeing them chat so naturally made the whole moment feel warm and completely relatable.

Naga Chaitanya And Sobhita Dhulipala Spotted At The Airport

In the paparazzi video, the couple was seen walking out of the airport together. Sobhita Dhulipala wore a crisp white shirt with a Chinese collar paired with black trousers and Kolhapuri chappals. Naga Chaitanya opted for a casual brown half-sleeve t-shirt with black trousers and black-and-white loafers. Both of them completed their looks with sleek black sunglasses, effortlessly nailing airport style.

The couple could be seen walking in sync as they made their way toward the exit. Sobhita pointed at something while chatting with Naga, who listened with his signature calmness. When they noticed the cameras, both of them broke into smiles before heading to their car.

Naga And Sobhita Are The Definition Of A Cute Couple

While many couldn't help but pause and admire their chemistry at the airport, their Instagram is filled with moments that feel just as special. Back in November last year, Sobhita wished Naga a happy birthday by sharing a beautiful picture of the two lost in a quiet moment together. She kept it simple and heartfelt, writing, "Happy birthday lover."

Sobhita also shared some lovely glimpses from her and Naga's Diwali celebrations. Their chemistry spoke for itself, and their stylish outfits definitely caught everyone's attention. Sobhita looked stunning in a purple suit set, while Naga kept it classic in a grey kurta. Naga, too, made sure to make his wife feel special on her birthday. He posted a sweet selfie and wrote, "Happy birthday, my lady."

What makes their moments so endearing is how effortless they feel. Not over the top, not too loud, just genuine and full of warmth. They truly are one of the cutest couples in town.

कोडरमा आरपीएफ ने गहने-नगदी से भरा बैग यात्री को लौटाया

ट्रेन में छूटा था जेवरत और नगदी से भरा पिछू बैग, ऑपरेशन अमानत के तहत हुई कार्रवाई

कोडरमा, एजेंसी। कोडरमा आरपीएफ ने एक यात्री का लाखों रूपए का सामान सफुशल बरामद कर उसे सौंप दिया है। यात्री का पिछू बैग ट्रेन यात्रा के दौरान छूट गया था, जिसमें कीमती गहने और नगदी शामिल थी।

यह घटना मंगलवार को तब सामने आई, जब आरपीएफ प्रभारी दीपक कुमार को सूचना मिली कि आरा-रांची एक्सप्रेस (गाड़ी संख्या 18639) के 56 बोगी के बर्थ 72 पर एक यात्री का बैग छूट गया है। यात्री करण सिंह ने बताया कि वह आरा से गया तक यात्रा कर रहे थे और गया स्टेशन पर उतरते समय उनका बैग ट्रेन में ही रह गया।

सूचना मिलते ही, आरपीएफ ने 'ऑपरेशन अमानत' के तहत कार्रवाई शुरू की। प्रभारी दीपक कुमार ने उप निरीक्षक सुशील कुमार और अन्य जवानों को कोडरमा स्टेशन पर ट्रेन अटेंड करने और बताई गई बोगी व बर्थ को छानबीन करने



का निर्देश दिया।

ट्रेन के कोडरमा पहुंचने पर, उप निरीक्षक सुशील कुमार और आरपीएफ जवानों ने संबंधित कोच की जांच की।

शिकायतकर्ता से वीडियो कॉल के माध्यम से संपर्क कर उसके सामान की पहचान कराई गई। यात्री के बैग को सुरक्षित रूप से बोगी से उतारकर रेलवे सुरक्षा बल,

कोडरमा पोस्ट पर रखा गया।

गुरुवार को यात्री करण सिंह कोडरमा रेलवे स्टेशन पहुंचे और अपने सामान की मांग की। आरपीएफ ने उनके पहचान पत्र की जांच की और बैग में रखे सामान का विवरण मांगा। उचित सत्यापन के बाद, जिसमें सोने की 04 अंगुठियां और 5

हजार रूपए नगद शामिल थे, पिछू बैग उन्हें सुपुर्द कर दिया गया।

बरामद किए गए सामान की कुल कीमत लगभग ढाई लाख रूपए आंकी गई है। अपना छूटा हुआ बैग और कीमती सामान वापस पाकर यात्री ने आरपीएफ के प्रति आभार व्यक्त किया।

सरायकेला में पूजा सामग्री दुकान में लगी आग

सरायकेला, एजेंसी। सरायकेला नगर पंचायत शहरी क्षेत्र के गुदड़ी के पास स्थित एक पूजा सामग्री की दुकान में बुधवार को अचानक आग लग गई। इस घटना में दुकान में रखा लगभग सारा सामान जलकर खाक हो गया। दुकान के मालिक कार्तिक सिंह मोदक ने बताया कि उन्हें आग लगने की जानकारी देर से मिली, तब तक आग काफी फैल चुकी थी। आग लगने के पीछे का कारण अभी तक स्पष्ट नहीं हो पाया है। आज की घटना में हुए कुल नुकसान का आकलन अभी तक नहीं किया जा सका है। कार्तिक सिंह मोदक ने यह भी बताया कि इससे पहले भी रात के समय उनकी दुकान में आग लग चुकी है, जिसमें लाखों रूपए का सामान नष्ट हो गया था। यह दूसरी बार है, जब उनकी दुकान आग की चपेट में आई है। आग लगने की सूचना तुरंत फायर ब्रिगेड को दी गई। फायर ब्रिगेड की टीम तुरंत मौके पर पहुंची और काफी मशकत के बाद आग पर काबू पाया। दुकान मालिक और स्थानीय लोगों ने राहत जताई कि समय रहते आग पर नियंत्रण पा लिया गया, अन्यथा आसपास की दुकानों में आग फैलने का गंभीर खतरा था।

बच्चा चोरी के अफवाह में तीन महिलाओं की पिटाई: धनबाद पुलिस ने महिलाओं को बचाया

आक्रोशित मीड को नियंत्रित करने में करनी पड़ी मशकत



धनबाद, एजेंसी। धनबाद में बुधवार को बच्चा चोरी की अफवाह पर भीड़ का गुस्सा सामने आया। ईस्ट बसुरिया ओपी क्षेत्र के निखनी पुल के पास तीन महिलाओं को बच्चा चोर समझकर पीटा गया। इस दौरान पुलिस की गाड़ी पर भी चप्पल और जूते फेंके गए। यह घटना ईस्ट बसुरिया ओपी क्षेत्र के निखनी पुल के पास हुई। बच्चा चोरी की अफवाह फैलते ही मौके पर भारी भीड़ जमा हो गई। भीड़ ने तीन महिलाओं को पकड़ लिया और उनके साथ लात-घूंसे व जूतों से मारपीट की। पीटने वालों में महिलाएं भी शामिल थीं।

पुलिस वाहन पर भी चप्पल और जूते फेंके : सूचना मिलने पर पुलिस मौके पर पहुंची, लेकिन आक्रोशित भीड़ ने पुलिस वाहन पर भी चप्पल और जूते फेंके। पुलिस ने काफी मशकत के बाद तीनों महिलाओं को भीड़ से सुरक्षित बाहर निकाला और थाने ले गईं।

लोगों से अफवाहों पर ध्यान न देने की अपील: पुलिस ने बताया कि बच्चा चोरी की सूचना की जांच की जा रही है और फिलहाल इसकी कोई पुष्टि नहीं हुई है। पुलिस ने लोगों से अफवाहों पर ध्यान न देने और कानून को हाथ में न लेने की अपील की है। पुलिस इस पूरे मामले की जांच कर रही है और इलाके में शांति बनाए रखने का प्रयास कर रही है।

गुमला में सड़क हादसा, दो युवकों की मौत: बाइक के पेड़ से टकराने से हुई दुर्घटना

एक किशोर जख्मी, एक बाइक पर सवार थे तीन



गुमला, एजेंसी। गुमला जिले के चैनपुर थाना क्षेत्र के बिंदोरा गांव के पास एक अनियंत्रित बाइक के पेड़ से टकराने से दो युवकों की मौत हो गई। इस दुर्घटना में एक किशोर गंभीर रूप से घायल हो गया, जिसका अस्पताल में इलाज चल रहा है। मृतक युवकों की पहचान बिंदोरा निवासी 18 वर्षीय अर्जुन लोहरा (पिता मरियानुष लकड़ा) और 24 वर्षीय धनकुंवर लोहरा (पिता स्वर्गीय सीताराम लोहरा) के रूप में हुई है। घायल किशोर 15 वर्षीय करण उरांव है। तीनों एक ही बाइक पर सवार थे। घटना के बाद घायल करण उरांव को प्राथमिक स्वास्थ्य केंद्र चैनपुर ले जाया गया। प्राथमिक उपचार के बाद उसे सदर अस्पताल गुमला रेफर किया गया, जहां से परिजनों ने उसे अस्पताल में भर्ती कराया है।

दोनों शवों को पोस्टमॉर्टम के लिए भेज दिया: बुधवार को सदर थाना के एसआई अरविंद कुमार तिबारी घटनास्थल पर पहुंचे और दोनों शवों को पोस्टमॉर्टम के लिए भेज दिया। पुलिस मामले की छानबीन कर रही है। पुलिस के अनुसार, परिजनों ने बताया कि तीनों युवक एक ही बाइक पर सवार होकर गांव में घूमने निकले थे। इसी दौरान उनकी बाइक पेड़ से टकरा गई, जिससे यह हादसा हुआ। किसी भी युवक ने हेलमेट नहीं पहना था। मृतक युवक मजदूरी का काम करते थे। अर्जुन लोहरा अपने तीन भाइयों में सबसे बड़ा था।

गिरिडीह में निकाय चुनाव के बाद हिंसा मामला, पांच गिरफ्तार

हथियार बरामद; वार्ड 18 में फायरिंग की घटना में दो लोग हुए थे घायल

गिरिडीह, एजेंसी। गिरिडीह नगर निकाय चुनाव के बाद वार्ड संख्या 18 में हुई हिंसा घटना के संबंध में पुलिस ने बड़ी कार्रवाई की है। इस मामले में पांच आरोपियों को गिरफ्तार किया गया है। घटना में दो लोग गोली लगने से घायल हुए थे।

यह घटना 23 फरवरी की शाम करीब 5:30 बजे उत्कृष्ट प्राथमिक विद्यालय, आजाद नगर अनुजाति टोला स्थित मतदान केंद्र के पास हुई थी। किसी बात को लेकर दो पक्षों के बीच विवाद शुरू हुआ, जो जल्द ही मारपीट और पत्थरबाजी में बदल गया।

पुलिस मौके पर पहुंची और भीड़ को तितर-बितर किया : तनावपूर्ण स्थिति के दौरान भीड़ में से किसी ने गोली चला दी, जिससे मोहम्मद शमीम और मोहम्मद शेरू घायल हो गए। दोनों घायलों को तत्काल इलाज के लिए अस्पताल



भेजा गया। घटना की सूचना मिलते ही जिला प्रशासन और पुलिस मौके पर पहुंची और भीड़ को तितर-बितर किया।

मामले में प्राप्त आवेदन के आधार पर पंचना थाना में विभिन्न धाराओं के तहत प्राथमिकी दर्ज की गई है। रबीना खानून के बयान पर घायल

मोहम्मद शमीम और मोहम्मद शेरू के संबंध में अलग-अलग मामले दर्ज किए गए हैं। घटना की गंभीरता को देखते हुए पुलिस ने विशेष अनुसंधान दल (SIT) का गठन किया।

तकनीकी और मानवीय सूचना के आधार पर छापेमारी : अनुमंडल पुलिस पदाधिकारी

जितवाहन उरांव के नेतृत्व में चार टीमों ने तकनीकी और मानवीय सूचना के आधार पर छापेमारी की। इस दौरान शिवम कुमार श्रीवास्तव उर्फ शिवम आजाद, अमित विश्वकर्मा, आकाश हांडी, मंजीत पासवान और किशोर पासवान को गिरफ्तार किया गया।

पुलिस अधीक्षक डॉ. बिमल कुमार ने बताया कि गिरफ्तार आरोपियों की निशानदेही पर एक 7.65 एमएम का देसी पिस्टल और दो जिंदा कारतूस बरामद किए गए हैं। बरामद हथियार और अन्य सामान जब्त कर आगे की कानूनी प्रक्रिया पूरी की जा रही है।

पुछताछ में घटना से जुड़े अन्य लोगों के नाम भी सामने आए हैं, जिनकी गिरफ्तारी के लिए लगातार छापेमारी की जा रही है। क्षेत्र में अतिरिक्त पुलिस बल तैनात कर कानून-व्यवस्था बनाए रखने के लिए निगरानी बढ़ा दी गई है।

कोडरमा में सड़क दुर्घटना, एक की मौत

घर जाते वक्त होटल संचालक की अज्ञात वाहन से टक्कर, 20 फीट दूर जा गिरा शख्स

कोडरमा, एजेंसी। कोडरमा जिले के तिलैया थाना क्षेत्र में रांची-पटना मुख्य मार्ग) पर रिलायंस पेट्रोल पंप के पास बीती रात एक सड़क दुर्घटना हुई। सड़क पार कर रहे एक व्यक्ति को अज्ञात वाहन ने टक्कर मार दी, जिससे उसकी मौके पर ही मौत हो गई। मृतक की पहचान झुमरीतिलैया के ताराटंड निवासी 52 वर्षीय मंदू राजत, पिता स्व. धनपत राजत के रूप में हुई है।

मृतक के पुत्र संतोष राजत ने बताया कि वे अपने पिता के साथ रिलायंस पेट्रोल पंप के पास एक होटल चलाते हैं। बीती रात करीब

10:30 बजे उनके पिता होटल से घर जाने के लिए निकले थे। संतोष के अनुसार, उनका घर होटल के ठीक विपरीत दिशा में है और उनके पिता प्रतिदिन 11:20 सड़क पार करके घर जाते थे। बीती रात भी मंदू राजत सड़क पार कर रहे थे, तभी कोडरमा की ओर से आ रहे एक तेज रफ्तार वाहन ने उन्हें जोरदार टक्कर मार दी। टक्कर इतनी भीषण थी कि मंदू राजत लगभग 20 फीट दूर जा गिरा। संतोष राजत ने बताया कि टक्कर की आवाज सुनकर वे घटनास्थल पर पहुंचे, जहां उनके पिता मृत पाए गए। घटना की सूचना मिलते ही तिलैया थाना की पेट्रोलिंग टीम मौके पर पहुंची।



पारिवारिक विवाद में छोटे भाई ने टांगी से मारकर की बड़े भाई की हत्या



पूर्वी सिंहभूम, एजेंसी। शहर के बागबेड़ा थाना क्षेत्र अंतर्गत कांचा गांव में पारिवारिक विवाद ने खूनी रूप ले लिया। मामूली कहासुनी से शुरू हुआ झगड़ा इतना बढ़ गया कि छोटे भाई ने बड़े भाई पर टांगी (कुल्हाड़ी) से हमला कर दिया, जिससे उसकी मौत हो गई।

मृतक की पहचान 32 वर्षीय शेरू माई के रूप में हुई है। परिजनों और स्थानीय लोगों के

अनुसार शेरू खेती-किसानी का काम करता था, लेकिन वह शराब का आदी था और नशी की हालत में अक्सर घर में विवाद करता था। मंगलवार देर रात भी वह कथित तौर पर शराब पीकर घर पहुंचा और किसी बात को लेकर पिता से उलझ गया। देखते ही देखते विवाद गाली-गलौज और मारपीट में बदल गया। पिता को बचाने के लिए छोटा भाई मनीष माई बीच-बचाव करने

अनुसार शेरू खेती-किसानी का काम करता था, लेकिन वह शराब का आदी था और नशी की हालत में अक्सर घर में विवाद करता था। मंगलवार देर रात भी वह कथित तौर पर शराब पीकर घर पहुंचा और किसी बात को लेकर पिता से उलझ गया। देखते ही देखते विवाद गाली-गलौज और मारपीट में बदल गया। पिता को बचाने के लिए छोटा भाई मनीष माई बीच-बचाव करने

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यात्री बस को बचाने में हुआ हादसा, रास्ते में एक अन्य दुर्घटनाग्रस्त ट्रक पहले से खड़ा था

कोडरमा, एजेंसी। कोडरमा जिले के सतगावां थाना क्षेत्र के खुदु में बुधवार सुबह एक कोयला लदा ट्रक अनियंत्रित होकर सड़क किनारे पलट गया। इस हादसे में ट्रक के चालक और खलासी घायल हो गए।

जानकारी के अनुसार, धनबाद से कोयला लेकर एक ट्रक सतगावां के रास्ते बिहार जा रहा था। खुदु के पास विपरीत दिशा से आ रही एक तेज रफ्तार यात्री बस अचानक ट्रक के सामने आ गई।

चालक ने यात्री बस से सीधी टक्कर टालने के प्रयास में ट्रक से नियंत्रण खो दिया। इसी दौरान कोयला लदा ट्रक सड़क किनारे पलट गया। यह भी बताया गया कि उसी स्थान पर मंगलवार रात एक अन्य दुर्घटनाग्रस्त ट्रक पहले से खड़ा था।

हादसे में ट्रक चालक नवीन कुमार और खलासी पंकज



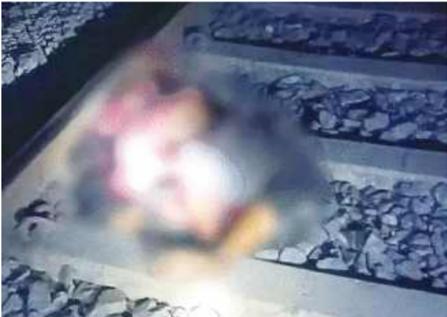
कुमार घायल हो गए। सूचना मिलते ही सतगावां पुलिस मौके पर पहुंची और घायलों को सामुदायिक स्वास्थ्य केंद्र में भर्ती कराया। प्राथमिक उपचार के बाद दोनों की हालत सामान्य बताई जा रही है। लोगों ने इस स्थान को 'ब्लैक स्पॉट' बताते हुए चिंता व्यक्त की। उनका कहना है कि खुदु मार्ग पर यह विशेष स्थान अक्सर ट्रक और

हाइवा दुर्घटनाओं का गवाह बनता है।

ग्रामीणों ने प्रशासन से यहां सुरक्षा के कड़े इंतजाम करने की मांग की है ताकि भविष्य में बड़ी दुर्घटनाओं को रोका जा सके। पुलिस ने घटनास्थल का मुआयना कर आवागमन सुचारु रखा और दुर्घटनाग्रस्त ट्रक को हटाने की कार्रवाई शुरू कर दी है।

पाकुड़ में वंदे भारत की चपेट में आया परिवार: पति-पत्नी और बेटे की मौत

बहन के घर से लौट रहे थे, पैदल कर रहे थे ट्रैक पार



पाकुड़, एजेंसी। पाकुड़ में मंगलवार देर रात दर्दनाक रेल हादसे में एक ही परिवार के तीन लोगों की मौत हो गई। हादसा नगरनबी रेलवे स्टेशन के पास हुआ। जहां न्यू जलपाईगुड़ी से हावड़ा जा रही 22302 वंदे भारत एक्सप्रेस की चपेट में आने से पति-पत्नी और उनकी छोटी बच्ची की मौके पर ही मौत हो गई। मृतकों की पहचान नगर थाना क्षेत्र के कालीतल्ला मोहल्ला निवासी कि तीनों के शव ट्रैक पर बुरी तरह क्षत-विक्षत अवस्था में मिले। घटना के बाद इलाके में अफरा-तफरी मच गई।

जीआरपी और आरपीएफ ने ट्रैक से हटाए गए शव :

नगरनबी के पास रेलवे ट्रैक पार कर रहे थे। इसी दौरान तेज रफ्तार ट्रेन आ गई। वे उसकी चपेट में आ गए। टक्कर इतनी जबरदस्त थी कि तीनों के शव ट्रैक पर बुरी तरह क्षत-विक्षत अवस्था में मिले। घटना के बाद इलाके में अफरा-तफरी मच गई।

हादसे की सूचना मिलते ही जीआरपी और आरपीएफ की टीम मौके पर पहुंची। पुलिस ने शवों को रेलवे ट्रैक से हटाकर सुरक्षित स्थान पर रखा और आवश्यक कार्रवाई शुरू की। बुधवार सुबह परिजन पाकुड़ रेलवे स्टेशन स्थित जीआरपी आउट पोस्ट पहुंचे और घटना की जानकारी ली। परिजनों ने बताया कि चंदन

चर्च रोड में दो पक्षों में मारपीट, 3 घायल

रांची, एजेंसी। लोअर बाजार थाना क्षेत्र के चर्च रोड स्थित महावीर मंदिर के पास मंगलवार की रात लगभग 11 बजे दो पक्षों में जमकर मारपीट हुई। इस दौरान हुई चाकूबाजी में तीन युवक घायल हो गए। गंभीर रूप से घायल तीनों युवकों को एफ़ेनिकी अस्पताल में भर्ती कराया गया है। तीनों की स्थिति गंभीर बनी हुई है। घायल युवकों का नाम रैयान, अनु और फरदीन है। तीनों फतेहल्ला रोड के रहनेवाले हैं।

बारिश होने से झारखंड में मौसम हुआ सुहाना

रांची, एजेंसी। राजधानी रांची सहित राज्य के विभिन्न इलाकों में हुई बारिश से मौसम सुहाना हो गया है। बारिश की वजह से अधिकतम तापमान में तीन से चार डिग्री की गिरावट दर्ज की गई है इससे बढ़ती हुई गर्मी रुक गई है।

मौसम विभाग से बुधवार को मिली जानकारी की कोई संभावना व्यक्त नहीं की गयी है। यही वजह है कि बुधवार को रांची सहित राज्य के अधिकांश जिलों में मौसम साफ रहा और धूप में तलखी महसूस की गई। विभाग ने अगले 24 घंटे के दौरान राज्य भर में तापमान में 2 डिग्री के गिरावट होने की संभावना व्यक्त की है। वहीं पिछले 24 घंटे के



दौरान राज्य में सबसे अधिक तापमान पश्चिमी सिंहभूम से 32.2 डिग्री और सबसे कम तापमान 11 डिग्री सेल्सियस गुमला में रिकॉर्ड किया गया। वहीं, बुधवार को रांची में अधिकतम तापमान 26.6 डिग्री और न्यूनतम तापमान 13.2 डिग्री, जमशेदपुर में 31.2 डिग्री

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Pollution crackdown: 88 per cent construction sites in Maharashtra receive 'stop-work' notice

NEW DELHI, Agency: In a sweeping crackdown on air pollution, the Maharashtra government has issued stop-work notices to more than 1,000 construction sites across Mumbai, with nearly 88 per cent of active projects facing action for violating environmental norms, Environment Minister Pankaja Munde informed the state legislative assembly on Tuesday.

Presenting data from October 2025 to January 2026 under the ongoing "clean air" initiative, Munde said 1,047 stop-work notices and 1,981 show-cause notices were served to errant sites as authorities tightened enforcement against dust and pollution violations.

Of the 2,224 active construction projects in the city, 1,952 - about 88 per cent - have



installed low-cost air quality sensors, while the remaining faced strict penalties.

On January 16 alone, 678 projects were ordered to halt operations for failing to comply with mandatory sensor installation norms, underscoring the government's push for technol-

ogy-driven monitoring of pollution sources.

"We are following a strict escalation matrix for violators. Construction projects failing to adhere to dust-mitigation guidelines are first given a formal intimation, followed by a show-cause notice, and then a

stop-work order if they remain non-compliant," Munde said in a written reply on AQI levels.

The minister asserted that Mumbai's air quality has largely remained within the 'satisfactory' (51-100) and 'moderate' (101-200) categories. Refuting allegations of a public health crisis, she cited reports from the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) and Navi Mumbai Municipal Corporation (NMMC), which recorded no adverse health impacts among vulnerable groups such as children and senior citizens during the fluctuation in air quality. As part of intensified enforcement, the BMC's 25 ward-level flying squads have been targeting illegal debris transport, collecting over Rs 1.21 lakh in fines during the four months.

Omar Abdullah urges Kashmiri students to leave Iran soon



SRINAGAR, Agency: Jammu and Kashmir CM Omar Abdullah Tuesday urged Kashmiri students studying in Iran to leave the country at the earliest. "I am saying this very clearly, they should not ignore the govt of India's advisory. Otherwise, it could become an issue for us tomorrow," Omar told reporters. He said the students should act swiftly while the situation in Iran is stable and the airports are open. "They should book their tickets and

return. If the situation remains normal, they can always go back," he said. "The Ministry of External Affairs has not issued this advisory without reason. If the situation worsens in Iran later, it will become difficult to ensure their safe evacuation."

National Conference president Dr Farooq Abdullah also appealed to students to return as soon as possible. "If the air-space is closed tomorrow, their parents will be anxious and raise noise here.

Parliamentary panel passes resolution against AI summit protest, opposition MPs dissent



NEW DELHI, Agency: The raging political row over the Youth Congress' protest at the global AI summit echoed Tuesday at a parliamentary committee meeting as it passed a resolution condemning the incident amid dissent by MPs from different opposition parties.

"The committee would like to place on record its appreciation for successfully organizing the India AI Impact Summit by the Ministry of Electronics & IT under the able leadership of PM Narendra Modi. The committee also condemns the unfortunate incident happened on 20-2-2026 at the venue of the India AI

Summit," the resolution shared by the panel's chairperson, Nishikant Dubey, said.

It was carried by a majority vote, with 10 MPs affiliated to the BJP-led alliance voting for it and six, including from Congress, TMC, SS(UBT) and Samajwadi Party, polling against it, sources said. Though it is not common for parliamentary committees to take up issues outside their listed agenda, official sources said rules permit them to convey their sense on matters of importance, more so as the summit was hosted by the IT ministry, which is overseen by the Dubey-led panel.

Need mechanism to make voting mandatory: Supreme Court

NEW DELHI, Agency: Supreme Court on Tuesday said some mechanism needs to be devised, not necessarily punitive, to make voting compulsory so that democracy gets stronger by attracting more eligible people to contest elections and render NOTA option redundant.

A bench of CJI Surya Kant and Justice Joymalya Bagchi said the NOTA option was devised to attract better candidates to the fray and to encourage voters to exercise their franchise. The decade-long experience shows that a minuscule percentage of voters exercised the option, the bench said.

These observations came from the bench which was hearing a PIL by Vidhi Centre for Legal Policy which argued for making NOTA a candidate in the constituencies where only one candidate is in the fray to



find out whether the lone contestant had the confidence of voters.

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"Let judiciary not decide what amendments are to be carried out in the RP Act. It is for Parliament to decide if any deficiency is required to be remedied or any amendment is to be carried out in a statute," said the attorney general.

Cabinet approval to rename Kerala reflects will of people of state: PM Modi

NEW DELHI, Agency: The Cabinet on Tuesday approved a proposal to rename 'Kerala' as 'Keralam', aligning with a popular and long-standing demand of people in the state. PM Modi said Tuesday's decision "reflects the will of the people of the state". The state govt had earlier made two requests to Centre to change the name.

Announcing the decision, I&B minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said that after Cabinet approval, the President will refer the Kerala (Alteration of Name) Bill, 2026 to the Kerala legislative assembly for expressing its views under Article 3 of the Constitution. An official release said that after receiving the state assembly's views, Centre will take action and



obtain the President's recommendation for introduction of the Bill in Parliament.

In 2011, the spelling of Orissa was changed to Odisha.

People aware of the development said the cabinet note highlighted how, from the beginning, people of Kerala had been vociferously

demanding that the state be named Keralam. However, when it was officially created on Nov 1, 1956, it was named Kerala. Since then, the demand has been raised repeatedly. Earlier, the state assembly had passed resolutions in 2023 and 2024 requesting Centre to amend

the Constitution and modify the state's name from Kerala to Keralam. The resolutions were moved by CM Pinarayi Vijayan, and only last month state BJP president Rajeev Chandrasekhar had written to the CM extending his party's support.

The Cabinet proposal included the June 2024 resolution passed by the state assembly, which mentioned the name of the state in Malayalam is Keralam and that states were reorganised on linguistic lines on Nov 1, 1956, observed as Kerala Piravi (Kerala Formation Day). "Since the time of the national independence struggle, there has been a strong demand for the formation of United Kerala for Malayalam-speaking people.

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Delhi to be renamed Indraprastha? BJP MP writes to Amit Shah after Kerala's name change

NEW DELHI, Agency: BJP MP Praveen Khandelwal on Wednesday wrote to Union home minister Amit Shah requesting that the national capital, Delhi, be renamed Indraprastha, following the Centre's recent approval to rename Kerala as "Keralam."

In his letter, Khandelwal argued that the name Delhi reflects only a later historical phase, whereas Indraprastha connects the city to its ancient civilizational roots.

"As such, the name 'Delhi' reflects a limited historical period rather than the deeper and more enduring legacy of the city. Restoring the name Indraprastha would therefore reconnect the capital of modern India with its ancient civilizational foundation. It would symbolize that the seat of the world's largest democracy stands upon the legacy of one of humanity's oldest cultural traditions," Khandelwal wrote.



The MP highlighted historical and archaeological evidence linking modern Delhi to the Pandavas' capital described in the Mahabharata. Excavations at Purana Qila have revealed settlement



layers dating back to around 1000 BCE, along with artifacts associated with that era, supporting the city's ancient heritage. Khandelwal also outlined specific proposals, including renaming Old

Delhi Railway Station as "Indraprastha Junction" and Indira Gandhi International Airport as "Indraprastha Airport." He suggested installing statues of the Pandavas at prominent locations to educate younger generations about the city's historical and cultural significance.

"Delhi holds a very special place among India's oldest cultural heritages. It is not merely a metropolis, but has been the centre of Indian civilisation, embodying the traditions of religion, governance, and democracy," Khandelwal wrote. "Renaming it would reconnect us with our roots and mark the beginning of a new chapter in cultural revival."

He cited examples of other cities that reclaimed their historical names, including Mumbai, Kolkata, Chennai, Prayagraj, Ayodhya and Kashi, arguing that such steps restore historical justice

and strengthen national pride.

A day earlier, the Union Cabinet, chaired by PM Modi, approved the proposal to rename Kerala as 'Keralam'. The move follows a unanimous resolution passed by the Kerala Assembly on June 24, 2024, urging the Centre to amend the First Schedule of the Constitution to reflect the name 'Keralam'. The assembly had earlier passed a similar resolution in August 2023, but the Ministry of Home Affairs suggested technical changes, prompting the state to adopt it again. The move to rename Kerala has sparked a political row, with West Bengal chief minister Mamata Banerjee questioning why a similar proposal for her state remains pending. The Trinamool Congress accused the Centre of "vindictive discrimination," highlighting that West Bengal has repeatedly requested its renaming to "Bangla" since 2018.

“The Power of Home-Based Women Entrepreneurs”

Stitching Success: How Home-Based Tailoring is Empowering Women

In many Indian households, the gentle hum of a sewing machine is no longer just a domestic sound—it is the sound of independence, creativity, and financial empowerment. Home-based tailoring has emerged as one of the most accessible and sustainable small businesses for women, especially those seeking to balance family responsibilities with economic contribution.

Tailoring, once considered a basic household skill, has transformed into a thriving micro-enterprise opportunity. With minimal investment—a sewing machine, basic tools, and fabric—women can begin offering services such as stitching, alterations, and custom clothing design. What makes this business especially attractive is its flexibility. Women can work from home, manage their own schedules, and gradually expand their clientele without the pressure of large overhead costs.

The demand for customized clothing has grown significantly in recent years. Ready-made garments often fail to meet individual prefer-

ences in fit and style. This gap creates a strong market for skilled tailors who can provide personalized solutions. From bridal blouses to everyday wear, home-based tailoring services cater to a wide range of customers. In smaller towns and urban neighborhoods alike, word-of-mouth plays a crucial role in building a loyal customer base.

Technology has further accelerated the growth of this business. Social media platforms allow women to showcase their designs, share customer feedback, and attract new clients beyond their immediate locality. WhatsApp catalogs, Instagram pages, and online groups have become powerful tools for marketing. Even women with limited technical knowledge are finding ways to leverage digital platforms for business growth.

Another significant aspect of home-based tailoring is skill development. Many women enhance their expertise through short-term courses or online tutorials. Learning advanced techniques such as

embroidery, pattern making, and designer stitching enables them to charge higher prices and stand out in a competitive market. Over time, what begins as a small home business can evolve into a boutique or even a small-scale fashion brand.

However, challenges do exist. Irregular orders, pricing competition, and time management can sometimes create difficulties. Yet, many women overcome these obstacles through consistency, quality work, and strong customer relationships. Delivering orders on time and maintaining high standards of stitching are key factors that ensure repeat business.

Government schemes and self-help groups (SHGs) have also played an important role in supporting women entrepreneurs in this sector. Access to microloans, training programs, and community networks helps women scale their businesses and gain financial confidence. In rural areas, collective efforts often lead to group-based production units, increasing both efficiency and



income.

Home-based tailoring is not just about earning money—it is about identity and self-worth. For many women, it provides a sense of purpose and recognition within their families and communities. It proves that entrepreneurship does not always require large investments or formal offices; sometimes, it begins with a single skill and a strong determination to succeed. As India con-

tinues to move towards inclusive economic growth, the role of women-led home businesses becomes increasingly important. Tailoring, in particular, stands as a shining example of how traditional skills can be transformed into modern opportunities. With the right support and mindset, the sound of sewing machines across homes may well symbolize a quiet revolution—one stitch at a time.



From Kitchen to Commerce

The Rise of Home-Based Food Businesses

The kitchen, long regarded as a space of routine and tradition, is now becoming a hub of entrepreneurship for women across the country. Home-based food businesses are gaining momentum, turning culinary skills into profitable ventures and redefining the role of women in the economy.

Food is an essential part of daily life, and the demand for hygienic, homemade meals has grown rapidly in recent years. Working professionals, students, and even families increasingly prefer home-cooked food over restaurant meals. This shift has created a significant opportunity for women to start businesses such as tiffin services, snack production, and home bakeries.

One of the biggest advantages of a food-based business is its low entry barrier. Most women already possess cooking skills, and the initial investment is minimal. Basic kitchen equipment, raw ingredients, and packaging materials are often enough to get started. As orders increase, the business can be scaled gradually.

Tiffin services, in particular, have become a popular choice. Providing nutritious, affordable meals to office workers and students ensures a steady demand. Consistency

in taste and quality is crucial for success in this field. Many women focus on regional cuisines or healthy meal options to differentiate their services.

Home baking is another growing trend. Cakes, cookies, and desserts are in high demand for celebrations and special occasions. Creative presentation and customization play a key role in attracting customers. Social media platforms allow home bakers to display their work, take orders, and build a brand identity.

Hygiene and trust are critical factors in this business. Customers often choose home-based food services because they believe in the quality and cleanliness of homemade products. Maintaining high standards of hygiene not only ensures customer satisfaction but also helps in building a strong reputation.

Digital platforms have revolutionized this sector. Online food delivery apps, social media marketing, and digital payment systems have made it easier for women to reach a wider audience. Even without a physical shop, they can operate successfully and compete with established businesses.

However, challenges such as managing bulk orders,

maintaining consistency, and handling customer expectations can arise. Time management is especially important, as many women balance business responsibilities with household duties. Despite these challenges, determination and proper planning often lead to long-term success.

Support systems such as government schemes, food safety training, and entrepreneurship programs further encourage women to enter this field. Learning about packaging, branding, and pricing strategies can significantly enhance business growth.

Home-based food businesses are more than just income-generating activities—they are stories of passion and resilience. They empower women to step beyond traditional roles and contribute actively to their families and communities.

As consumer preferences continue to shift towards healthier and homemade options, the future of this sector looks promising. The transformation of kitchens into centers of commerce highlights a powerful message:

with the right skills and dedication, even the most familiar spaces can become gateways to success.

Beauty from Home: Women Building Careers in Personal Care Services

The beauty and personal care industry has witnessed remarkable growth, and women are at the forefront of this transformation. Home-based beauty services have emerged as a viable and profitable business model, offering convenience to customers and flexibility to entrepreneurs.

For many women, starting a home-based beauty business begins with a passion for grooming and self-care. With basic training in services such as facials, threading, waxing, and makeup, they can set up a small salon within their homes. This eliminates the need for expensive commercial spaces and reduces operational costs.

The demand for personalized beauty services is increasing. Customers often prefer home salons because they provide privacy, comfort, and affordability. This is particularly true for working women and homemakers who seek convenient services without traveling to crowded salons.

Special occasions such as weddings and festivals create additional opportunities. Bridal makeup, party looks, and mehendi services are in high demand during these times. Skilled professionals can earn significantly through such assignments, especially if they build a strong portfolio.

Training plays a crucial role in this field. Many women enroll in short-term beauty courses to learn advanced techniques and stay updated with industry trends. Continuous learning helps in maintaining quality and attracting more clients.

Social media has become a powerful marketing tool for home-based beauty entrepreneurs. Posting before-and-after pho-

tos, customer testimonials, and tutorial videos helps in building credibility and visibility. A well-maintained online presence can significantly boost business growth.

Customer satisfaction is the backbone of this business. Maintaining hygiene, using quality products, and providing excellent service ensure repeat clients and positive word-of-mouth promotion. Trust is especially important, as personal care services require close interaction with clients.

Despite its advantages, the business comes with challenges. Competition is high, and maintaining consistent income can be difficult during off-seasons. However, diversification of services and effective marketing strategies can help overcome these issues.

Home-based beauty businesses not only provide financial independence but also boost confidence and self-esteem. They allow women to express creativity while building a sustainable career.

As the beauty industry continues to expand, the role of home-based entrepreneurs becomes increasingly significant. These small businesses are redefining success, proving that talent and dedication can turn even a modest setup into a thriving enterprise.



The Digital Shift: Women Thriving in Online Reselling Businesses



The digital revolution has opened new doors for entrepreneurship, and women are actively embracing these opportunities. Online reselling has become one of the most popular home-based business models, offering flexibility, low investment, and high growth potential.

Reselling involves selling products such as clothing, accessories, and cosmetics through online platforms without maintaining physical inventory. Women can connect with suppliers, share product catalogs with customers, and earn a profit margin on each sale. One of the key advantages of this business is its accessibility. With a smartphone and internet connection, anyone can start reselling. Platforms like WhatsApp, Instagram, and e-commerce apps provide a ready marketplace for products. This model is particularly beneficial for beginners, as it requires minimal financial risk. There is no need to invest in bulk stock or manage storage. Orders are placed directly with suppliers, who handle packaging and delivery. Success in reselling depends largely on communication and marketing skills. Building trust with customers, responding promptly to queries, and ensuring timely delivery are essential.