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Dozens wounded in Bahrain as Gulf suffers missile, drone attacks

MANAMA. (Agency)
Bahrain said Monday that an Iranian drone attack on the island of Sitra injured 32 people overnight, as Gulf nations reported new attacks with Tehran pressing its retaliatory strikes across the region. All of the wounded were Bahraini citizens and there were four "serious cases", including children, the health ministry said in a statement carried by the state news agency. The wounded included a 17-year-old girl who suffered severe head and eye injuries, and a two-month-old baby, according to the ministry. Several explosions were also heard Monday in the Qatari capital Doha, AFP journalists said, as Qatar, Saudi Arabia and Kuwait all reported new attacks. Doha has been targeted by waves of Iranian drones and missiles since Iran launched a sprawling retaliation campaign across the Gulf in the wake of US and Israeli attacks against the Islamic republic. Qatar's defence ministry said on Monday that its forces had intercepted a missile attack. Elsewhere in the Gulf, Saudi Arabia's defence ministry said the kingdom intercepted and destroyed two drones heading towards the Shaybah oil field in the southeast of the country. Kuwait's defence ministry said the country's air defences were working to intercept a missile and drone attack on Monday. On Sunday, the Gulf nation was targeted by seven missiles and five drones, according to figures released by authorities. The United States said Sunday that it was ordering embassy staff to leave Saudi Arabia as Iran strikes the kingdom. The State Department said in a travel advisory it had "ordered non-emergency US government employees and US government employee family members to leave Saudi Arabia due to safety risks". Drones hit the US embassy in the Saudi capital Riyadh last week, and drones have also caused damage at the US embassies in Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates. Gulf countries have borne much of Tehran's response after the United States and Israel launched a massive air campaign against Iran on February 28. Iran's President Masoud Pezeshkian has warned that the Islamic republic "will be forced to respond" against its neighbours if their territory is used to attack it.

Nepal polls: Rastriya Swatantra Party wins 124 seats followed by Nepali Congress with 17

KATHMANDU. (Agency)
The Rastriya Swatantra Party (RSP) is heading towards a two-thirds majority in Nepal's parliamentary polls, securing 124 seats under direct voting and nearly 40 lakh votes under the proportionate-voting system as of 7 am on Monday. The RSP has won 124 seats and is leading in one seat, whereas the Nepali Congress (NC) has won 17 seats and is leading in one seat. The CPN-UML has won eight seats and is leading in one seat and the NCP has won seven seats. The Shram Sanskriti Party has won three seats, the RPP and Independent candidates have won one seat each. So far, the results for 161 of the 165 seats have been declared under direct voting. The outcome on the remaining four seats is expected to be declared in the afternoon. Under proportionate voting, the RSP has secured 37,89,803 votes, the NC 12,75,594, the CPN-UML 10,79,726, the NCP 5,55,300, the Shram Sanskriti Party 2,65,398, the Janata Samajwadi Party 1,16,463 and the Rastriya Parivartan Party has bagged 1,08,084 votes. Nepal is set to witness its first Madhesi prime minister - Balendra Shah -- who will also be the youngest elected executive head in the history of the Himalayan country.

US military kills six in strike on alleged drug boat in the Eastern Pacific

WASHINGTON. (Agency)
The U.S. military said it killed six men Sunday in a strike on an alleged drug-smuggling vessel in the eastern Pacific Ocean as part of the Trump administration's campaign against alleged traffickers. Sunday's attack brought the death toll to at least 157 people since the Trump administration began targeting those it calls "narcoterrorists" in small vessels in early September. As with most of the military's statements on the more than 40 known strikes in the Eastern Pacific Ocean and Caribbean Sea, U.S. Southern Command said it targeted alleged drug traffickers along known smuggling routes. The military did not provide evidence that the vessel was ferrying drugs. It posted a video on X that showed a small boat being blown up as it floated on the water. President Donald Trump has said the U.S. is in "armed conflict" with cartels in Latin America and has justified the attacks as a necessary escalation to stem the flow of drugs into the United States. But his administration has offered little evidence to support its claims of killing "narcoterrorists." In a meeting with Latin American leaders on Saturday, Trump encouraged them to join the U.S. in taking military action against drug-trafficking cartels and transnational gangs, which he said pose an "unacceptable threat" to the region's national security. To that end, Ecuador and the United States conducted military operations this past week against organized crime groups in the South American country. With Saturday's gathering, Trump aimed to demonstrate that he remains committed to focusing U.S. foreign policy on the Western Hemisphere, even while waging a war on Iran that has had repercussions across the Middle East. Critics have questioned the overall legality of the boat strikes as well as their effectiveness, in part because the fentanyl behind many fatal overdoses is typically trafficked to the U.S. over land from Mexico, where it is produced with chemicals imported from China and India.

Human Rights Watch says Israel used white phosphorus bombs in Lebanon attack

HRW said that it "verified and geolocated seven images showing airburst white phosphorus munitions being deployed over a residential part" of the southern Lebanese town of Yohmor.

New York-based rights group said in a report. HRW added that it "verified and geolocated seven images showing airburst white phosphorus munitions being deployed over a residential part of the town and civil defense workers responding to fires in at least two homes and one car in that area." White phosphorus, a substance that ignites on contact with oxygen, can be used to create smokescreens and to illuminate battlefields. But the munition can also be used as an incendiary weapon and can cause fires, horrific burns, respiratory damage, organ failure and death. At least 394 people have been killed in Israeli attacks, Lebanese authorities said, registering more than half a million people as displaced. Israel -- which kept up strikes targeting Hezbollah despite a 2024 ceasefire -- launched multiple waves of

strikes across Lebanon since last week and sent ground troops into border areas after the Iran-backed group attacked it. The Israeli army has since repeatedly called on people living south of the Litani River,

consequences for civilians," Ramzi Kaiss, Lebanon researcher at HRW, was quoted saying in the report. "Israel should immediately halt this practice and states providing Israel with weapons, including white phosphorus munitions, should immediately suspend military assistance and arms sales and push Israel to stop firing such munitions in residential areas," he added. Lebanese authorities and HRW have previously flagged Israel's use of controversial white phosphorus rounds, in attacks that harmed civilians and the environment. Lebanon's state-run National News Agency on Sunday said Israeli forces targeted the towns of Khiam and Tal Nahas, near the border with Israel, "with artillery and phosphorus shelling."



around 30 kilometres (20 miles) north of the Israeli border, to leave. "The Israeli military's unlawful use of white phosphorus over residential areas is extremely alarming and will have dire

Last month, Lebanon accused Israel of spraying the herbicide glyphosate on the Lebanese side of their shared border, with President Joseph Aoun decrying it as a "crime against the environment."

West Asia conflict sends shockwaves through African fuel market and economies

NAIROBI. (Agency)
Surging oil prices triggered by the war with Iran are rippling across African economies, threatening higher fuel costs, rising inflation and renewed pressure on currencies across the continent. Africa imports most of the petroleum products it consumes, leaving many economies highly vulnerable to supply disruptions tied to tensions in the Middle East, a region central to global oil flows. "Africa is a net importer of oil products, meaning it is heavily exposed to shocks like these," said Nick Hedley, an energy transition research analyst at Zero Carbon Analytics. When global oil supplies tighten, Hedley said, prices rise while African currencies often weaken as investors move funds into safe-haven assets such as the U.S. dollar. That combination amplifies the impact of price spikes in import-dependent markets such as Kenya and Ghana. A similar dynamic unfolded after Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine in 2022, when rising crude prices and a

weakening currency pushed transport fuel prices in South Africa up by more than 25% within six months, Hedley said. "The near-term risks come from mainly the rising oil prices and weakening exchange rates as investors move to safe-haven assets," said



Oxford Economics senior economist Brendon Verster. Oil markets remain particularly sensitive to the conflict because of the strategic importance of the Strait of Hormuz, a narrow shipping corridor through which about a fifth of the world's crude passes. The impact of higher oil prices across Africa will be uneven. Countries like Kenya and Uganda say their supply

remain stable even as they work on ensuring continuity. Nigeria and Ghana produce crude oil but import most of their refined petroleum products, limiting the benefits to them of higher global prices. "It's difficult to say at this point whether they will see net gains," Hedley said. "Oil producers could benefit from higher crude prices, but ordinary citizens will likely face higher transport and fuel costs, and potentially higher interest rates." Still, sustained high prices could bring a windfall for Africa's major oil exporters. Verster noted that Nigeria exports roughly 1.5 million barrels of oil per day and has based its medium-term fiscal framework on oil prices between \$64 and \$66 per barrel through 2028. The war pushed prices above \$100 per barrel Monday, a level that if sustained, would significantly boost revenues for exporters including Angola, Algeria and Libya. For most African households, however, the immediate effect is likely to be higher living costs.

\$100 million worth gold arrived from Venezuela: US Interior Secretary after new mining licence

World. (Agency)
US Interior Secretary Doug Burgum confirmed that Washington received more than \$100 million worth of gold from Venezuela on Friday after the US issued a licence authorising dealings with Minerven, Venezuela's state-owned gold mining company. Speaking to Fox News about how the US plans to explore Venezuela's rare earth minerals, Burgum said that since US President Donald Trump had promised a "golden age of abundance," the first critical mineral coming from Venezuela would be solid gold bars. "On Friday, \$100 million worth of gold came from Venezuela to the US, both for industrial purposes and other commercial uses. Venezuela has around \$500 billion worth of gold resources, but it also has other critical minerals such as bauxite and aluminium, which we need for defence and consumer goods. It also has coal resources that can help generate power. These resources can help us win the AI arms race with China," Burgum said. Stating that the people of Venezuela would thank Trump, Burgum said, "When



we were there last week with oil and gas executives and top mining executives, they were excited to get back to Venezuela and explore the great opportunities available there. "The people of Venezuela are going to dedicate a statue to Trump because he is going to reopen their economy after more than two decades. The enthusiasm in Venezuela about their future is high." On Friday, Burgum met with acting Venezuelan President Delcy Rodriguez as well as representatives from more than two dozen US mining and minerals companies, many of which previously operated in the country. After the meeting, Burgum said Venezuela's government had given security assurances to mining companies interested in investing in the country, where mineral-rich areas have long been controlled by guerrilla groups, gangs and other illegal actors. Under the licence, individuals and companies from Russia, Iran, North Korea and Cuba are not authorised to enter into contracts with Minerven. The Trump administration is seeking to counter China's dominance in critical minerals, some of which are abundant in Venezuela.

US begins large military drill with South Korea while waging war in West Asia

SEOUL. (Agency)
The United States began a large military exercise with South Korea involving thousands of troops Monday while also waging an escalating war in West Asia. South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff has said about 18,000 Korean troops will take part in Freedom Shield, which runs through March 19. U.S. Forces Korea hasn't confirmed the number of American troops participating in the training in South Korea. The allies' combined exercise comes amid South Korean media speculation that Washington is relocating some assets from South Korea to support fighting against Iran. U.S. Forces Korea said last week it would not comment on specific movements of military assets for security reasons. South Korean officials also declined to comment on the reports that some U.S. Patriot anti-

missile systems and other equipment were being moved to the Middle East, but they said there would be no meaningful impact on the allies' combined defense posture.



Freedom Shield may trigger an irritated response from North Korea, which has long described the allies' joint exercises as invasion rehearsals and used them as a pretext to ramp up its own military demonstrations and weapons tests. The allies say the drills are defensive in nature. North Korea

has suspended all meaningful dialogue with Washington and Seoul following the 2019 collapse of a summit between leader Kim Jong Un and U.S. President Donald Trump during his first term. Tensions rose in recent years as Kim used Russia's invasion of Ukraine as a window to accelerate the development of his nuclear arsenal and increase his leverage by aligning militarily with Moscow, which has received thousands of North Korean troops and large weapons shipments to help fuel its warfighting. The allies' drills follow a major political conference in Pyongyang last month, where Kim confirmed his hard-line view of "enemy" Seoul but left the door open to talks with Washington, calling on the United States to drop its demand for North Korea's denuclearization as a precondition for dialogue.

Mojtaba Khamenei: son and successor to Iran's supreme

World. (Agency)
Mojtaba Khamenei, the son of late Iranian supreme leader Ali Khamenei who has been appointed as the new head of the Islamic republic, is a discreet figure who offers continuity of his father's hardline leadership. The 56-year-old had no official post during his father's rule, but was speculated to be acting behind the scenes to pull strings at the heart of power in Iran. He is regarded as close to conservatives, notably because of his ties with the powerful Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps, which swiftly pledged allegiance to the new leader. The Islamic republic's third supreme leader also received endorsements from President Masoud Pezeshkian, the armed forces and the judiciary within hours of his appointment. Because of his discretion at official ceremonies and in the media, Khamenei's true influence has been the subject of intense speculation for years among the Iranian population as well as in diplomatic circles. He was named supreme

leader by Iran's top clerical body, the Assembly of Experts, in a statement published shortly after midnight on Monday (2030 GMT Sunday). Even though the Islamic revolution had put an end to a multi-century royal dynasty headed by the shah, the council opted for the kind of hereditary transition that Ali Khamenei had rejected on principle in 2024. Born on September 8, 1969 in the holy city of Mashhad in eastern Iran, Mojtaba Khamenei is the only one of the late supreme leader's six children to hold a public position. Ayatollah Ali Khamenei was killed aged 86 during the first wave of US-Israeli air strikes on Tehran that triggered the war in the Middle East on February 28. Security force links Mojtaba Khamenei, a cleric who has a salt-and-pepper beard and the black turban of the "seyyed" -- descendants of the Prophet Mohammed -- is a veteran of the Iran-Iraq war in the 1980s. The United States imposed sanctions on him in 2019

during President Donald Trump's first term, saying Khamenei represented his father "despite never being elected or appointed to a government position aside from work in the office of his father".



Ali Khamenei had "delegated a part of his leadership responsibilities" to his son, "who worked closely" with Iranian security forces "to advance his father's destabilising regional ambitions and oppressive domestic objectives", the US Treasury said at the time. Opponents have accused the younger

Khamenei of playing a role in the violent crackdown that followed the re-election of ultra-conservative president Mahmoud Ahmadinejad in 2009, which triggered a vast protest movement. According to an investigation by the Bloomberg news organisation, which cited anonymous sources and Western intelligence agency reports, Mojtaba Khamenei has amassed wealth estimated at more than \$100 million. Money from oil sales had been channelled into investments in luxury British real estate, hotels in Europe and property in Dubai through shell companies in tax havens, according to the investigation. On the religious front, Mojtaba Khamenei studied theology in the holy city of Qom, south of Tehran, where he also taught. He had attained the rank of Hujjat al-Islam, but was presented as ayatollah -- a higher rank held by his father and by revolutionary leader Ruhollah Khomeini -- upon his appointment as supreme leader.

Sheshnaag-150: India's Indigenous 1,000-km-Range Suicide Drone

India's New Long-Range Loitering Munition Explained

by Ashis Sinha

India's growing defence technology ecosystem has taken a major leap forward with the development of Sheshnaag-150, a long-range suicide drone designed by Bengaluru-based startup NewSpace Research & Technologies. Built as a next-generation loitering munition, the system is designed to strike high-value targets deep inside hostile territory with precision and autonomy.

The advanced drone reflects India's rapid push toward indigenous autonomous warfare systems, where private defence startups are increasingly contributing to cutting-edge military technologies.

A New Generation of Loitering Attack Drone

Unlike conventional UAVs that return after completing surveillance missions, Sheshnaag-150 functions as a loitering munition, often described as a "suicide drone." It can remain airborne for hours while



searching for a target and then destroy itself by crashing into the objective with an explosive payload.

Designed for long-distance operations, the drone can reportedly travel over 1,000 kilometres and remain in the air for more than five hours, making it capable of conducting deep-strike missions far beyond the frontlines.

Key Capabilities

The Sheshnaag-150 has been engineered to meet the evolving needs of modern warfare, where autonomous drones are increasingly replacing traditional missile systems for certain strike missions.

Major features include:

Long operational range: Over 1,000 km for deep-strike capability

Extended endurance: More than five hours of flight time

Payload capacity: Approximately 25–40 kg warhead

Autonomous navigation: AI-enabled target detection and tracking

Swarm capability: Multiple drones can coordinate attacks simultaneously

GPS-denied operations: Advanced navigation systems al-

low operation even when satellite signals are jammed. These features enable the drone to identify and strike targets such as military installations, radar systems, vehicles, or infrastructure with high precision.

Built for Swarm Warfare

One of the most significant aspects of the Sheshnaag-150 is its swarm-attack capability. Multiple drones can be launched together, communicating with each other and coordinating their movements to overwhelm enemy air-defence systems.

This concept of swarm warfare is rapidly reshaping modern battlefields, allowing relatively low-cost drones to neutralize expensive defence systems.

Startup Driving India's Drone Innovation

The drone has been developed by NewSpace Research & Technologies, a Bengaluru-based defence startup specialising in AI-driven unmanned aerial systems and swarm robotics. Founded in 2017, the company has been working closely with

India's defence ecosystem and is also associated with projects such as the HAL Combat Air Teaming System, which aims to integrate autonomous drones with fighter aircraft for coordinated combat missions.

Strategic Significance

The emergence of systems like Sheshnaag-150 highlights the growing importance of loitering munitions in modern warfare, particularly after their extensive use in conflicts across the Middle East and Eastern Europe. For India, such indigenous technologies could significantly enhance capabilities for deep-strike missions, border surveillance, and counter-terror operations, especially along sensitive frontiers.

As India strengthens its defence manufacturing ecosystem under the "Atmanirbhar Bharat" initiative, platforms like the Sheshnaag-150 signal a new phase where homegrown startups are becoming key players in next-generation military innovation.

Jewar Airport Set to Emerge as Asia's Largest Aviation Hub



New Delhi: The upcoming Noida International Airport at Jewar in Uttar Pradesh has moved a step closer to becoming operational after receiving its aerodrome licence from the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA).

Union Civil Aviation Minister Ram Mohan Naidu Kinjarapu formally handed over the licence to airport authorities, marking a major milestone for the greenfield airport project. In a social media post, the minister expressed satisfaction over the development and said discussions were also held with the airport operator to fast-track the remaining formalities for the early launch of operations.

The minister said the Jewar airport project is one of the most significant aviation developments in India and is expected to become Asia's largest airport by area. Planned as a major aviation hub, the facility will include integrated Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul (MRO) services along with advanced air cargo infrastructure.

According to the minister, the project will play a crucial role in strengthening India's aviation ecosystem and boosting connectivity in northern India.

He also noted that India's aviation sector is witnessing rapid expansion, with large-scale investments in modern airport infrastructure aimed at supporting economic growth and increasing passenger demand.

SAIL's JGOM Holds 'SAILya Putri' to Promote Women Empowerment



by S K Pandey

Kiriburu: The Jharkhand Group of Mines (JGOM) of Steel Authority of India Limited organised a women empowerment programme titled "SAILya Putri: Empowering Women, Enriching Workplaces" at the Learning & Development Centre, Kiriburu, to mark International Women's Day. The event brought together 57 women employees from Jharkhand Group of Mines and Odisha Group of Mines, representing units such as KIOM, MIO, GOM, MOM, BOM and BIM. Participants included executives, non-executives and contractual staff.

The programme was welcomed by Rathin Biswas, DGM (HR-L&D), and coordinated by Asanada Srikanth, AM (HR-L&D), and R.K. Sahoo, AGM (HR-L&D). Officials said the initiative aims to strengthen women's participation and leadership in the mining sector while promoting diversity, professional development and an inclusive workplace across SAIL's mining operations.

Workmen Inspectors' Training Programme Underway at L&DC Kiriburu



Kiriburu: A Workmen Inspectors' Training Programme is being conducted from March 9 to 21 at the Learning & Development Centre (L&DC), Kiriburu, under the Jharkhand Group of Mines of Steel Authority of India Limited.

The training is organised by the Institute for Miners' and Metalworkers' Education, Kolkata, as part of statutory requirements for Workmen Inspectors in mines. Participants include inspectors from several SAIL mining units — Kiriburu Iron Ore Mine (KIOM), Meghahatuburu Iron Ore Mine (MIOM), Gua Ore Mines (GOM), Mono-harpur Ore Mines (MOM), Bolani Ores Mines (BOM), and Kalta Iron Mine (KIM).

The programme focuses on strengthening knowledge in mine safety regulations, hazard identification, accident prevention and worker participation in safety management. Senior industry experts B. P. Singh, former Chief Manager (Mining) of Tata Steel, and K. C. Modak, former Chief Manager of Hindalco Industries, are serving as faculty for the sessions.

Why Kanpur's Ganga Mela Is More Than a Festival: A Tribute to Quit India Revolutionaries



by Sunil Bajpai

Kanpur: The historic Ganga Mela will be celebrated in Kanpur today, bringing the colourful festivities of Holi to a grand close. More than just a cultural event, the fair commemorates a powerful chapter of India's freedom struggle when British authorities were forced to surrender before the city's determined revolutionaries. Held annually at the historic Sarsaiya Ghat on the banks of the sacred Ganga River, the fair is remembered as a symbol of resistance and victory during the freedom movement.

A Fair Rooted in the Freedom Struggle

The tradition dates back to 1942, during the historic Quit India Movement, when freedom fighters hoisted the tricolour in Kanpur on the day of Holi as a bold assertion of independence. The British administration responded by arresting several prominent revolutionaries, triggering widespread anger across the city. Among those detained were noted freedom fighters such as Shyam Lal Gupta, Hamid Khan, Chand Seth, Amrik Singh, Raghuvar Dayal Bhatt, Bal Kishan Sharma and Pitambar Lal.

Public Protest Forced British Retreat

The arrests sparked massive outrage in Kanpur. Residents stopped celebrating Holi and launched a strong protest demanding the immediate release of the imprisoned revolutionaries. Facing intense public pressure, the British administration eventually relented and freed the detainees. It was during the Anuradha Nakshatra that the freedom fighters were released and triumphantly hoisted the national flag once again, marking a symbolic victory over colonial repression.

Tradition Continues with Holi and the Fair

Since that historic moment, Kanpur has observed a unique tradition. Holi celebrations continue throughout the day, and in the evening, thousands gather at Sarsaiya Ghat for the vibrant Ganga Mela. The fair today stands not only as a festive occasion but also as a tribute to the courage and unity of the city's freedom fighters who challenged British authority and ignited a wave of patriotic pride.

'14 Cyanide Bombs' Threat Email Triggers Security Alert at Bokaro Civil Court

Bokaro: A threatening email claiming that bombs ('14 Cyanide Bombs') had been planted triggered a security alert at the Bokaro Civil Court on Monday morning, prompting immediate action by police and security agencies.

'Arrogance of Power Will Collapse': PM Modi Hits Out at Mamata Banerjee Over President Murmu Row

News Desk: Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi on Sunday intensified his criticism of West Bengal's ruling All India Trinamool Congress (TMC) following the controversy surrounding remarks by Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee about President Droupadi Murmu. The Prime Minister warned that the party's "arrogance of power" would ultimately be defeated.

Addressing a gathering on the occasion of International Women's Day, Modi described the remarks and the alleged boycott of a Santhal tribal cultural programme attended by the President as deeply disrespectful. He said the incident not only insulted the country's first tribal woman President but also undermined constitutional values and democratic traditions. Highlighting the issue, Modi said President Murmu had travelled to West Bengal to take part in a significant festival celebrating the heritage and traditions of the Santhal community. According to him, the TMC government chose to stay away from



the programme, which he claimed resulted in confusion and disorder at an event meant to honour tribal culture. "This is not only an insult to the President but also an insult to the country's Constitution and the great tradition of democracy," Modi said. "No matter how powerful a person is, arrogance leads to destruction. TMC's dirty politics and arrogance of power will be shattered for insulting an Adivasi President. The people of Bengal and India will never forgive them for insulting a woman, an Adivasi and the President of the country," he added. The political dispute erupted after President Murmu at-

was influenced by the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) at the Centre.

"I am sorry, madam. I have great regard for you, but you are guided by the BJP's policies and instructions. The state government was not a party to the event. We had no clue," Banerjee said.

The Chief Minister further said it was unrealistic for her to attend every presidential visit to the state, adding that she was currently engaged in a protest related to the SIR issue and prioritising people's concerns.

"I will receive you if you visit once a year. But is it possible for us to follow you on all your frequent visits? Do we have so much time in hand? I am at a dharna over SIR—how will I go? While your priority is the BJP, mine is the people," she said. The exchange has triggered a fresh round of political confrontation between the BJP and the TMC, with both sides accusing each other of politicising the President's visit and the Santhal community's cultural event.

Bokaro Artists Pay Musical Tribute to Ravi & Sahir Ludhianvi

By Arun Pathak

Bokaro: A soulful musical evening was organised in Bokaro's Sector 12 where local artists paid tribute to legendary music composer Ravi and iconic lyricist Sahir Ludhianvi.

The programme was held on Sunday night to mark Ravi's death anniversary and Sahir Ludhianvi's birth anniversary. The event began with artists garlanding their portraits and offering floral tributes. Several singers and music lovers gathered to celebrate the timeless



contributions of the two legends to Indian cinema and music.

Renowned singer Arun Pathak said composer Ravi created some of the most melodious songs in Hindi

films, many of which remain popular among listeners even today. Speakers also recalled that Sahir Ludhianvi earned immense admiration for his powerful lyrics reflecting love, struggle and the philosophy

of life. Singer Raman Choudhary noted that despite the presence of several great composers in his era, Ravi carved out a distinct identity through his memorable compositions. Similarly, Sahir's poetry secured him a unique place among the greatest lyricists of Indian cinema.

Artists including Somesh Mishra, Ranju Singh and Anjana Sinha highlighted Ravi's association with legendary singers such as Lata Mangeshkar and Asha Bhosle, whose voices brought many of his compositions to life.

Bokaro Steel Plant Gets BIS Certification for Four New High-Strength Steel Grades

Bokaro: Bokaro Steel Plant (BSL), a major unit of Steel Authority of India Limited, has achieved a significant breakthrough in value-added steel production after four new high-strength steel grades received certification from the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS).

The approval, granted by BIS Jamshepur, expands the existing BIS licence for the ISC-410 grade under IS 513 (Part 2) to include four additional High Strength Low Alloy (HSLA) cold-rolled steel grades — ISC 440 LA, ISC 470 LA, ISC 510 LA and ISC 550 LA.

The certification brings these advanced steel grades under nationally recognised quality standards, paving the way for wider acceptance across key industrial sectors. **Boost for Automotive and Engineering Sectors** The newly certified ISC-LA



series grades are designed to offer high tensile strength, better formability and superior weldability, making them particularly suitable for the automotive and heavy engineering industries, where strength, durability and weight optimisation are critical. Officials said the BIS approval will help standardise these specialized grades and strengthen BSL's presence in the high-value steel segment.

Leadership Applauds Team Effort

Priya Ranjan, Director-in-Charge of Bokaro Steel Plant, congratulated the plant's teams for the achievement and said it aligns with SAIL's strategy to enhance product quality and diversify the product mix. He expressed confidence that the development will help BSL respond effectively to evolving demands in the domestic steel market while ensuring great-

er customer satisfaction. Anup Kumar Dutt, Executive Director (Operations), also praised the coordinated efforts of multidisciplinary teams, noting that the success reflects BSL's focused push towards expanding value-added steel production.

Step Toward Atmanirbhar Steel

The certification is expected to reduce reliance on imported advanced steel grades and support the government's Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative by strengthening indigenous manufacturing capabilities.

With the addition of these BIS-certified HSLA grades, Bokaro Steel Plant has further expanded its product portfolio while reinforcing its commitment to quality, innovation and globally competitive steel solutions for industrial customers.

Gaya Reviews Development Plan for Vishnupad Temple Corridor



by Suresh Pd Nikhar

Gaya Ji: Authorities on Monday held a key meeting to review plans for the proposed Vishnupad Temple Corridor, aimed at improving pilgrim facilities while preserving the city's religious heritage. The meeting was chaired by Gaya Dm Shashank Shubhankar.

Officials decided that the 16 sacred Vedis around the temple's sanctum will remain unchanged to maintain their religious significance. It was also reiterated that the traditional Pind Daan rituals will continue on the banks of the Falgu River, a centuries-old

practice associated with Pitru Paksha.

The meeting discussed expanding the temple complex where necessary, preserving heritage structures like the Shijuar Dharamshala, and reorganizing shops and vendors around the temple for smoother movement of devotees. Plans also include modern facilities such as cascade lighting, drinking water, toilets, CCTV surveillance, drainage and sewer networks, parking, and visitor help centers. Key religious sites including Sita Kund, Mangla Gauri Temple, and Akshayavat are also proposed to be integrated into the corridor.

Gaya Teacher Honoured at Savitribai Phule Felicitation Ceremony on Women's Day



by Prabhat Sinha

Gaya Ji: Marking International Women's Day, Guddi Kumari, a teacher at Middle School Baheradih in Dobhi block of Gaya district, was honoured for her outstanding contribution to education at a special felicitation ceremony held in Patna.

The recognition was conferred during the Mata Savitribai Phule Felicitation Ceremony organised by the Bihar State Primary Teachers' Association. The award was presented in the presence of several prominent personalities, including Namita Singh, Apsara, and noted gynecologist Anjali.

Speaking after receiving the honour, Guddi Kumari said women today are making a strong mark in every field and the recognition has further motivated her to continue working for education and social development. She reaffirmed her commitment to promoting quality education and contributing to women's empowerment in society. Local residents and well-wishers from the region congratulated the teacher on the achievement, describing the honour as a proud moment for the community and an inspiration for others.

'Mahilaon mei dam hai': On Women's Day, President calls for end to gender discrimination, change in mindset at home

For the nation to progress swiftly, it is not only necessary that we encourage our daughters to dream big, but also support them in making those dreams a reality, says President Droupadi Murmu

New Delhi.(Agency)

For progress in the true sense, we need to ensure equal participation of women, who constitute half of the country's population, President Droupadi Murmu said on International Women's Day. "Despite many efforts towards empowerment of women, there are several obstacles that still stand in the way of their progress. For example, even today, many of our sisters and daughters face discrimination, unequal pay for equal work, and domestic violence. These problems cannot be resolved only through the law," President Murmu said at the Ministry of Women and Child Development's Women's Day event on Sunday. "A change in our thinking is necessary. Real equality can be established when we stop discriminating between sons and daughters in our homes. Parents need to change their mentality first..." she added.

Calling for women to be supported in achieving their dreams, President Murmu said: "We aim to make the country developed by 2047. For the nation to progress swiftly, and to realise the potential of citizens for the benefit of the country, it is not only necessary that we encourage our daughters to dream big, but also support them in making those dreams a reality."

She said that women can give their best towards nation building in an environment free of fear and discrimination. "For progress in the true sense, we need to ensure equal participation of half of the country's population, that is, women," she said. Stating that women can achieve excellence in every field, with opportunities and support, President

in industry, start-ups and in the corporate world. In sports, our daughters are putting up an excellent performance," she said, adding: "Mahilaon mein dum hain. Hum kisi se kam nahi; hum mein bhi dum hain (Women are not less than anyone; we also have what it takes)".

Quoting B R Ambedkar's words which state that "I measure the progress of a community by the degree of progress which women have achieved," President Murmu spoke about government schemes that "prioritise women's empowerment." Listing initiatives like Beti Bachao Beti Padhao, the Sukanya Samridhi Yojana, the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana, and the Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana, President Murmu said: "Today, our country is swiftly progressing towards women-led development. To remove obstacles that stand in the way of women, a strong foundation has been laid over the past decade."

She added: "In school education, India has achieved gender parity. Even in higher education, in terms of gross enrolment ratio, the number of girls is higher. In Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) education, the participation of women is growing quickly. In the 2026-27 budget, there is a provision for a girls' hostel in every district, which will enable STEM students to continue their studies. This is an era of computers, space science, and STEM—women should not fall behind."

Murmu said they are playing leading roles in fields including education, administration, courts, armed forces, health, science, technology, arts, and entrepreneurship.

"Women in rural areas are becoming financially independent through self-help groups. In panchayats, they are providing leadership for rural development. Many women are providing leadership through their abilities and competence



Has A Lok Sabha Speaker Been Impeached Before? What History Shows

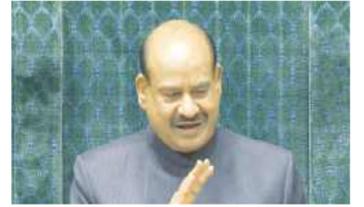
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The Lok Sabha agenda for Monday lists a resolution submitted by Opposition members seeking the removal of Speaker Om Birla. For the motion to proceed, at least 50 members must stand in support when the Chair calls for backing. If the threshold is met, the resolution will be admitted, and the House will take it up for discussion and voting. If fewer than 50 MPs support the notice, the motion will lapse without being moved.

The no-confidence notice was submitted by Opposition MPs in February and has the support of more than 100 members, according to parliamentary sources. Opposition parties accuse Speaker Om Birla of partisan conduct, pointing to the suspension of several opposition MPs and the denial of speaking time to many, including to the Leader of the Opposition, Rahul Gandhi. The motion has been moved under Article 94 of the Constitution.

Has A Lok Sabha Speaker Been Impeached Before?

No Lok Sabha Speaker has ever been removed from office, though the Constitution allows it under Article 94 through a resolution passed by a majority of the House.



Nadda slams Opposition's walkout during Jaishankar's statement

New Delhi.(Agency)

Union Minister J P Nadda on Monday said the Opposition only wants "anarchy" as the Congress and other Opposition parties created ruckus and staged a walkout in the Rajya Sabha during a statement by External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on the situation in West Asia. Soon after obituary references and laying of listed papers, Rajya Sabha Chairman C P Radhakrishnan called Jaishankar to make the statement. However, Congress President and Leader of Opposition Mallikarjun Kharge sought permission to speak.

After being permitted by the Chair, he said the escalation in the West Asia conflict will affect the country's economic stability and endanger the security and livelihood of Indian citizens working there.

"I request a short-duration discussion on emerging challenges for energy security and the fast-changing geopolitical situation in West Asia affecting India's energy security," Kharge said.

The Chairman told Kharge he would come back to him, and again asked Jaishankar to make the statement.

As the minister started making the statement, MPs belonging to the Congress and other Opposition parties were on their feet and insisted that Kharge be allowed to complete his remarks, and also demanded a short discussion. Later, the entire Opposition staged a walkout from the House while the minister was making his statement.

After Jaishankar's statement, Leader of the House Nadda termed the Opposition's behaviour as irresponsible and said they only want to create anarchy and hooliganism.

Jaishankar to brief Lok Sabha on Middle East war, Opposition seeks full debate

New Delhi. (Agency)

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar will brief the Lok Sabha on Monday on the rapidly evolving situation in the Middle East as Parliament reconvenes for the second half of the Budget session. The minister's statement, listed in the Lok Sabha's revised agenda circulated on Sunday evening, comes amid intensifying hostilities in the region involving the United States, Israel and Iran, which have heightened global security concerns and drawn attention in Parliament. The development has also triggered political sparring ahead of the

session, with the opposition pressing for a full-fledged debate on the conflict and its implications for India.

Congress general secretary and Rajya Sabha MP Jairam Ramesh said the opposition would prefer a detailed discussion rather than a ministerial statement, arguing that such statements rarely allow MPs to seek clarifications.

"It has been let known that the External Affairs Minister will make a statement in both Houses of Parliament on the situation in West



Asia. The problems with such Ministerial statements are that (i) they convey little of value over and above that is already known; and more importantly (ii) MPs are not given an opportunity to seek

clarifications or ask questions," Ramesh said in a post on X.

He pointed to the debate held in the Lok Sabha on the US invasion of Iraq in 2003 under former prime minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee, saying Parliament had then adopted a resolution condemning the invasion. Monday's sitting marks the start of the second leg of the Budget session. Until

Saturday, the only item listed on the Lok Sabha's agenda for the day was an opposition-backed resolution seeking the removal of Speaker Om Birla.

Delhi High Court puts on hold adverse remarks against CBI in liquor policy case order

New Delhi.(Agency)

In nominal relief to the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) in the Delhi liquor policy scam case, the Delhi High Court on Monday put on hold an adverse remark made by a local court while it cleared former Delhi chief minister Arvind Kejriwal, and senior AAP leader Manish Sisodia of all charges. Acting on a request from Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, the High Court signalled that it would stay the operation of the "prejudicial" remarks made by the trial court against CBI officials in its order.

The High Court struck down the February 27 remark made by the Rouse Avenue Court, which had said the CBI's theory was "demonstrably erroneous,



economically illiterate and legally unsustainable," as it observed that the prosecution could not present solid and substantial evidence against the accused.

However, while hearing a plea filed by the CBI that challenged the acquittal of all the accused in the case, the court refused to stay the discharge order.

Taking note of the plea filed by the country's premier investigation agency, the Delhi High Court sought responses from Arvind Kejriwal, Manish Sisodia and 21 others, with Justice Swarana Kanta Sharma listing the matter for further hearing on March 16. During the proceedings, the court indicated it would issue directions to the trial court to defer hearings in the related money laundering case being investigated by the Enforcement Directorate.

Meanwhile, the Solicitor General urged the court to expedite the matter and decide the agency's petition by setting a clear timeline for hearings. He argued that the trial court's decision to discharge Kejriwal, Sisodia and the other accused was flawed.

West Asia conflict: Oppn MPs stage protest in Parliament complex demanding full-fledged debate

New Delhi.(Agency)

Opposition MPs, including Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge, former party chief Rahul Gandhi and SP chief Akhilesh Yadav, staged a protest in Parliament House complex on Monday, demanding a discussion on the West Asia conflict and slamming the government for its "silence" on critical issues related to it.

Earlier, opposition parties' floor leaders met in Leader of Opposition in the Rajya Sabha Kharge's chamber in Parliament House complex to deliberate on the strategy for the second half of the Budget session. Besides Kharge and Gandhi, Samajwadi Party's Ram Gopal Yadav, DMK's Dayanidhi Maran, NCP (SP)'s Supriya Sule and

Shiv Sena (UBT)'s Sanjay Raut, among others, attended the meeting. In a post on X, Kharge said, "As the Parliament reconvenes for the second part of the Budget session, US-Israel war with Iran has reached our backyard. In this context, it is imperative to have a full-fledged discussion on the current geopolitical crisis."



"A one-sided statement by the EAM is not the solution. We need to collectively take the nation into confidence. The GOI must come out with a

detailed contingency plan to ensure our energy security, assist our traders, diversify supply chains for our exports and stop penalising our people with price hikes. The Opposition demands sensitivity towards our people," Kharge said after the meeting.

Interest of Indian consumer always overriding priority: Jaishankar on Iran war

New Delhi. (Agency)

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Monday told the Rajya Sabha that the interest of the Indian consumer would remain the government's "overriding priority" amid the escalating conflict in West Asia, warning that the crisis could trigger "serious supply chain disruption." Making a statement in the House amid sloganeering by opposition MPs, Jaishankar said the conflict in the region had intensified in recent days, raising concerns over energy supplies, shipping routes and global trade flows. He said the government was closely monitoring the evolving situation and assessing its potential impact on India's economy and supply chains.

"Our government had issued a statement on February 20 expressing deep concern and

urging all sides to exercise restraint," Jaishankar told the House. "We continue to believe that dialogue and diplomacy should be pursued to de-escalate the tensions," he added.

The minister stressed that stability in West Asia was critical for global energy markets as well as India's economic interests. "West Asia must remain stable and peaceful," he said, adding that New Delhi remained engaged with partners and was closely tracking developments.

Jaishankar said India's national interests – including energy security and the welfare of Indian consumers – remained a key priority. He also highlighted the government's focus on the safety and well-being of the large Indian community living and working in the region,



informing the House that around 67,000 Indian nationals have returned from the region amid rising tensions. The minister also referred to India's decision to allow the Iranian warship IRIS Lavan to dock at Kochi port after Tehran requested permission for three of its ships operating in the region to enter Indian

ports. Approval was granted on March 1 and the vessel docked on March 4. Speaking earlier on Saturday at the Raisina Dialogue, Jaishankar had said India took the decision out of "humanity" rather than geopolitical considerations. The ship, carrying 183 crew members – mostly young cadets – had reported a technical issue while sailing in the region. The development came days before another Iranian naval vessel, IRIS Dena, was sunk by a US submarine in the Indian Ocean on March 4, killing more than 80 sailors. Around 32 personnel were later rescued by the Sri Lankan navy. Jaishankar described the incident as "unfortunate", noting that the ship had issued a distress call and that India had deployed maritime assets, including a patrol aircraft and naval vessels, for search.

Patience is not a woman's virtue

AS in the spring a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love, so on International Women's Day (March 8), our thoughts once more turn — however fleetingly — to the status and condition of Indian women. Are women moving forward towards social and economic equity and equality, freedom from fear and want, safety and security or not? And what is the pace of it all?

Counter currents abound. Even as one wave of policy or practice seems to carry women towards the shore, the undertow of culture and tradition pushes them down into the shoals. Annual assessments show that more women are engaging in economic activity than ever before. In five years, women's labour force participation has nearly doubled. But the majority still work in the agriculture sector, usually as low-paid unskilled labour but too often as unpaid workers. Whether it is in boardrooms or brick kilns, women earn 20-70% less than men for the same work.

Politically, women should be making strides. Reservations in Panchayati Raj institutions have brought millions into decision-making. Despite the usual derision about 'pradhan pati' proxies, in many states women in third-tier governance now exceed quotas, gaining visibility, legitimacy and shifting rural gender norms. Yet, a confident grassroots leadership has not tempted political leaders to draw from there to populate their higher reaches. Between 2019 and 2024, women's representation in state Assemblies remained stagnant at 9-10%. In Parliament, the count actually dipped slightly to 14.4% in the 17th Lok Sabha. This is well below the global average of around 27% and much below the ever pending 33% reservation target.

This reluctance to include women in the upper echelons is emblematic of trends everywhere. Illustratively in the justice sector, where equality and equity should have been baked in as a first priority, a healthy 38% of women judges in the lower judiciary reduces to just over 13% at the high court and 3.1% in the Supreme Court. And so it goes. It is now routinely acknowledged that workforce parity could lift India's GDP by as much as a quarter. Yet, in the interlocking skein of constraints that hold women back, the prevailing culture is a cardinal factor. The sustaining culture believes strongly in hierarchy. Place is pre-determined by caste and gender; and each person is expected to stay uncomplainingly right there. In that scheme of things, constitutional values of individual freedoms, choice and privacy and what it means to be an active empowered citizen can bring down consequences heavily on the head that dares to stay unbowed.

Still, it is not a stagnant pool. There is a churning, not least created by social and mass media. The whole population is screen-stuck. Women's viewership is multiplying faster than male.

The year's most popular shows depict women cutting through adversity to rise up into unconventional leadership roles. At the same time, prurient adult viewing — read porn — is fully active in reinforcing women's subordination, revels in her humiliation and enjoys violence as pleasure. Yet, every small screen beams forth new values even as it sustains old ones. It is in the friction of debates at home — where stereotypes are reinforced or broken — that change happens. That conflict will decide whether culture or the Constitution prevails. It is time to have that conversation and who better to lead it than those whose bounden duty is to further the Constitution at every turn. On the one hand, women — and increasingly the wider public — are not taking misogyny lying down. The audible outrage and outcry that follows absurd denigratory remarks from high-profile figures, particularly those holding public office, makes that clear. On the other, those with the power to move the country steadily toward parity are reluctant to come down unequivocally in favour of equality, instead dressing up unfettered patriarchy as "protections for the weaker sex". are retained within political and institutional folds tells its own story.

Nepal's 'pauro': RSP's landslide victory signals end of old guard, new era in politics

RSP has crossed the First Past the Post (FPTP) number alone to 110 and Proportional Representation (PR) seats will be 80, taking the aggregate to nearly 200

In Gorkhali, there's a word that is both feared and respected — 'pauro', or landslide, which can lead to entire hills to slip away and whole forests to vanish. Nepal was in the grips of a countrywide 'pauro', the only way to describe the Rashtra Swatantra Party (RSP)'s astounding victory; the most optimistic estimate rated their seat tally at 110 for a party which made its electoral debut in 2022 with 21 seats. RSP has crossed the First Past the Post (FPTP) number alone to 110 and Proportional Representation (PR) seats will be 80, taking the aggregate to nearly 200. That's more than two thirds seats in a 275-member legislature. The US, China and India are all watching with shock and awe. The result will have a profound effect on emerging geopolitics. How did this happen? People were determined to punish old parties and reward RSP especially after rapper and former mayor of Kathmandu, Balen Shah, joined the party. The only other time Nepal saw this kind of electoral outcome was in 2008 when CPN Maoist came to power after a 10-year civil war securing a near two thirds majority. This time, the transformation was triggered by the 36-hour GenZ protests last year. RSP's strength in the House will be more than Nepali Congress, CPN UML and CPN Maoist (now rechristened as Nepal Communist Party) all put together. The traditional parties discredited for their record of corruption and misgovernance did attempt an image makeover. NC's youthful Gagan Thapa executed a bloodless coup overthrowing the old guard but it was too little too late. UML's ousted PM KP Oli had bitterly criticised the GenZ protests and learnt no lesson from the students' revolt. In an attempt to dislodge Oli from the party failed, Maoist supremo Prachanda regrouped the Left parties to form NCP. These cosmetic changes by NC and NCP could not arrest the declining fortunes of the mainstream parties. Gagan Thapa and four-time PM Oli were both defeated. So was another prime minister, Madhav Nepal, by first-time RSP candidates. RSP's sputnik rise is also attributed to the young and charismatic leaders, a fearless party, and a smart campaign — and also due to the wholesale rejection of the old parties by the electorate. Further, Nepalese abroad were urged to advise their friends and relatives to

vote for RSP. From my vantage points in Pokhara and Kathmandu, I witnessed the campaigning programmes of different parties, establishment of voting booths and the 2 per cent drop in voter turnout to 58 per cent compared to the 2022 election. Meeting party candidates one could discern the differences in style and substance between the ageing and tired candidates of the traditional parties from the young, energetic and enthused RSP hopefuls, many first-timers. Surprisingly, not many GenZ members joined the political party or former their own party except one prominent leader, Sudan Gurung, who joined RSP. It was Sudan Gurung

2008, the profile of the legislature has been dominated by Left parties, the Communists — Marxists, Leninists and Maoists. That will change now. Their strength in the House of 60 per cent of the members will reduce to 35 per cent, a significant drop in their influence. This will not please China which has strived to form a united Left party of all communists under NCP banner which had a short life-span in 2017-18. China was conspicuously silent during this election — no rallying call for Left parties but only good wishes for a successful election. Beijing is heavily invested in Pokhara and Kathmandu even as the Lhasa-Kirung-Katmandu railway line is back on the



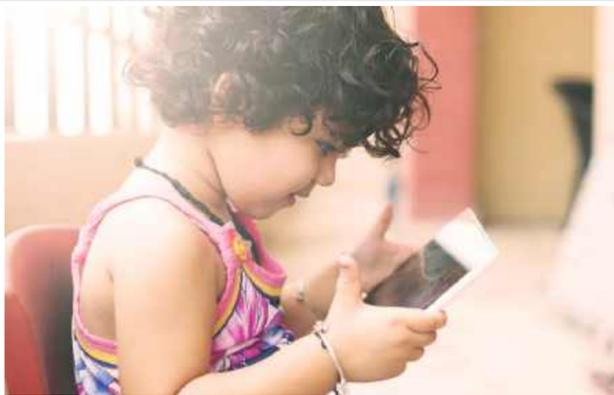
radar. The long-delayed BRI was signed by Oli last year when he attended the victory parade in Beijing. The US is a significant third player in Nepal after China and India. The USD 500-million MCC programme is on pause; but embedded in the Indo Pacific strategy. Adm Samuel Paparo, Indo Pacific Theatre Commander, was in Kathmandu last month reportedly persuading Nepal to join State Partnership Programme (SPP) — a mil-to-mil programme run by the US National Guard. US is trying to rope in Nepal Army in various programmes like disaster relief, peacekeeping, mountain and high altitude rescue, US has been trying since 2022 to get Nepal Army to join SPP but like the initial hurdles it encountered with MCC, there is considerable resistance and Nepal Army has refused to join it. I was informed by a retired Nepali General that US wants to establish a training school in the high Mustang region which is close to the Chinese border. Thanks to strategic geography, India is Nepal's most active political, military and economic partner. The decline of the Communist majority

in parliament could encourage the new RSP government to clear the Agniveer scheme which has been in suspended animation for five years and resulted in not a single Nepal Domiciled Gorkha being recruited in the Indian Army. The RSP government will be politically inexperienced and PM Balen Shah, quite inscrutable. It can form a national government incorporating talent and experience from other parties. This is a real opportunity for RSP to meet the aspirations of the people and change the quality of their lives. A real new Nepal could be in the offing.

Social media curbs: Karnataka takes the lead with under-16 ban

If other states take a cue from Karnataka, the Union government will find it harder to justify its wait-and-watch policy

KARNATAKA, one of India's premier states in the digital arena, has decided to ban the use of social media by children under 16. The move, announced in the 2026-27 state Budget, indicates a growing recognition of the risks posed by unchecked digital exposure. As India's first state to take this step, Karnataka has joined the global debate about how to protect young minds in an increasingly online world. The intent is commendable, but the path to effective implementation is fuzzy. Psychologists and child health experts have repeatedly warned that excessive social media use can adversely affect adolescents' mental and emotional development. The issue was also flagged in the 2025-26 Economic Survey. Karnataka's initiative reflects a precautionary approach to a fast-evolving technological landscape. The neighbouring state of Andhra Pradesh is keen on blocking social media access to children below 13. However, this action plan raises practical questions. In a digital-first era, smartphones and apps have become embedded in



education, communication and daily life. Many schools rely on messaging apps, online portals and digital

platforms for assignments and updates. Distinguishing between "educational" and "social" usage may prove difficult. Moreover, without robust age-verification systems or cooperation from tech companies, a blanket ban may end up as a symbolic exercise. The widespread sharing of devices within Indian families further complicates enforcement. Countries such as Australia have already implemented the under-16 social media ban, while others are considering stricter digital safeguards. Indeed, children require stronger digital protection, but regulation alone cannot solve this vexed problem. Ultimately, meaningful change will depend on a balanced approach involving governments, schools, tech platforms and — most importantly — parents. If other states take a cue from Karnataka, the Union government will find it harder to justify its wait-and-watch policy.

A peculiar silence in the heart of Delhi

THE GREAT GAME: India should not be in faux alignment with powers that bomb girls' schools in Iran

THE Americans have allowed India a 30-day waiver to buy Russian oil stranded on the high seas. That was the message from the Trump administration, bright and early this Friday morning. Now it's not clear whether the Modi government is irritated by these directions from the Trump administration, at being told what to do, including who to buy oil from, how much, and when to start or stop. Remember that only last month, when Trump announced he was removing the 25 per cent extra tariff from India-US trade as part of the trade deal, he had made clear that if India went back to buying Russian oil, the tariff would be back. And so, in the back-and-forth around the Modi government's foreign policy since the Iran crisis exploded a week ago, in which both Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi have since intervened, questions are being raised on this newest version of atmanirbharta, or self-reliance, as an instrument of foreign policy. Perhaps the Ministry of External Affairs believes, as part of its much-vaunted pragmatism, that it should not antagonise the most powerful man in the world, Donald Trump, and therefore it's better to fall in line with the bombing of Iran. By that measure, Indians should have never fought the freedom struggle against the British Raj, because, remember that under the Raj, the trains always ran on time, mass education was introduced and social evils like sati were banned.

Others would argue that atmanirbharta, really, means something else. It is the constant struggle to be aware, to understand the complexities of the world, to choose different sides when the need arises — actually, to play all sides, because only then can you protect your national interest. (Jawaharlal Nehru called it "non-alignment," but let's leave that argument for another day.) Truth is, New Delhi has incredible experience in leveraging the shifting sands of global realpolitik. Which

is why it boggles the mind why India is so openly aligning with both Trump and Bibi Netanyahu. The Israelis have antagonised half of Europe and Trump openly woos Pakistan every other day. Meanwhile, Trump and Vladimir Putin talk to each other at least once a month — even as America threatens India not to buy Russian oil. Soon, at least before the Iran crisis, Trump was planning a China visit — but China, a partner and ally of Iran, is now said to be offering to mediate between Trump and Iran. That's why atmanirbharta means choosing wisely, to act in the national interest by both doing or not doing. It meant postponing your visit to Israel, not just because the whole world, including yourself, knew that war was around the corner; not because India and Iran have age-old ties, but because 44 per cent of India's oil traffic passes through the Iran-controlled waterway, the Strait of Hormuz. It meant holding off on that call to the ruler of Abu Dhabi, Mohammed bin Zayed or MbZ, who these days is not on talking terms with his once-best friend Mohammed bin Salman of Saudi Arabia — not just because you buy oil from both or because Pakistan is a strategic partner of Saudi Arabia, but because a large Indian community lives in both countries, 4 million in the UAE and about 2.5 million in Saudi.

It meant not waiting till Sonia Gandhi wrote a piece in the Indian Express, questioning India's silence on the assassination of Iran's Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei — finally, five days after his killing, Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri was ordered to pull his car out of the garage and drive the 2 km or so to the Iran embassy in the heart of Delhi, where he signed the condolence book on behalf of India. Meanwhile, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar finally called his Iranian counterpart Seyed Abbas Araghchi. On Friday evening, the Israeli foreign minister told the media that PM Modi, who flew out of Israel 48

hours before, was not aware when the Israelis-US were going to bomb Iran. Now you can legitimately have two kinds of reactions to the Israeli admission. First, what kind of friend are the Israelis not to tell their best friend, India, about their best-laid plans?



How many remember today the February 1979 incident, when then Foreign Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee was on a convivial visit to China, and China attacked Vietnam to "teach it a lesson" — Vajpayee was so upset that he cut short his visit and returned home. Following which, then PM Morarji Desai expressed "profound shock and distress" at the incident and India-China ties went into a new deep freeze. Of course the circumstances are different, 47 years later. Just as India debated the offering of its condolences to Iran, it took New Delhi five days to

react to the US torpedoing of the IRIS Dena, an Iranian warship that had just sailed out of Indian waters after participating in the International Fleet Review. For a country that is part of the Quad — consisting of the US, Japan, Australia and itself — and is proud that it is the only country in the world after whom a whole ocean is named, a peculiar silence that speaks volumes is these days emanating from the heart of the capital.

On the other hand, one should thank god the Israelis didn't tell the PM about their bombing of Iran when he was in Tel Aviv — Modi must finally understand how best friends hold their cards close to their chest and not tell. Or, notwithstanding the vibrant Indian Jewish community which relocated to Israel a few decades ago and believes that "Israel is the fatherland and India their motherland," a phrase used by the PM during his speech to the Knesset; or that India is Israel's largest buyer of defence equipment — Modi must know that India is not part of the Israel-US sanctum sanctorum.

That's why atmanirbharta remains fundamental to India's existence. PM Modi's promotion of this concept tells us that India should not be in faux alignment with powers that bomb girls' schools in Iran. That Delhi mustn't be afraid to speak up when things go out of hand — even though we have our own dark corners, including a friendship with the Taliban, which permits the beating of your wife as long as you don't break her bones.

Fact is, today's India is stronger, the fourth largest economy in the world, has a better GDP per capita (about \$2,800 in 2025 compared to \$1,486 when Modi took charge in 2014), a strong and vibrant diaspora that exercises influence and sends remittances home.



गजब का है यह पेपर आर्ट पेपर क्विलिंग

मॉस्को की 34 साल की यूलिया ब्रोडसकाया ने पेपर और गॉद की मदद से इन अचिंतित कर देने वाली रंगीन रचनाओं को उकेरा है। इन्हें देख कर ऐसा लगता है कि ये तस्वीरें बोलती हैं। यूलिया को पेपर से बनाई जाने वाली ड्राइंग के साथ उनमें जान डाल देने वाले कलाकार के तौर पर भी जाना जाता है। इसे थ्रीडी ड्राइंग का नाम दिया जाए तो गलत नहीं होगा। यूलिया तीन स्टेप्स को फॉलो कर इन चित्रों को जीवंत रूप देती हैं। पहला स्टेप है पेपर काटना, दूसरा है फोल्ड करना और तीसरा है गॉद की मदद से फोल्ड किए हुए पेपर को किसी सतह पर चिपका एक नया रूप देना। इस आर्ट को पेपर क्विलिंग कहा जाता है।

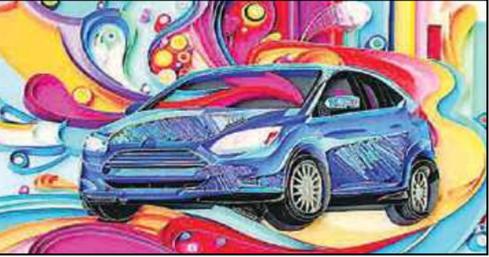


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यहां से मिली इस कला की प्रेरणा

यूलिया को इस कलाकारी का आइडिया तब आया, जब दस साल पहले उन्हें एक ब्रोशर में अपने नाम को अलग तरीके से



लिखना था, कुछ ऐसा, जो उसकी कलाकारी को दर्शाता हो। कई वर्षों बाद उन्हें स्कूल के समय के दिनों में बनाए गए एक प्रोजेक्ट की याद आई, जिसमें उन्होंने पेपर क्विलिंग का इस्तेमाल किया था। बस फिर क्या था, उन्होंने उसी तरीके का इस्तेमाल कर ब्रोशर तैयार किया, जो लोगों को काफी पसंद आया। तभी से उन्होंने इस तकनीक का इस्तेमाल कर अलग प्रकार के चित्र बनाने शुरू किए।

दोस्तों, रंग बदलने वाले जीव-जंतु सबका ध्यान अपनी ओर खींचते हैं। ये ऐसा क्यों और कैसे करते हैं, तुम्हें इस बार बता रहे हैं। गिरगिट के अलावा भी ऐसे बहुत से जीव हैं, जो रंग बदलने में माहिर हैं। इन जीवों में पलाउंडर, मिमिक ऑक्टोपस, पीकोक पलाउंडर, टोन स्पाइडर, ट्री फ्रॉग, गोल्डन टॉरटोइज बीटल और स्कविड प्रजाति की कई मछलियां हैं। रंग बदलने की क्षमता को उनकी बड़ी ताकत के रूप में देखा जाता है। इन रंगों के बल पर ये जीव खुद को छिपाने में कामयाब रहते हैं, तो वहीं शिकारी से अपनी रक्षा भी करते हैं।

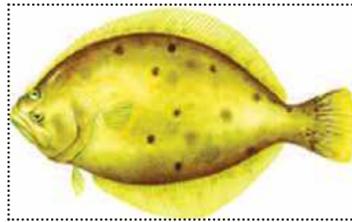
ट्री फ्रॉग

इन्हें लॉफिंग ट्री फ्रॉग के नाम से भी जाना जाता है। जितने ये अपनी आवाज के लिए जाने जाते हैं, उतनी ही फुर्ती से अपने रंग बदलने के लिए भी। ये मेंढक भूरे, कथई और सफेद रंग बदलने में माहिर होते हैं। ये पीले व काले पैर और एमरेल्ड कलर के निशानों के साथ भी नजर आते हैं।



पलाउंडर

यह मछली पहली नजर में सपाट आकार की साधारण सी मछली नजर आती है, लेकिन इसमें अपने आसपास की चीजों के अनुसार अपना रंग बदलने की अद्भुत क्षमता है। इनकी ताकत बढ़ाने में इनकी आंखें भी बहुत मददगार हैं। इस प्रजाति की मछलियां वयस्क होने पर अपनी आंखें दाईं या बाईं ओर घुमा सकती हैं। इससे जमीन की सतह के साथ तैरने में इन्हें आसानी होती है। ये मछलियां समुद्र के सबसे गहरे इलाके मरियाना ट्रेंच में भी पाई गई हैं, जो कि लगभग 35,000 फीट की गहराई में है।



रंग बदलने में माहिर हैं ये जीव

टोन स्पाइडर

गोल्डनरॉड क्रेब स्पाइडर सिर्फ दो रंग बदल सकता है- एक सफेद और दूसरा पीला, लेकिन अच्छी बात यह है कि यह अपना शिकारी सिर्फ इस रंग के फूलों को बनाता है। इसमें खासतौर पर डेजी और सूरजमुखी शामिल हैं। इस खूबी के बल पर यह फूलों का शिकार भी कर लेता है और शिकारी चिड़ियों से भी बचा रहता है।

गिरगिट

रंग बदलने में गिरगिट का कोई सानी नहीं होता। इसकी खासियत यह होती है कि ये अपने आसपास के पर्यावरण के हिसाब से रंग बदल लेते हैं। जिस पेड़ पर जाते हैं, उसी का रंग अपना लेते हैं। यह जीव कई बार शिकारी से बचने के लिए ऐसा करता है। गिरगिट की लगभग सभी प्रजातियां रंग बदलने में माहिर होती हैं। यह लंबे समय तक बदले हुए रंग में रह सकता है। यह छिपकली के परिवार का ही सदस्य माना जाता है।

कटलफिश

प्यारे से नाम वाली ये मछलियां बहुत बुद्धिमान होती हैं। ये मछलियां लगातार एक चतुराई से शिकार करने का और दूसरे बड़े जीवों से खुद को बचाने का काम करती हैं। ये ज्यादा देर तक एक रंग में नजर नहीं आती और दिमाग से मिलने वाले संदेश के अनुसार लगातार अपना रंग बदलती रहती हैं। जितनी आराम से तुम सांस लेते हो, उतनी ही आसानी से ये रंग बदलती नजर आती हैं, जो देखने में बहुत रोमांचक लगता है।



अनोखा अंगूरी क्राफ्ट

दोस्तों, तुम्हें अंगूर खूब अच्छे लगते हैं न! आज हम तुम्हें अंगूर से क्राफ्ट बनाना सिखा रहे हैं। तुम्हें चाहिए कुछ अंगूर, दूधपिक।

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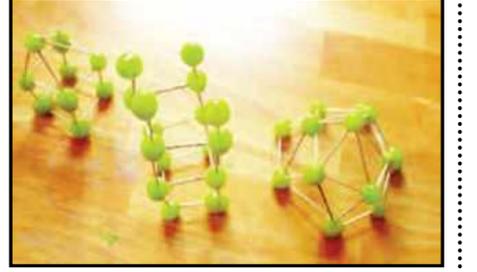
अब इस तरह से अंगूर में दूधपिक डालो और दूसरे दूधपिक से अंगूर को जोड़ते जाओ। फिर तुम्हें जो शेष चाहिए, उस तरह से बनाओ। चार अंगूरों की मदद से पहले तुम्हें बेस तैयार करना होगा। बस तुम्हें यह ध्यान रखना है कि दूधपिक से अंगूर टूट ना जाए। एक बार बनाने

के बाद अब तुम इसे खा सकते हो। बड़ा मजा आएगा अगर दोस्तों और परिवार के साथ मिलकर खाओगे। चाहो तो अंगूर की जगह पर डो के छोटे-छोटे टुकड़ों का भी इस्तेमाल कर सकते हो।

अंगूर खाने के फायदे

इसमें भरपूर मात्रा में कैल्शियम होता है, जो हड्डियों के लिए

अच्छा होता है। अंगूर में सबसे अधिक पोटेशियम पाया जाता है, जो पाचन और दिल के लिए अच्छा होता है। विटामिन सी का अच्छा स्रोत है। यह खून की कमी को भी दूर करता है।



जब बच्चे बने टीचर

रोज की तरह रमा इंटरनेशनल स्कूल के बच्चे आज भी स्कूल पहुंच रहे थे, पर उनके चेहरे पर स्कूल जाने का तनाव नहीं, बल्कि अलग तरह की उत्सुकता थी। आज उनके प्रिंसिपल बेदी सर ने उन्हें पूरी छूट दी थी। एक दिन पहले उन्होंने एसेंबली में भाषण देते हुए कहा था, 'कल 14 नवंबर है, यानी बाल दिवस। आप सब समझते हैं कि स्कूल में बहुत बंदिश होती है। आप अपने मन की नहीं कर सकते। पर कल आप लोगों को पूरी छूट है। न स्कूल ड्रेस का डर न टीचर्स की डांट। कल हम सब कुछ अलग करेंगे। मुझे उम्मीद है, यह अलग वाली बात आप लोगों को पसंद आएगी।' अगले दिन सुबह सारे बच्चे एसेंबली के लिए प्लेग्राउंड में इकट्ठे होने लगे। कुछ बच्चे जो काफी अमीर थे, वे तो ब्रांडेड सामान की पूरी दुकान नजर आ रहे थे। धीरे-धीरे सारा प्लेग्राउंड बच्चों से भर गया। रंग-बिरंगी तिलियों की तरह सारे बच्चे झंझर-उधर भाग रहे थे, दोस्तों से मिल रहे थे। तभी घोषणा हुई कि प्रिंसिपल बेदी सर आ रहे हैं। सारे बच्चे खुरंत अपनी-अपनी वलास की लाइन में आकर खड़े हो गए।

बेदी सर माइक के सामने आए और बोले, 'आज का दिन आप लोगों का है, मतलब बच्चों का दिन है। आज तक आप लोग इस स्कूल में पढ़ते रहे हैं और अपने टीचर्स से आपको शिकायत भी रही होगी। चलो, आज एक नया खेल खेलते हैं। आज आप लोग टीचर बनेंगे!'

'सर, अगर हम लोग टीचर होंगे, तो बच्चे कौन बनेंगे, जिन्हें हम पढ़ाएंगे?' एक बच्चे की आवाज आई।

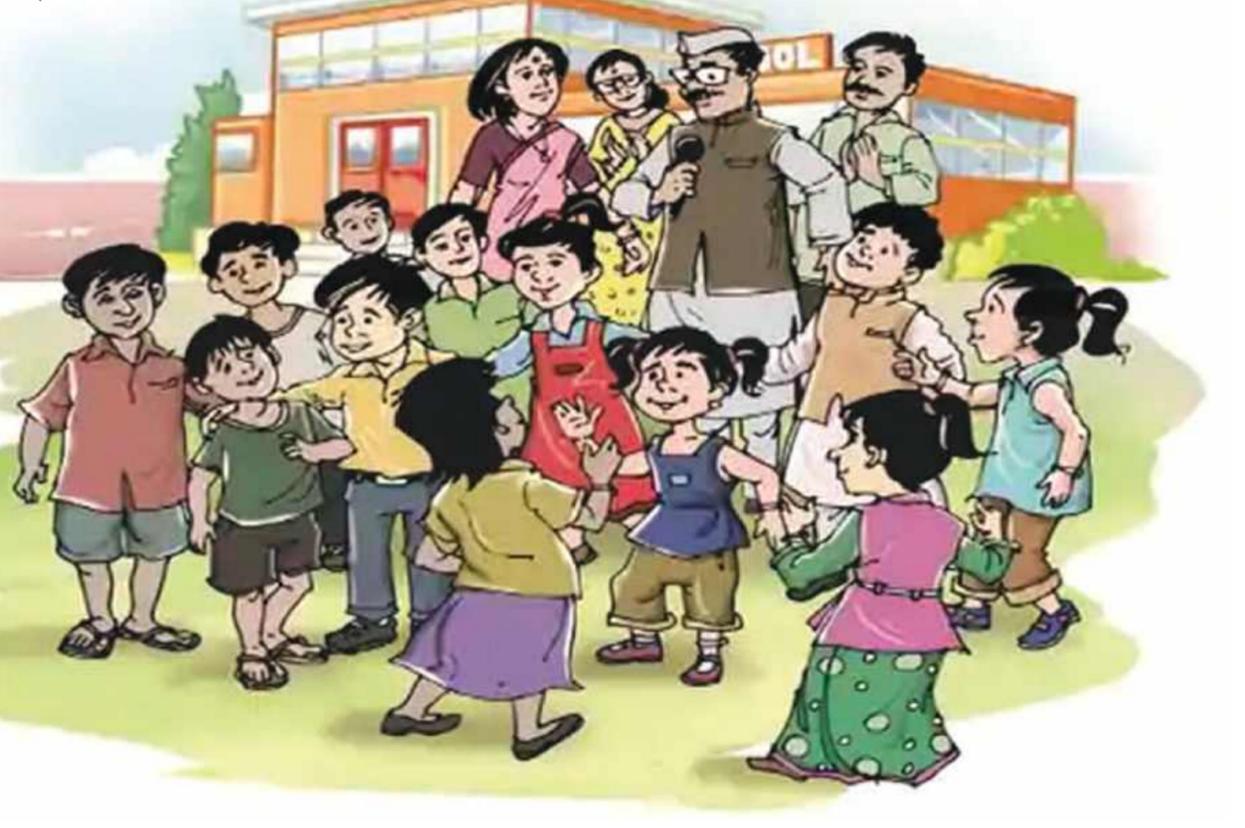
बेदी सर मुस्कुरा दिए। फिर बोले, 'मैंने भी यही सोचा था। फिर एक आइडिया आया। आप लोग चिंता न करें। आपके स्टूडेंट थोड़ी देर में आने वाले हैं।' जब तक बेदी सर अपनी बात पूरी करते, तब तक स्कूल की चार बसें आकर रुकीं। उनके गेट खुले, तो उनमें से कुछ बच्चे उतरने लगे। हिंदी वाले सर के साथ वलास मॉनिटर्स आगे बढ़े। उनके हाथ में टोकरियां थीं, जिनमें गुलाब के फूल थे। सर आगे बढ़कर एक-एक करके सभी बच्चों की शर्ट पर गुलाब

के फूल लगाने लगे।

स्कूल के बच्चों की नजरें इन नए बच्चों पर से हट ही नहीं रही थीं। सारे बच्चे गरीब लग रहे थे। किसी के पैर में पुराने जूते थे, तो कोई चप्पल में था। उनके कपड़े जैसे थे, जैसे वे अपने घर में भी नहीं पहनते थे। प्रिंसिपल सर बच्चों को गौर से देख रहे थे। उनके मन की बात वे समझ गए। उन्होंने बोलना शुरू किया, 'कुछ दिनों पहले मुझे एक अनाथालय में जाने का मौका मिला। वहां मैं इन बच्चों से मिला। ये वो बच्चे हैं, जिनको आप लोगों की तरह माता-पिता का प्यार नहीं मिला। इन्हें कोई सुबह स्कूल के लिए तैयार नहीं करता, कोई इनके लिए स्कूल का लंच पैक नहीं करता। ऐसा इसलिए, क्योंकि ये स्कूल नहीं जा पाते हैं और अपने आश्रम में ही आने वाले टीचर्स से पढ़ते हैं। पर इन्हें पढ़ाई में कमजोर मत समझना। इनमें से कुछ बच्चों ने मुझसे कहा कि सर हम भी देखना चाहते हैं, स्कूल केसा होता है, और वहां पढ़ाई कैसे होती है। इसीलिए मैंने आज इन बच्चों को यहाँ आमंत्रित किया है। आज ये बच्चे हमारे स्टूडेंट हैं और आप लोग अपने टीचर्स के साथ मिलकर इन्हें पढ़ाएंगे ताकि स्कूल में पढ़ने का इनका सपना भी पूरा हो। मैं बस आप सबसे यही चाहता हूँ कि अनाथालय से आए बच्चों को यह महसूस करा दो कि वे पराए नहीं, हमारे अपने हैं। बाल दिवस उन बच्चों के लिए भी महत्वपूर्ण है।' इसके बाद एसेंबली खत्म हो गई और बच्चे अपनी-अपनी वलास की ओर चले, पर उन बच्चों की कहानी सुनकर ज्यादातर बच्चों के चेहरे गंभीर हो गए थे। जब वे अपनी वलास में पहुंचे तो उन्हें अनाथालय के बच्चे सीटों पर बैठे दिखाई दिए। ऐसी ही एक वलास में खड़े टीचर ने कहा, 'कुछ बच्चे जो पढ़ाना चाहते हैं, वो मेरे पास आ जाएं। बाकी बच्चे इन बच्चों के साथ बैठ जाएं और पढ़ाई में सहयोग करें।'

एक-दो घंटे बाद पता ही नहीं चल रहा था कि ये बच्चे एक-दूसरे को जानते ही नहीं थे। सब एक-दूसरे से खुल गए थे। पढ़ाई में एक-दूसरे का सहयोग कर रहे थे। पता नहीं कैसे स्कूल के बच्चों के मन में यह भावना आ गई

थी कि अनाथालय के बच्चों को नहीं लगना चाहिए कि वे पराए हैं। लंच टाइम में स्कूल की तरफ से अनाथालय से आए बच्चों के लिए लंच आया, पर स्कूल के बच्चों ने अपना टिफिन भी उन बच्चों के साथ शेयर किया। ऐसे ही हंसते-खेलते स्कूल का टाइम बीता और छुट्टी का समय आ गया। बच्चों को आदेश था कि छुट्टी से पहले फिर से सब प्लेग्राउंड में इकट्ठे होंगे।



NEWS BOX

Not just God's plan: Gautam Gambhir credits Indian fans for T20 World Cup triumph

New Delhi. (Agency)

India's head coach Gautam Gambhir turned to social media to dedicate the country's historic third T20 World Cup title to the millions of fans whose unwavering support fuelled the team's journey to glory.

[IND vs NZ final: Highlights | Scorecard]

Taking to X (formerly Twitter), Gambhir wrote, "This wasn't just God's plan, it was the plan of 1.4 Billion Indians! Each player a WORLD CHAMPION!" — a passionate tribute that captured the euphoria of an entire nation united behind its cricket team.

India etched their name in the history books by becoming the first team to successfully defend the T20 World Cup title, and the first side to win the tournament on home soil. In a dominant final at the Narendra Modi Stadium, India crushed New Zealand by 96 runs to lift their third T20 World Cup trophy, sending fans across the country into a frenzy of celebration. Speaking at the post-match press conference, Gambhir took a moment to acknowledge the architects behind India's continued success — the men who built the system long before the trophies arrived.

He reserved special praise for former head coach Rahul Dravid, crediting him for maintaining the team's structure and stability during his tenure — a foundation



that Gambhir has built upon to deliver championship results. Gambhir also shone a light on VVS Laxman, who heads the BCCI's Centre of Excellence, recognising his often unseen but vital contributions in identifying and nurturing the next generation of Indian cricket talent through the national pipeline. Chief selector Ajit Agarkar also received a heartfelt mention. Gambhir acknowledged the criticism Agarkar frequently faces and commended his honesty and steadfast commitment to the role. Perhaps the most personal tribute, however, was reserved for ICC Chairman Jay Shah. Gambhir revealed that Shah was the one voice of support during the darkest periods of his coaching tenure, following back-to-back series losses to New Zealand and South Africa.

Why didn't Glenn Phillips bowl more in T20 World Cup final? Santner explains

LONDON. (Agency)

There are certain moments in a high-pressure final that can decide the course of the game. For New Zealand, holding back Glenn Phillips in the T20 World Cup 2026 final against India seemed to be one of those defining moments. Phillips was the only right-arm spinner that the Blackcaps had in their lineup for the game with Cole McConchie being dropped for Jacob Duffy. Yet, the all-rounder bowled just one over and gave away five runs in it, and never got the ball again. This allowed the Indian batters to break free and put on a mammoth 255 in the final, ultimately ending up with a win and



the title. Speaking at the post-match press conference, Santner explained the reason behind the call. The New Zealand skipper said that the way Abhishek Sharma and Sanju Samson played Phillips brilliantly, which made him go to the pacers in the hope of getting something off the track. Santner further stated that if Samson was dismissed early, then Phillips would have come on to bowl against Abhishek and Kishan.

"I think the way they played the over, Abhishek I thought played that very smart. I know at times he comes a little bit hard at the off spinner, but he gave it over to Sanju. And then I think the first kind of three overs is when the ball is doing its most. And then I think you can really capitalise on the last three of the power play like they did. So it was always going to be hard. I think if Sanju got out, definitely would have been another option for GP to bowl to the two left-handers. But when you're not taking wickets, it's always a challenge," said Samson.

WHY DID NEW ZEALAND DROP MCCONCHIE?

Given India's struggles against off-spin bowlers during the tournament, it seemed like a logical call to include McConchie for the game.

India have ruined cricket: Salty Shoaib Akhtar reacts to one-sided T20 World Cup win

PARIS. (Agency)

India's dominant triumph in the 2026 T20 World Cup final has triggered strong reactions across the cricketing world, particularly from across the border. Former Pakistan fast bowler Shoaib Akhtar delivered one of the most controversial responses, claiming that India's rise has "ruined cricket." India outclassed New Zealand in the final at the Narendra Modi Stadium, sealing a massive 96-run win to lift their third T20 World Cup title. While most cricket experts praised the clinical performance, Akhtar launched a sharp attack during the Tapmad show Game On Hai, comparing India to a "rich kid" dominating a neighbourhood game. "It's like when there's one rich kid in a neighbourhood who calls all the poor kids and says, 'Come, let's play cricket.' That's exactly what India is doing with us. Out of eight teams, they keep four, and out of those four they call three again and move forward, and then they say, 'See, I've won.' They have ruined cricket entirely," Akhtar said. The former Pakistan pacer's comments quickly

sparked debate among fans online, with many calling the remarks bitter following India's emphatic victory. Interestingly, Akhtar had struck a slightly different tone before the final. While acknowledging India as favourites, he had suggested that he



wanted New Zealand to win the title "for cricket's sake." "I feel New Zealand might be bogged down in front of India, but India also have the pressure of 1.5 billion people. They have already lost a match in the World Cup

final to Australia in Ahmedabad. I see India as the winner out of all this, but for cricket's sake, it's high time New Zealand won this World Cup," he had said earlier. Despite his criticism, Akhtar did acknowledge one factor behind India's success. The former pacer praised head coach Gautam Gambhir for backing players through difficult phases, suggesting that such faith can sometimes make the difference in major tournaments.

PAKISTAN STARS ANGRY WITH INDIA'S DOMINANCE

Akhtar was not the only former Pakistan cricketer to make controversial remarks after India's victory. Mohammad Amir also shared a surprising take during the Pakistan cricket talk show Harna Mana Hai. According to Amir, a large portion of the credit for India's win should go to New Zealand's bowlers. The former left-arm pacer suggested that the Kiwi attack failed to apply enough pressure, which allowed India's batters to dictate the pace of the game. Such reactions from across the border have added

another layer to the discussions surrounding India's commanding title win, with several fans and experts pointing out that the victory was the result of consistent performances throughout the tournament.

HOW INDIA WON THE 2026 T20 WORLD CUP India delivered one of their most complete performances of the tournament in the final against New Zealand.

After being asked to bat first, India's top order produced a fearless display. Sanju Samson led the charge with a superb 89 off 46 balls, while Abhishek Sharma smashed a rapid 52 from 21 deliveries. Ishan Kishan continued his excellent tournament with a quickfire 54 off 25 balls, before Shivam Dube added late fireworks with an unbeaten 26 from just eight balls to power India to 255/5.

Chasing the massive target, New Zealand managed a brief fightback through Tim Seifert's 52 off 26 balls, but India's bowling attack soon tightened its grip. Jasprit Bumrah delivered a sensational spell of 4/15, while Axar Patel picked up 3/27 to dismantle the Kiwi batting lineup. India eventually sealed a 96-run victory, creating history by becoming the first team to successfully defend the T20 World Cup and the first host nation to lift the trophy.

Emotional Ishan Kishan dedicates T20 World Cup triumph to late cousin sister

T20 World Cup: Ishan Kishan revealed he lost his cousin sister in a car accident a day before the T20 World Cup final. The emotional wicketkeeper-batter dedicated India's historic triumph to her memory after the win.

Ahmedabad. (Agency)

India's T20 World Cup 2026 victory in Ahmedabad will be remembered for the records and celebrations. For Ishan Kishan, however, the night carried a far more emotional layer. The wicketkeeper-batter revealed that he had lost his cousin sister in a car accident just a day before the final and dedicated India's title triumph to her.

The 27-year-old shared the heartbreaking news after India's commanding win over New Zealand in the final on Sunday, March 8. Speaking during the post-match press conference in Ahmedabad, Kishan said he decided to step onto the field and play the

match in her memory. "To be honest, before the game, I lost my cousin sister yesterday in a car accident. I played well for her. I spoke to Hardik bhai, he said to put the team ahead. I dedicate this win to her, and today is Women's Day, so it makes it all the more special," Kishan said. The left-handed batter added that a conversation with teammate Hardik Pandya helped him steady his mind before the biggest match of



the tournament despite the personal loss. Kishan also reflected on the shift in his mindset over the past year, explaining that he has tried to stop overthinking situations that are beyond his control and focus purely on performing. "I have stopped thinking too

much. Just do your work and not think about the things which are not under your control, and that's what Virat bhai always did," Kishan said, referencing Virat Kohli. The wicketkeeper-batter also recalled a light-hearted exchange with India captain Suryakumar Yadav from before the World Cup squad was finalised.

"When Surya bhai called, I took a screenshot and thought it was for the World Cup. He called and asked WC jeetwayega kya. I asked, 'Aap bharosa karoge kya?' and I said, 'Karoonga.' He said chal kiya," Kishan recalled.

HOW WAS ISHAN KISHAN 2026 T20 WC?

Kishan's emotional night in the final was also the perfect ending to what had been a superb tournament for the Jharkhand batter.

The left-hander finished as the fourth-highest run-getter in the T20 World Cup, piling up 317 runs in nine matches at a ridiculous strike rate of 193.29. Three half-centuries later, Kishan had firmly established himself as one of India's most dangerous batters in the tournament.

Three-time world champions, are India the greatest T20I side ever

New Delhi. (Agency)

T20 cricket has rarely allowed dynasties to flourish. Teams change quickly, conditions vary from one tournament to the next, and the margins between victory and defeat are often painfully thin. Even sides that dominate for a short spell usually find themselves dragged back into the pack within a year or two. They were not just the defending champions. They arrived carrying the weight of expectation that inevitably follows success; the burden of being the team every opponent desperately wanted to beat, and the challenge of attempting something no men's side had managed before, defending a T20 World Cup title in the most unpredictable format in international cricket, and doing it at home.

The scale of that achievement was evident from the very beginning. This was not simply another strong team entering a

World Cup. Playing at home, in front of expectant crowds and constant scrutiny, India were perhaps the most heavily backed



favourites any side has carried into a tournament of this kind. By the end of it, they had surpassed those expectations and achieved everything they had set out to do. The spotlight rarely moved away. Yet the journey to the title was anything but

straightforward. Even before the tournament began, India made a bold call by moving away from Shubman Gill and backing Sanju Samson alongside the explosive Abhishek Sharma at the top of the order. It reflected the team's intent to play fearless, attacking cricket from the very first over. But the story soon became more complicated.

Ishan Kishan's form demanded attention, Samson once again found himself pushed aside, and the balance of the side shifted. As the tournament unfolded, India continued to adjust their combinations, responding to form, conditions and the rhythm of a long competition. By the middle of the campaign, the team had to pivot again.

Samson returned, the trio of left-handers at the top was broken up, and the batting order was reshaped. Such mid-tournament changes often unsettle teams.



to keep up. The eventual 96-run victory sealed India's third T20 World Cup title, sparking wild celebrations as players, support staff and families joined the festivities on the field.

INDIA CELEBRATES T20 WORLD CUP TRIUMPH: In pics

Hardik Pandya, Tilak Varma and Ishan Kishan rushed to Suryakumar Yadav as soon as India's T20 World Cup title defence was sealed. The celebrations began at the Narendra Modi stadium in Ahmedabad. In front of a fully packed Narendra Modi stadium, Suryakumar Yadav-led India became the first ever team to lift a T20 World Cup title in front of their home crowd. A first-ever title defence for the first-ever home World Cup champions.

Gavaskar keeps T20 World Cup promise, dances with Suryakumar

T20 World Cup final: Sunil Gavaskar kept his promise to Suryakumar Yadav and danced with the Indian captain after India retained their T20 World Cup crown in Ahmedabad. Gavaskar heaped praise on Suryakumar after the win.

New Delhi. (Agency)

Before the start of the T20 World Cup 2026, Sunil Gavaskar made a promise to the Indian team and Suryakumar Yadav. The Indian legend, who is known for his celebrations after India win a big game, promised Suryakumar that he would dance with joy if



the team managed to defend their crown. "When you lift the trophy and receive it, I will start dancing," Gavaskar said. "Dancing is my cardio. Everyone else does intense cardio, but I can't do that at my age. So I do a little bit of cardio, and that's

dancing. There's so much joy in seeing your captain and your country's flag going up. Sometimes emotions just come out." On Sunday, March 8, Gavaskar delivered on the promise. At first, just ahead of the presentation, the Indian legend was seen

dancing, which was captured by the broadcasters. As India defeated New Zealand to lift the T20 World Cup for the third time, the legendary batter couldn't contain his excitement and joined the Indian team in their victory celebrations. Gavaskar decided to shake a leg with Suryakumar, and the Indian skipper obliged. The portion of Gavaskar and Suryakumar's dance can be seen in the following video: **WHAT DID GAVASKAR SAY ABOUT SURYAKUMAR?** Gavaskar delivered high praise for Suryakumar after the T20 World Cup win. Speaking to India Today, Gavaskar said that Suryakumar was in the mold of Rohit Sharma and is leader in the dressing room that everyone looks up to. "He's such a calm, cool, collected captain, pretty much in the mold of Rohit Sharma. Always smiling, always positive in his attitude and his approach. He started off by saving India from an awkward situation against the USA, scoring 84. He's clearly the leader and everyone looks up to him," said Suryakumar.

Uorfi Javed

Wears A Cake Dress, Internet Asks 'Iske Ke Andar Ghusi Kaise?'

Uorfi Javed's unique fashion choices always get the internet talking, and she has done it once again. This time, she wore a dress made from an actual cake, and yes, it was just as surprising as it sounds. What truly stands out about Uorfi is not just her bold ideas but the confidence with which she carries them. She does not just wear unusual outfits, she owns them, and this cake dress was no different.

Uorfi Javed Makes A Cake Her Outfit And We Are Shocked

Uorfi Javed stepped out for an event in what looked like a dramatic black strapless gown. At first glance, the outfit appeared heavy and sculpted, with beautiful detailing that instantly grabbed attention. Uorfi kept her styling on point with sleek hair and soft makeup, letting the outfit do all the talking as she confidently posed for the cameras.

But there was a surprising twist. The dress was actually made from cake. In the paparazzi video, Uorfi was seen posing as usual when someone from her team cut a slice straight out of her dress. As the cake was being cut, she told the photographers, "This is India's first wearable cake dress." The moment ended



with cheers from both Uorfi and the paparazzi, turning the entire act into a fun and unforgettable fashion moment.

In another paparazzi video, Uorfi was also seen feeding a piece of the cake to one of the photographers. While doing so, she jokingly told the paparazzi, "Usko aana padega khane ko, main nahi ja sakti," which instantly made everyone laugh and added a fun, playful moment to the whole interaction.

Internet Reacts To Viral Cake Dress

Reacting to Uorfi's latest fashion outing, a user wrote, "Wow" Another one added, "Yeh alag hi kism ki prajati hai." Someone commented, "Something unique always." An individual remarked, "She's getting better day by day." "Kuch bhi kaho ladki mein baat toh hai," added someone. A user questioned, "Cake ke andar ghusi kaise yeh batao pehle."

The internet is amused, curious, and impressed all at the same time, and honestly, that is no surprise. Once again, Uorfi has managed to grab everyone's attention with a bold and unexpected idea. This is not the first time she has set social media buzzing, and knowing her, it definitely will not be the last. If anything, moments like these only make people excited to see what she comes up with next.

The 50: Monalisa, After Eviction, Slams Foul Language Used By Khanzaadi, Chahat Pandey



As the reality show The 50 inches closer to its grand finale, the drama inside the Lion Palace is higher than ever. Since its premiere, the show has kept viewers hooked with its unique format, heated controversies, and shocking eliminations. Monalisa was amongst the contestants who recently got evicted from the house. After her exit, she opened up about Khanzaadi's derogatory language inside the show. Khanzaadi got eliminated during the February 11 episode, finishing in 45th position. During her time, her heated altercation with actress Chahat Pandey became a major highlight of the show. Monalisa reflected on Khanzaadi's misconduct with Chahat Pandey and the way she body-shamed Nehal Chudasma during the games.

Monalisa On The Foul Language Used By Khanzaadi and Chahat Pandey in The 50

In an interview with Times Now, Monalisa spoke about the foul language used by Khanzaadi and Chahat Pandey on the show, where, instead of uplifting one another, the women were seen pulling each other down. She said, "Ye meri parvarish nahi hai and uske dekh ke bhi aisa nahi lagta hai ki uski bhi hogi. Aap ek show me jaate ho and fir bhool jaate ho ki cameras hai, karoro janta aapko dekh rahi hai, aapke fans aapko dekh rahe hai toh aapko maintain karna chahiye. Aap bolo, apna point of view rakho par ek limit hona chahiye. Itne galat shabd use karke, what are you trying to prove?"

While sharing her take on the on-set clash between Khanzaadi and Chahat Pandey, Monalisa said that viewers and fellow contestants only saw Khanzaadi's actions, while no one knows what happened privately with Chahat. Their argument took place in a different room and that hasn't come on record. Talking about post-argument reactions, Monalisa said, "That was very wrong, agar kuch hua bhi tha toh abahar aake sabse shamme bolna nahi chahiye tha. Usne actions char bar repeat kiya aur bola, 'usne mujhe aisa aisa bola,' referring to the derogatory language.

She added, "Aap wo aapas mein bhi solve kar sakte the. But everyone was so shocked ki 'aise koi kaise baat kar sakta hai, demean kar sakta hai' That was very wrong."

'Parineeti' Fame Ankur Verma Marries Longtime Partner Leena In Intimate Ceremony



Television actor Ankur Verma, popularly known for his role in the well-liked daily soap opera Parineeti, has begun a new phase in his personal life. The TV actor married his longtime partner, Leena, in a private ceremony on February 25 that was attended by close friends and family. Owing to the stunning viral images and clips on social media, fans have been showering the newlyweds with love and blessings for their new journey together. Fans and coworkers alike were thrilled by the small wedding, which was characterised by warmth and simplicity.

Warmest Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Verma

The modest wedding style reflected the couple's inclination for seclusion above opulence. The ceremony, which was attended by close friends and family, was centred on sentimental moments and customary rites. One Instagram user shared a clip from Ankur and Leena's Haldi ceremony, where the couple can be seen sharing the same spot during the ritual.

While attendees were dressed in yellow, the couple sported twinning vibrant purple-coloured outfits, serving major couple goals. Ankur wore a purple-coloured kurta-pyjamas, while Leena opted for a purple lehenga set.

A kid approaches Ankur and the two pose for the camera. "Mamu ki shaadi," was written over the video. The SBS Exclusive (Saas Bahu Aur Saazish) shared another update, showing the newlyweds in their traditional wedding attire. Ankur wore a white sherwani suit, along with a matching turban, and Leena donned a traditional red lehenga.

About Ankur Verma

Ankur Verma is an actor with talent and versatility. He began his theatrical career with MGR Theatre Group in Gurgaon and Shri Ram Centre Mandai House in Delhi from 2017 to 2019. He moved to Mumbai after graduation and worked on numerous advertisements for various companies, such as Closeup, IPL Tata Harrier, and Samsung. He made his screen debut as the lead in Balaji's Colours production of Parineeti (2022-). Ankur made his web debut in Sonakshi Sinha-starrer Dhaad (2023).

Sargun Mehta's

Fashion Game Remains Unmatched In Her Blue Gown: 'Very Bebo Of Me'

Apart from being admired for her powerful performances, Sargun Mehta continues to impress fans with her impeccable fashion sense. The actress recently shared a series of photos wearing a striking, shiny blue outfit and she looks nothing short of breathtaking.

Backless Blue Gown, High Slit and Elegant Styling

Sargun opted for a long, backless blue gown featuring a high neckline and a bold thigh-high slit. The outfit showcased beautifully draped fabric around the neck that flowed down the back, adding drama and elegance to the overall look. Her long, dark hair was styled in soft, loose waves, perfectly complementing the sophistication of the gown.

Luxury Vibes With Silver Heels and a Red Car

Elevating the glamour quotient further, Sargun paired her outfit with silver, sparkly high-heeled shoes. Posing confidently beside a red luxury car, she exuded a bold and refined aesthetic that caught instant attention on social media.

Caption, Music Choice and Fans' Reactions

She shared the pictures with the song Bebo playing in the background and captioned the post, "Very bebo of me". The comments section quickly filled with admiration from friends and fans alike. Actress Ayesha Khan commented, "Didn't breathe for a minute, wow", while one fan wrote, "Very bebo for me sargun".

Sargun Mehta Shuts Down Pregnancy Rumours

This glamorous post comes shortly after Sargun

addressed and dismissed persistent pregnancy rumours circulating online. Taking to Instagram, she shared a strongly worded note, urging people to stop spreading unverified and baseless claims.

In her statement, Sargun wrote, "News apparently knows before us about our 'pregnancy' for the last two years. According to them, I've been pregnant. That's one long pregnancy! Just calm down and stop spreading baseless news. It wouldn't take much time to ask our team or us if the news is genuine before writing about



More Than an Actress: Sargun Mehta, the Entrepreneur

Sargun Mehta has proven that she is much more than just a talented performer. Along with her husband, Ravi Dubey, she co-founded Dreamiyat Entertainment. The production house has successfully expanded into television, digital content, and music, making a strong impact across multiple platforms.



बोकारो, हजारीबाग सहित 9 जिले में बारिश की संभावना

गिरिडीह में तेज हवा के साथ हुई बरसात, 11 मार्च से मौसम हो सकता है साफ



रांची, एजेंसी। झारखंड में मार्च की शुरुआत के साथ ही मौसम ने अचानक करवट ले ली है। राज्य के कई जिलों में

बादल छाने और हल्की बारिश की स्थिति बनने लगी है। सोमवार की दोपहर गिरिडीह में तेज हवा के झोंके के साथ बारिश हुई।

इधर, मौसम विभाग के अनुसार 9 और 10 मार्च को विशेष रूप से उत्तर-पूर्वी और उससे सटे मध्य जिलों में आंशिक से घने बादल छाए रह सकते हैं। इस दौरान कहीं-कहीं गरज के साथ हल्की बारिश होने की संभावना जताई गई है।

कई इलाकों में 30 से 40 किलोमीटर प्रति घंटे की रफतार से तेज हवाएं भी चल सकती हैं। मौसम पूर्वानुमान केंद्र ने इस स्थिति को देखते हुए वज्रपात को लेकर यलो अलर्ट जारी किया है। मौसम वैज्ञानिकों का कहना है कि दो दिन की इस हलचल के बाद राज्य में मौसम तेजी से साफ होने लगेगा और फिर गर्मी का असर बढ़ेगा।

इन जिलों में बादल और बारिश की संभावना : मौसम विभाग के अनुसार 9 मार्च को बोकारो, हजारीबाग, गिरिडीह, कोडरमा, देवघर, दुमका, गोड्डा, साहिबगंज और पाकुड़ में बादल छाए रहने

के साथ कुछ स्थानों पर गरज-चमक के साथ हल्की बारिश हो सकती है।

वहीं 10 मार्च को बोकारो, धनबाद, गिरिडीह, देवघर, दुमका, पाकुड़, गोड्डा और साहिबगंज में आंशिक बादल और छिटपुट वर्षा का अनुमान है। इस दौरान कई इलाकों में तेज हवा चलने और गर्जना की भी संभावना बनी रहेगी।

मौसम विभाग का कहना है कि यह बदलाव पश्चिमी विक्षोभ के प्रभाव के कारण देखा जा रहा है, जिससे कुछ दिनों के लिए मौसम में नमी बढ़ी है। बादल बनने की स्थिति बनी है।

रांची में दो दिन बादल, हल्की बारिश के आसार : राजधानी रांची और आसपास के क्षेत्रों में भी अगले दो दिनों तक मौसम बदला-बदला रहेगा। यहां आंशिक बादल छाने के साथ गरज वाले बादल बनने की संभावना है। कहीं-कहीं हल्की बारिश हो सकती है।

इस दौरान रांची का अधिकतम तापमान 32 से 34 डिग्री सेल्सियस के

बीच रहने का अनुमान है, जबकि न्यूनतम तापमान 18 से 19 डिग्री सेल्सियस के आसपास रहेगा। मौसम वैज्ञानिकों के अनुसार बारिश के साथ कुछ स्थानों पर वज्रपात की भी आशंका है, इसलिए लोगों को सतर्क रहने की सलाह दी गई है।

11 मार्च के बाद साफ होगा मौसम : मौसम विभाग के मुताबिक 11 मार्च से राज्य में मौसम धीरे-धीरे साफ होने लगेगा और 12 मार्च तक अधिकांश जिलों में आसमान साफ रहने की संभावना है। इसके बाद तेज धूप के कारण अधिकतम तापमान में 2 से 3 डिग्री सेल्सियस तक वृद्धि दर्ज की जा सकती है।

मार्च के तीसरे सप्ताह के अंत तक जमशेदपुर समेत दक्षिणी जिलों में तापमान 35 से 37 डिग्री सेल्सियस तक पहुंचने का अनुमान है। बारिश का यह दौर खत्म होने के बाद राज्य में मुख्य रूप से शुष्क और गर्म मौसम रहने की संभावना है, जिससे दिन के समय गर्मी का असर और बढ़ सकता है।

रील शूटिंग के बहाने निकली युवती आठ दिन बाद सकुशल बरामद



पूर्वी सिंहभूम, एजेंसी। सोनारी थाना क्षेत्र के आदर्शनगर की रहने वाली 18 वर्षीय युवती तमन्ना सिंह को पुलिस ने आठ दिन बाद सकुशल बरामद कर लिया। आवश्यक कानूनी प्रक्रिया पूरी करने के बाद उसे उसके माता-पिता के सुपुर्द कर दिया गया। जानकारी के अनुसार तमन्ना सिंह 28 फरवरी 2026 को घर से यह कहकर निकली थी कि वह शूटिंग के लिए जा रही है, लेकिन देर रात तक वापस नहीं लौटी। परिजनों ने काफी तलाश की, लेकिन उसका कोई पता नहीं चल सका। इसके बाद परिवार की शिकायत पर सोनारी थाना में छह मार्च को सनह दर्ज किया गया। मामले की सूचना मिलते ही पुलिस सक्रिय हो गई और तकनीकी सेल को मदद से युवती की लोकेशन ट्रेस करने का प्रयास शुरू किया। मोबाइल लोकेशन के आधार पर पुलिस ने पूर्वी सिंहभूम जिले के मुसाबनी क्षेत्र में छापेमारी कर युवती को सकुशल बरामद कर लिया। इसके बाद उसे थाना लाकर आवश्यक कानूनी प्रक्रिया पूरी की गई और परिवार के हवाले कर दिया गया। पुलिस जांच में यह भी सामने आया कि तमन्ना सिंह सोशल मीडिया पर रील बनाती है और भोजपुरी गीतों पर डांस शूट करने के साथ विभिन्न कार्यक्रमों में भी हिस्सा लेती है। जांच के दौरान पता चला कि वह अपने डांस और इवेंट पार्टनर विकी कुमार के साथ अपनी मर्जी से घूमने गई थी। युवती के सुरक्षित मिलने के बाद परिजनों ने राहत की सांस ली।

कुएं में गिरने से वृद्ध की मौत

खूंटी, एजेंसी। जरियागढ़ थाना क्षेत्र के लापा ग्राम निवासी अमृत आई-नं (65) की शनिवार रात्रि कुएं में गिरने से मौत हो गई। प्राप्त जानकारी के अनुसार शनिवार रात्रि किसी कारणवश अमृत आई-नं घर से बाहर निकले थे। इसी दौरान अंधेरे में संतुलन बिगड़ने से वह घर के पास स्थित कुएं में गिर गए। रविवार सुबह काफी देर तक घर नहीं लौटने पर परिजनों को चिंता हुई। इसके बाद परिजनों और ग्रामीणों ने उनकी खोजबीन शुरू की। तलाश के दौरान घर के पास स्थित कुएं में उनका शव दिखाई दिया। ग्रामीणों की मदद से शव को कुएं से बाहर निकाला गया। घटना की सूचना मिलने पर रविवार को जरियागढ़ थाना पुलिस मौके पर पहुंची और आवश्यक कार्रवाई पूरी कर शव को पोस्टमार्टम के लिए भेज दिया। पोस्टमार्टम के बाद शव परिजनों को सौंप दिया गया।

पिता की अस्थियां लेकर जा रहे बेटे की मौत

बोकारो में टेलर की टक्कर से गई जान, मुआवजे की मांग पर ग्रामीणों ने किया सड़क जाम

बोकारो, एजेंसी। बोकारो जिले के पिंडजोरा थाना क्षेत्र में सोमवार को एक सड़क हादसे में लगभग 40 वर्षीय हरिपद मोदी की मृत्यु हो गई। वे अपने पिता की अस्थियां विमर्जित करने के लिए दामोदर नदी जा रहे थे। इस घटना के बाद आक्रोशित ग्रामीणों ने सड़क जाम कर मुआवजे की मांग की।

काशीझरिया पंचायत के उपमुखिया सुजीत बावरी ने बताया कि कुरा गांव निवासी हरिपद मोदी के पिता जगू मोदी का हाल ही में निधन हुआ था। सोमवार सुबह हरिपद मोदी अपने परिजनों के साथ दामोदर नदी में अस्थि विमर्जन के लिए जा रहे थे।

हरिपद मोदी की घटनास्थल पर ही मृत्यु हो गई। हादसे की सूचना मिलते ही आसपास के ग्रामीण बड़ी संख्या में घटनास्थल पर एकत्रित हो गए। आक्रोशित ग्रामीणों ने सड़क जाम कर मृतक के परिजनों के लिए उचित मुआवजे की मांग की।



हरिपद मोदी की घटनास्थल पर ही मृत्यु हो गई।

हादसे की सूचना मिलते ही आसपास के ग्रामीण बड़ी संख्या में घटनास्थल पर एकत्रित हो गए। आक्रोशित ग्रामीणों ने सड़क जाम कर मृतक के परिजनों के लिए

उचित मुआवजे की मांग की।

उनका कहना था कि जब तक प्रशासन द्वारा मुआवजे की घोषणा नहीं की जाती, तब तक शव को नहीं उठाने दिया जाएगा। इस दौरान सड़क पर काफी देर तक यातायात बाधित रहा और

तनाव का माहौल बना रहा।

पुलिस ने काफी मशक्कत के बाद सड़क जाम खुलवाया : घटना की जानकारी मिलते ही पिंडजोरा थाना प्रभारी अभिषेक रंजन पुलिस बल के साथ मौके पर पहुंचे। उन्होंने ग्रामीणों को समझ-बुझकर शांत किया और काफी मशक्कत के बाद सड़क जाम खुलवाया। इसके बाद पुलिस ने शव को पोस्टमार्टम के लिए भेज दिया।

पुलिस ने हादसे के बाद आसपास लगे सीसीटीवी कैमरों की जांच शुरू कर दी है, ताकि दुर्घटना में शामिल अज्ञात टेलर वाहन की पहचान की जा सके। थाना प्रभारी अभिषेक रंजन ने बताया कि मामले की जांच जारी है और वाहन चालक की पहचान होने पर उसके खिलाफ कानूनी कार्रवाई की जाएगी। इस घटना से मृतक के परिवार में गहरा शोक है।

तेज रफतार कार बिजली पोल से टकराई



रामगढ़, एजेंसी। रामगढ़ धुरकुड़ा मुख्य मार्ग पर बरकाकाना ओपी क्षेत्र में रविवार को एक तेज रफतार कार (जेएच 01 जीई 3030) अनियंत्रित होकर सड़क के बीच में लगे बिजली पोल से टकरा गई। बताया जाता है कि वाहन रामगढ़ से धुरकुड़ा की ओर जा रहा था। इसी दौरान चालक को झपकी आ गई, जिससे वाहन से उसका नियंत्रण हट गया और बोलोनी सीधे सड़क के बीच में लगे बिजली के पोल से जा भिड़ी। दुर्घटना के बाद मुख्य सड़क पर कुछ समय के लिए जाम की स्थिति बन गई। सड़क के बीच में वाहन खड़ा होने के कारण आने-जाने वाले वाहनों को काफी परेशानी का सामना करना पड़ा। स्थानीय लोगों ने घटना की सूचना पुलिस को दी। इस हादसे में वाहन चला रहे चालक और आगे बैठे एक अन्य व्यक्ति बाल-बाल बच गए। हालांकि वाहन का अगला हिस्सा क्षतिग्रस्त हो गया। घटना की सूचना मिलते ही पुलिस मौके पर पहुंची और दुर्घटनाग्रस्त वाहन को अपने कब्जे में लेकर ओपी ले गई।

रांची में ज्वेलरी शॉप से हीरे की अंगूठी लेकर फरार हुआ ग्राहक

रांची, एजेंसी। राजधानी रांची के हिंदपीढ़ी इलाके में एक ज्वेलरी दुकान से हीरे की अंगूठी चोरी होने का मामला सोमवार को सामने आया है। बताया जा रहा है कि एक ग्राहक अंगूठी देखने के बहाने दुकान में आया और मौका पाकर हीरे की अंगूठी लेकर चुपचाप फरार हो गया। घटना के बाद दुकानदार की शिकायत पर हिंदपीढ़ी थाने में अज्ञात व्यक्ति के खिलाफ प्राथमिकी दर्ज की गई है।

पुलिस के अनुसार, हिंदपीढ़ी स्थित 'मियां तनिष्क' नामक ज्वेलरी शॉप में एक ग्राहक अंगूठी देखने के लिए पहुंचा था। दुकान के कर्मचारी ने उसे कई अंगूठियां दिखाईं, जिनमें से एक हीरे की अंगूठी उसे पसंद आ गई। इसी दौरान उसने मौका देखकर अंगूठी अपने पास रख ली और बिना किसी को बताए दुकान से निकल गया। कुछ देर बाद जब दुकानदार और कर्मचारियों ने दुकान में रखे सामानों का मिलाप किया, तो एक हीरे की अंगूठी गायब मिली। इसके बाद दुकान के कर्मचारी सूरज ठाकुर ने

तुरंत हिंदपीढ़ी थाने में इसकी सूचना दी। सूरज ठाकुर की शिकायत के आधार पर पुलिस ने अज्ञात व्यक्ति के खिलाफ प्राथमिकी (एफआईआर) दर्ज कर ली है और मामले की जांच शुरू कर दी है। पुलिस दुकान में लगे सीसीटीवी कैमरों की फुटेज खंगाल रही है,

ताकि आरोप की पहचान की जा सके। हिंदपीढ़ी थाना प्रभारी ने बताया कि सीसीटीवी फुटेज में संदिग्ध व्यक्ति का चेहरा साफ दिखाई दे रहा है। फुटेज के आधार पर उसकी पहचान की प्रक्रिया जारी है और जल्द ही आरोपित को गिरफ्तार कर लिया जाएगा।

हजारीबाग में दोहरे हत्याकांड का खुलासा

7 आरोपी गिरफ्तार: 5 मार्च को नापोखुर्द में आपसी विवाद में की थी वारदात

हजारीबाग, एजेंसी। हजारीबाग जिले के बड़कागांव थाना क्षेत्र के नापोखुर्द गांव में 5 मार्च को एक स्कोर्पियो से आठ लोगों को ठकर मारने की घटना सामने आई थी। इस हादसे में दो लोगों की मौके पर ही मौत हो गई, जबकि अन्य घायल हो गए। घटना के बाद स्कोर्पियो पलट गई और उसमें सवार सभी लोग मौके से फरार हो गए। इस संबंध में बड़कागांव थाने में संबंधित धाराओं के तहत मामला दर्ज किया गया। मामले की जांच और खुलासे के लिए अनुमंडल पुलिस पदाधिकारी, बड़कागांव के नेतृत्व में एक विशेष जांच दल (स्टूड) का गठन किया गया। घटना में शामिल सात आरोपियों को गिरफ्तार कर लिया है। विवाद के कारण लगातार तनाव बना हुआ था एस्पसी अंजनी अंजन ने बताया कि गतिट टीम की जांच में सामने आया कि नापोखुर्द गांव में विकास कुमार का पहले विनोद साहू, संजय साहू और रोहित साहू के साथ ईंट भट्टे के व्यापार को लेकर विवाद चल रहा था।

सदर अस्पताल में जल्द मिलेगी एआई की सुविधा

बोकारो, एजेंसी। बोकारो बोकारो सदर अस्पताल में क्रिटिकल केयर ब्लॉक में 20 बेड की गहन चिकित्सा इकाई और 4 पीडियाट्रिक बेड का नया ब्लॉक तैयार किया जा रहा है। इस ब्लॉक में मरीजों के डिजिटल हेल्थ रिकॉर्ड प्रबंधन और 20 बेड के क्रिटिकल केयर आईसीयू में आधुनिक मशीनें लगाई जा रही हैं। सदर अस्पताल के इस नए सीसीयू ब्लॉक को शुरू करने के पहले इसे एआई और आधुनिक डिजिटल तकनीकों को जोड़ने की प्रक्रिया चल रही है।

इससे मरीजों को प्रमुख सुविधाओं की जानकारी मिल सकेगी। इस सुविधा को उपलब्ध कराने के लिए आयुष्मान भारत डिजिटल मिशन के तहत आभा कार्ड के रजिस्ट्रेशन का कार्य शुरू कर दिया गया है, जिसमें लगभग आठ लाख लोगों का रजिस्ट्रेशन किया जा चुका है। साथ ही सीटी स्कैन की भी सुविधा शुरू होगी। सदर अस्पताल में उपलब्ध प्रमुख डिजिटल सुविधाओं में डिजिटल हेल्थ रिकॉर्ड, आधुनिक ब्लड एनालाइजर, टेली-रेडियोलॉजी सुविधा, सोनोग्राफी और जांच केंद्र में डिजिटल ईसीजी और पैथोलॉजी सुविधा शामिल है। अस्पताल में डिजिटल इन्वॉयरी और टेलीमेंडिसिन सुविधा भी शुरू हो रही है, जिससे मरीजों

को लाभ मिलेगा। एआई की सुविधा से मरीजों को सभी तरह की जानकारी मिलेगी। एआई से मरीजों को एक ही प्लेटफॉर्म पर मिलेगी सभी जानकारी - उपाधीक्षक सदर



अस्पताल के उपाधीक्षक डॉ. एनपी सिंह ने बताया कि सदर अस्पताल में एआई सुविधा शुरू करने के लिए इंटरनेट कनेक्टिविटी व्यवस्था होगी। इससे मरीजों को सभी तरह की जानकारी हेल्पलाइन डेस्क, इमरजेंसी या इन्वॉयरी से मिलेगी। सीसीयू भवन बनने के बाद स्वास्थ्य मंत्रालय, उपायुक्त और सिविल सर्जन स्तर से इसकी जवाबदेही तय होगी। सदर अस्पताल बोकारो।

कोडरमा में बाइक चोर गिरोह के 5 सदस्य गिरफ्तार

तीन चोरी की मोटरसाइकिलें बरामद

कोडरमा, एजेंसी। कोडरमा जिले की तिलैया पुलिस ने एक बड़े बाइक चोर गिरोह का खुलासा किया है। पुलिस ने पांच आरोपियों को हिरासत में लिया है और उनके पास से चोरी की तीन मोटरसाइकिलें बरामद की हैं। यह कार्रवाई जिले के विभिन्न थाना क्षेत्रों में हुई बाइक चोरी की घटनाओं के संबंध में की गई है। एस्पसी अनुदीप सिंह के निर्देश पर पिछले कुछ महीनों से कोडरमा जिले के विभिन्न थाना क्षेत्रों में हुई चोरी की घटनाओं का खुलासा करने के लिए विशेष टीमों का गठन किया गया था। ये टीमों मोटरसाइकिल चोरों की तलाश में जुटी थीं। इसी दौरान, तिलैया पुलिस को गुप्त सूचना मिली कि हजारीबाग जिले के पदमा और इचाक क्षेत्रों में कुछ युवक चोरी की बाइकों की खरीद-फरोख्त कर रहे हैं। इस सूचना के आधार पर तिलैया थाना प्रभारी विनय कुमार के नेतृत्व में एक विशेष दल ने बताया गए स्थानों पर छापेमारी की। इस दौरान बाइक चोरी और उनकी खरीद-बरोख्त में शामिल पांच लोगों को पुलिस ने हिरासत में ले लिया। उनके कब्जे से चोरी की तीन मोटरसाइकिलें भी बरामद की गईं। पुलिस हिरासत में लिए गए युवकों से गहन पूछताछ कर रही है। इसका उद्देश्य चोरी की अन्य मोटरसाइकिलें और गिरोह के अन्य सदस्यों के बारे में जानकारी जुटाना है। हालांकि, पुलिस ने इस मामले में अभी विस्तृत जानकारी देने से इनकार किया है।

वेल्लोर जाने के लिए धनबाद को मिली अमृत भारत एक्सप्रेस

रांची, बोकारो स्टील सिटी होकर रवाना होगी, लंबी वेटिंग से मिलेगी राहत

रांची/धनबाद, एजेंसी। भारतीय रेलवे ने दक्षिण भारत और झारखंड के बीच बेहतर रेल संपर्क सुनिश्चित करने के लिए ट्रेन संख्या 16619/16620 पोदनूर-धनबाद अमृत भारत एक्सप्रेस को मंजूरी दे दी है। इस ट्रेन का शुभारंभ 11 मार्च को तिरुचिरापल्ली से किया जाएगा। यह सेवा साप्ताहिक रूप से संचालित होगी और आधुनिक अमृत भारत रेल के साथ चलेगी। ट्रेन पोदनूर से प्रस्थान कर कोयंबटूर, तिरुपुर, इरोड, सलेम, काटपडी, विजयवाड़ा, राजामुंद्री, रायगड, झारसुगुड़ा, राउरकेला, हटिया, रांची, मुुरी, बोकारो स्टील सिटी और चंद्रपुरा होते हुए धनबाद पहुंचेगी। इसी रूट से वापस भी लौटेगी। इस ट्रेन के चलने से उन यात्रियों को ज्यादा राहत मिलेगी, जो बेहतर इलाज कराने दक्षिण भारत जाते हैं। रांची से प्रतिदिन औसतन 400 यात्री



वेल्लोर जाते हैं। खासकर सीएमसी वेल्लोर। काफी राहत मिलेगी। ट्रेन पोदनूर से शनिवार सुबह रवाना होगी और धनबाद से सोमवार को वापस लौटेगी। मार्ग में कई महत्वपूर्ण स्टेशनों पर वाणिज्यिक ठहराव रहेगा, जिससे झारखंड, ओडिशा और आंध्र प्रदेश के यात्रियों को सीधा और सुविधाजनक रेल विकल्प मिलेगा। रांची रेलमंडल के डीआरएम करुणानिधि सिंह ने कहा कि दक्षिण भारत के लिए ट्रेन की मांग पहले से की जा रही थी। यह ट्रेन मिलने से रांची और आसपास के

यात्रियों को इसका लाभ मिलेगा।

वो सबकुछ जो आपके लिए जानना जरूरी : रेलवे सूत्र ने बताया कि रांची से प्रतिदिन औसतन 400 लोग ट्रेन से लौटेंगे। दक्षिण भारत जाने वाले कूल यात्रियों की संख्या काफी ज्यादा है। वृत्त मिलाकर वेल्लोर समेत अन्य शहरों में जाने के लिए प्रतिदिन 600 के करीब लोग जाते हैं। धनबाद-एल्लेपी एक्सप्रेस में करीब 50 प्रतिशत से ज्यादा यात्री रांची रेल मंडल के अंतर्गत आने वाले स्टेशनों से बोर्डिंग करते हैं। सबसे ज्यादा करीब 30 प्रतिशत यात्री रांची स्टेशन से बोर्डिंग करते हैं। लोहरदगा, गुमला, पलामू, चतरा, खूंटी, सिमडेगा आदि जिलों के भी लोग दक्षिण भारत जाने के लिए रांची या हटिया रेलवे स्टेशन में आते हैं। दक्षिण भारत जाने वाली ट्रेनों में हमेशा रहती है लंबी वेटिंग : दक्षिण भारत जाने वाली ट्रेनों में अक्सर लंबी प्रतीक्षा और

सीट उपलब्धता की समस्या रहती है। झारखंड के ग्रामीण और कस्बाई क्षेत्रों जैसे रांची, रामगढ़, हजारीबाग, बोकारो, चास, खूंटी, गुमला, लोहरदगा, लातेहार, डाल्टनगंज और चतरा के लोगों के लिए नई यात्रियों की संख्या काफी ज्यादा है। झारखंड पैसेज एसीएसएन के प्रदेश सचिव प्रेम कटारुका ने कहा कि दक्षिण भारत के लिए जाने वाली ट्रेनों में अक्सर लंबी वेटिंग या नो रुम की स्थिति होती है। नई ट्रेन सेवा से यात्रियों को बेहतर यात्रा का विकल्प मिलेगा। छात्रों-श्रमिकों के लिए उपयोगी : अरुण जोशी : जेडआरयूसी सदस्य अरुण जोशी ने कहा कि इससे छात्रों, श्रमिकों और बेहतर इलाज के लिए दक्षिण भारत जाने वाले मरीजों को सुविधाजनक रेल संपर्क मिलेगा। ट्रेन झारखंड के औद्योगिक और खनन क्षेत्रों में काम करने वाले लोगों के लिए भी उपयोगी होगी।

दिन ही नहीं रात को भी आने लगा पसीना: दिल्ली में सुबह-शाम हल्की ठंड खत्म, तापाने लगी सूरज की तपिश; लोग हलकाज

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। दिल्ली में अब दिन के अलावा रात भी गर्म होने लगी है। आलम यह है कि जहां सुबह-शाम हल्की सर्दी होती थी, अब वह लगभग खत्म हो गई है। रात में भी लोग पसीने से तखत रहे हैं। मौसम विभाग के अनुसार, अगले तीन दिनों में दिल्ली में अधिकतम तापमान में कोई बड़ा बदलाव नहीं होगा। इसके बाद तापमान में 1-2 डिग्री सेल्सियस की हल्की गिरावट आने की संभावना है।

सात दिनों तक नहीं बदलेगा मौसम:अगले सात दिनों में अधिकतम तापमान सामान्य से लगभग 5 डिग्री सेल्सियस या उससे अधिक रहने की संभावना है। वहीं, अगले छह दिनों में न्यूनतम तापमान में भी कोई खास बदलाव नहीं होगा। यह तापमान सामान्य से करीब 3 से 5 डिग्री सेल्सियस अधिक रहने की संभावना है। इसके अलावा, 9 मार्च से पश्चिमी हिमालयी क्षेत्र में एक नया पश्चिमी विक्षोभ सक्रिय हो सकता है। जम्मू और उससे सटे पाकिस्तान के ऊपर यह पश्चिमी विक्षोभ ऊपरी हवा में साइक्लोनिक सर्कुलेशन के रूप में देखा गया है। दिनभर की तेज धूप के चलते लोगों को गर्मी का अहसास हुआ। हालांकि, दिनभर धूप खिलने और हवा चलने से मौसम खुशनुमा रहा। लेकिन, लोगों को गर्मी से राहत नहीं मिली। इसके अलावा, सुबह-शाम की हल्की ठंड अभी लगभग खत्म हो गई है। लेकिन, सुबह से ही निकल रही धूप ने लोगों को खासा परेशान किया हुआ है।

प्रेमी के लिए दो लड़कियों में खूनी जंग: एक ने ब्लेड से फाड़ा मुंह, दूसरी ने घर में लगवाई आग और की फायरिंग

नई दिल्ली। दक्षिण-पश्चिमी दिल्ली के आरके पुरम में 17 वर्ष के बॉयफ्रेंड को लेकर दो लड़कियों के बीच जंग छिड़ गई। एक लड़की नेहा ने दूसरी लड़की पर जानलेवा हमला करवा कर उसका गाल फड़वा दिया। वहीं, दूसरी लड़की ने नेहा का घर समझकर दूसरे के घर में आगजनी और फायरिंग करवा दी। आरके पुरम थाने ने नेहा व उसकी बहन अंजलि और दूसरी नाबालिग के पक्ष के चार लोगों को गिरफ्तार किया है। तीन नाबालिग भी पकड़े गए हैं। इस कारण छिड़ी जंग सेक्टर-2 आरके पुरम के हनुमान मजूर कैम्प में रहने वाली नेहा ने अपने बॉयफ्रेंड (17) को एक नाबालिग लड़की के साथ सेक्टर-3 आरके पुरम के पार्क में देख लिया। इससे नेहा आग बबूला हो गईं। नेहा ने उसे देख लेने की धमकी दी। उसने कहा कि उसने उसके बॉयफ्रेंड को अपना बॉयफ्रेंड कैसे बना लिया।

लूटपाट व गुंडा एक्ट का आरोपी गिरफ्तार

नई दिल्ली। कीर्ति नगर थाने की पुलिस ने यूपी पुलिस के गुंडा एक्ट के आरोपी को गिरफ्तार किया है। वह पिस्टल लेकर किसी वारदात को अंजाम देने के पिराक में घूम रहा था। उसके कब्जे से पुलिस ने पिस्टल और चार कारतूस बरामद किए हैं। पश्चिम जिला पुलिस उपायुक्त दरादे शरद भास्कर ने बताया कि 5 मार्च की रात करीब 11.40 बजे नवाब फर्नीचर पार्क के पास एक सदिथ पुलिस टीम को देखते ही भागने लगा, जिसे पीछा कर पकड़ लिया गया। तलाशी के दौरान उसके पास से पिस्टल और कारतूस मिले। पूछताछ में उसकी पहचान कमला नेहरू कैम्प कीर्ति नगर निवासी सीतेश कुमार के रूप में हुई। पुलिस अधिकारी ने बताया कि आरोपी के खिलाफ बीटा-2 नोएडा थाने में लूटपाट और गुंडा एक्ट के तहत मामला दर्ज है।

हवा की खराब श्रेणी बरकरार, एक््यूआई 247 दर्ज

नई दिल्ली। दिल्ली में हवा की दिशा बदलने और गति कम होने से वायु गुणवत्ता सूचकांक (एक््यूआई) 247 दर्ज किया गया। यह हवा की खराब श्रेणी है। इसमें तुलना में एक सूचकांक की वृद्धि दर्ज की गई। दूसरी ओर, एनसीआर में गाजियाबाद की हवा सबसे अधिक प्रदूषित रही। यहां एक््यूआई 309 दर्ज किया गया, यह बेहद खराब श्रेणी है। वहीं, ग्रेटर नोएडा में 305, गुरुग्राम में 273 और नोएडा में 274 दर्ज किया गया। वहीं, फरीदाबाद की हवा सबसे साफ रही। यहां सूचकांक 230 दर्ज किया गया। यह हवा की खराब श्रेणी है।केन्द्रीय प्रदूषण नियंत्रण बोर्ड (सीपीसीबी) के अनुसार, हवा उत्तर-पश्चिम दिशा से 10 किलोमीटर प्रतिघंटे की गति से चलती। अनुमानित अधिकतम मिश्रण गहराई 2100 मीटर रही। इसके अलावा, वेंटिलेशन इंडेक्स 13500 मीटर प्रति घंटा सेकंड रहा। दूसरी ओर, शाम चार बजे हवा में पीएम10 की मात्रा 251.4 और पीएम2.5 की मात्रा 117.9 माइक्रोग्राम प्रति घन मीटर दर्ज की गई। सोमवार को हवा मध्यम श्रेणी में पहुंचने की संभावना है।

डिवाइडर से टकराने से बाइक सवार युवक की मौत

नई दिल्ली। दक्षिण-पश्चिमी दिल्ली के किसानगढ़ थाना इलाके में सड़क हादसे में एक युवक की मौत हो गई। मुनिरका 21 वर्षीय युवक अंकित की मोटरसाइकिल अनियंत्रित होकर डिवाइडर से टकरा गई। हेल्मेट नहीं लगाने से उसके सिर में गंभीर चोट लगी। गंभीर हालत में उसे अस्पताल ले जाया गया, जहां चिकित्सकों ने उसे मृत घोषित कर दिया। पुलिस मामले की जांच कर रही है। दक्षिण-पश्चिमी जिला पुलिस अधिकारियों ने बताया कि चार मार्च की रात करीब 10:38 बजे पीसीआर कॉल से मुनिरका स्थित डीडीए फ्लैट के पास एक बाइक सवार के डिवाइडर से टकराने की सूचना मिली। वहां पहुंची पुलिस को पता चला कि घायल को इलाज के लिए किसी अस्पताल ले जाया गया है। मिके पर एक दुर्घटनाप्रस्त बाइक मिली। इसी बीच पुलिस को सूचना मिली कि एम्स ट्रॉमा सेंटर में युवक को चिकित्सकों ने मृत घोषित कर दिया है।

पश्चिम एशिया और खाड़ी क्षेत्र में ईरान के हमले जारी, अब तक 52,000 भारतीय वापस लौटे

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। पश्चिम एशिया में लगातार तनाव के बीच ईरान की ओर से हमले जारी हैं। वहीं, अमेरिका व इजरायल की तरफ से भी ताबड़तोड़ कार्रवाई की जा रही है। इन सबके बीच भारत के विदेश मंत्रालय ने पश्चिम एशिया और खाड़ी क्षेत्र की स्थिति पर अपडेट जारी किया है। विदेश मंत्रालय के अनुसार, भारत सरकार पश्चिम एशिया और खाड़ी क्षेत्र में बदलते हालात पर लगातार नजर रख रही है। खासकर उन भारतीय नागरिकों पर विदेश मंत्रालय की पूरी नजर है जो ट्रांजिट के दौरान या कम समय के दौर पर वहां फंसे हुए हैं। इस इलाके के सभी भारतीय नागरिकों को सलाह दी जाती है कि वे स्थानीय अधिकारियों के दिशा-निर्देश के साथ ही अपने इलाके में भारतीय दूतावास या कॉन्सुलेट द्वारा जारी की जा रही एडवाइजरी को भी मानें। इन देशों में भारतीय दूतावास और कॉन्सुलेट ने विस्तार से एडवाइजरी जारी की है और 24x7 हेल्पलाइन शुरू की है जो मौजूदा हालात की वजह से

चिंताओं को दूर करने में मदद कर रही है। विदेश मंत्रालय ने प्रभावित लोगों और उनके परिवारों के सवालों पर नजर रखने और जवाब देने के लिए एक स्पेशल कंट्रोल रूम भी बनाया है। पिछले कुछ दिनों में पूरे इलाके में एयरस्पेस को थोड़ा खोलने के बाद, भारतीय और विदेशी एयरलाइंस नॉन-शेड्यूल्ड फ्लाइट्स समेत कर्मशियल फ्लाइट्स चला रही हैं ताकि उन भारतीय यात्रियों को वापस लाया जा सके जो इन देशों में ट्रांजिट में थे या कम समय के दौर पर थे। विदेश मंत्रालय ने बताया कि अब तक 52,000 से ज्यादा भारतीयों ने विमान सेवाओं का फायदा उठाया है और 1 से 7 मार्च के बीच खाड़ी देशों से सुरक्षित

को सलाह दी जाती है कि वे सबसे पास में उपलब्ध कर्मशियल फ्लाइट ऑप्शन के बारे में जानकारी और सलाह के लिए संबंधित दूतावास/कॉन्सुलेट से संपर्क करें। विदेश में भारतीय नागरिकों की सुरक्षा और भलाई सरकार की पहली प्राथमिकता है। भारत सरकार जल्दबंद सभी लोगों की मदद करने के लिए पूरे इलाके की सरकारों के साथ जुड़ी हुई है।

दिल्ली का विकास पूरे देश की छवि से जुड़ा है: मोदी

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। प्रधानमंत्री नरेन्द्र मोदी ने कहा कि राष्ट्रीय राजधानी दिल्ली का विकास केवल एक शहर का विकास नहीं है बल्कि पूरे देश की छवि और प्रतिष्ठा से जुड़ा है। राजधानी जितनी आधुनिक, सुव्यवस्थित और बेहतर कनेक्टिविटी वाली होगी, उतना ही भारत का आत्मविश्वास और वैश्विक पहचान मजबूत होगा। प्रधानमंत्री मोदी आज यहां बुराड़ी में आयोजित एक कार्यक्रम में लगभग 33,500 करोड़ रुपये की विभिन्न विकास परियोजनाओं का उद्घाटन और शिलान्यास करने के बाद लोगों को संबोधित कर रहे थे। उन्होंने कहा कि इन परियोजनाओं से दिल्ली के बुनियादी ढांचे को मजबूती मिलेगी, यातायात व्यवस्था बेहतर होगी और लोगों के जीवन को अधिक सुविधाजनक बनाया जा सकेगा।उन्होंने कहा कि दिल्ली भारत के लोकतंत्र की पहचान और ऊर्जा का प्रतीक है। दुनिया का कोई भी व्यक्ति



प्रतिष्ठा से सीधे तौर पर जुड़ा हुआ है।प्रधानमंत्री ने कहा कि केंद्र सरकार दिल्ली को आधुनिक और विकसित शहर बनाने के लिए निरंतर प्रयास कर रही है। मेट्रो नेटवर्क के विस्तार, परिवहन सुविधाओं के आधुनिकीकरण और आवासीय ढांचे के विकास के माध्यम से राजधानी को नई दिशा दी जा रही है। आज जिन परियोजनाओं की शुरुआत की

गई है, उनमें दिल्ली मेट्रो के नए कॉरिडोर, मेट्रो विस्तार योजनाएं तथा सरकारी कर्मचारियों के लिए आधुनिक आवासीय परिसरों का निर्माण शामिल है।

उन्होंने कहा कि मेट्रो नेटवर्क के विस्तार से राजधानी में कनेक्टिविटी और मजबूत होगी तथा लाखों लोगों को रोजमर्रा के जीवन में बड़ी सुविधा मिलेगी। विशेष रूप से पूर्वी और उत्तर-पूर्वी दिल्ली के निवासियों के लिए दैनिक आवागमन पहले की तुलना में कहीं अधिक आसान हो जाएगा। इसके साथ ही राष्ट्रीय राजधानी क्षेत्र के शहरों-गाजियाबाद, नोएडा, फरीदाबाद और गुरुग्राम से दिल्ली के विभिन्न हिस्सों तक पहुंचना अधिक सुविधाजनक बनेगा।

प्रधानमंत्री ने कहा कि केंद्र और राज्य में एक ही दल की सरकार होने से विकास कार्यों को तेजी से आगे बढ़ाने में मदद मिलती है। उन्होंने कहा कि पिछले एक वर्ष में दिल्ली में बुनियादी ढांचे के विकास को नई गति मिली है और कई

महत्वपूर्ण परियोजनाएं तेजी से आगे बढ़ रही हैं। उन्होंने कहा कि एक वर्ष पहले दिल्ली के लोगों ने नई उम्मीद और संकल्प के साथ 'डबल इंजन' की सरकार बनाई थी और उसके परिणाम आज विकास कार्यों के रूप में दिखाई दे रहे हैं। उन्होंने राजधानी के विकास में मुख्यमंत्री रेखा गुप्ता के नेतृत्व की सराहना करते हुए कहा कि उनके नेतृत्व में दिल्ली आधुनिक और विकसित शहर बनने की दिशा में तेजी से आगे बढ़ रही है। उन्होंने कहा कि भाजपा की सरकार दिल्ली को आधुनिक और विकसित बनाने के लिए प्रतिबद्ध है। पूर्ववर्ती केजरीवाल सरकार पर निशाना साधते हुए प्रधानमंत्री ने कहा कि आज शुरू की गई परियोजनाएं इस बात का प्रमाण हैं कि एक वर्ष पहले दिल्ली ने जिस 'अपवाद' से मुक्ति पाई थी, वह कितना आवश्यक था। उन्होंने बिना नाम लिए कहा कि पिछले लगभग दस वर्षों तक यहां की सरकार ने विकास कार्यों को रोक कर रखा।

तरुण की हत्या के आरोपित का मकान ध्वस्त करने का भाजपा ने किया स्वागत



एजेंसी नई दिल्ली।दिल्ली भारतीय जनता पार्टी (भाजपा) के अध्यक्ष वीरेंद्र सचदेवा ने होली के दिन उत्तम नगर में हुई हिंसा और तरुण की हत्या की कड़ी निंदा की। उन्होंने आज दिल्ली पुलिस और दिल्ली नगर निगम द्वारा हिंसा एवं हत्या के आरोपित परिवार के अवैध रूप से निर्मित मकान ध्वस्त करने का स्वागत किया है। दिल्ली भाजपा अध्यक्ष ने कहा कि अतिवादीयों ने पहले भी ऐसे अनेक घाव दिल्ली की माताओं को दिए हैं। इस बार दिल्ली पुलिस एवं प्रशासन की सख्ती कार्रवाई आने वाले समय में अतिवादीयों को सबक देने का काम करेगा। उल्लेखनीय है कि आज दिल्ली नगर निगम (एमसीडी) ने इस मामले में एक आरोपित निजामुद्दीन से जुड़ी संपत्ति पर बुलडोजर चलाने के अवैध मकान को ध्वस्त कर दिया। अधिकारियों का कहना है कि यह कार्रवाई अवैध निर्माण के खिलाफ की गई है।

तृणमूल कांग्रेस का व्यवहार राष्ट्रपति की गरिमा और पूरे आदिवासी समाज का अपमान : तरुण चुग

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। भारतीय जनता पार्टी (भाजपा) के राष्ट्रीय महामंत्री तरुण चुग ने कहा कि राष्ट्रपति पद देश की सर्वोच्च संवैधानिक संस्था है और पश्चिम बंगाल की मुख्यमंत्री ममता बनर्जी तथा उनकी पार्टी तृणमूल कांग्रेस द्वारा इस पद की गरिमा को ठेस पहुंचाना बेहद शर्मनाक और निंदनीय है। तरुण चुग ने प्रेस बयान जारी कर कहा कि यह केवल संवैधानिक पद का अपमान नहीं बल्कि पूरे देश के आदिवासी समाज की गरिमा पर सीधा आघात है। चुग ने कहा कि ममता बनर्जी की सरकार चबराहट और राजनीतिक हताशा में लगातार लोकतांत्रिक संस्थाओं को निशाना बना रही है। राष्ट्रपति का पद राजनीति से ऊपर और देश का सबसे बड़ा संवैधानिक व गरिमापूर्ण पद है। यह केवल संवैधानिक पद का ही नहीं बल्कि देश के आदिवासी समाज और बेटियों का भी अपमान है।

उन्होंने कहा कि पहले मुख्य चुनाव आयुक्त के खिलाफ कैपेन

चलाया गया, कभी प्रभु श्रीराम का विरोध किया कभी सनातन का विरोध, भारतीय सेना के शौर्य का



अपमान और अब राष्ट्रपति पद की गरिमा से जुड़ी यह घटना स्पष्ट करती है कि ममता बनर्जी संवैधानिक मर्यादाओं का सम्मान करना भूल चुकी हैं। चुग ने कहा कि पश्चिम बंगाल और देश की जनता सबकुछ देख और समझ रही है। ममता बनर्जी

की विभाजनकारी और अराजक राजनीति राज्य को अस्थिर कर रही है और लोकतांत्रिक संस्थाओं को कमजोर करने की कोशिश कर रही है। चुग ने कहा कि बंगाल की जनता अब इस अपमान का लोकतांत्रिक जवाब देने के लिए तैयार है और आने वाले समय में ममता बनर्जी की राजनीति को जनता स्वयं करार उतार देगी।

परिचालन अनुसंधान पर अंतरराष्ट्रीय सम्मेलन, 60 से अधिक शोध-पत्र और विशेषज्ञ व्याख्यान प्रस्तुत

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। मध्य प्रदेश के इंदौर में शासकीय होलकर विज्ञान महाविद्यालय 6 से 8 मार्च तक वित्त, रक्षा और उद्योग में परिचालन अनुसंधान के अनुप्रयोगों पर अंतरराष्ट्रीय सम्मेलन (आईसीएओआरएफ डीआई-2026) तथा भारतीय परिचालन अनुसंधान सोसायटी (ओआरएसएल) का 58वां वार्षिक अधिवेशन आयोजित किया गया। तीन दिवसीय इस अंतरराष्ट्रीय सम्मेलन में देश-विदेश के प्रतिष्ठित शिक्षाविदों, शोधकर्ताओं और विशेषज्ञों ने भाग लिया। उद्घाटन सत्र में मुख्य अतिथि प्रो. आईवी मुरलीकृष्ण ने वित्त, रक्षा और उद्योग के क्षेत्रों में परिचालन अनुसंधान के

बढ़ते महत्व पर प्रकाश डालते हुए कहा कि आधुनिक समस्याओं के

अधिक शोध-पत्र प्रस्तुत किए गए। भारत और विदेशों से आए प्रसिद्ध



समाधान में यह विषय अहम भूमिका निभा रहा है। सम्मेलन के दौरान विभिन्न तकनीकी सत्रों में 60 से

वक्ताओं ने विशेषज्ञ व्याख्यान दिए। इस अवसर पर अखिल भारतीय तकनीकी शिक्षा परिषद

(एआईसीटीई) के निदेशक डॉ. सुनील लूथर ने प्रो पीआरएस रेड्डी एंडोमेंट व्याख्यान प्रस्तुत किया, जिसे प्रतिभागियों ने अत्यंत ज्ञानवर्धक बताया। इसके अलावा एनजेन लेबल के मुख्य कार्यकारी अधिकारी मनो कपूर ने उद्योग क्षेत्र में परिचालन अनुसंधान के व्यावहारिक उपयोगों पर अपने विचार साझा किए। सम्मेलन के सफल आयोजन में महाविद्यालय की प्राचार्य प्रोअनामिका जैन का मार्गदर्शन और सहयोग रहा। प्रशासनिक अधिकारी नागेश डगांवकर तथा ओआरएसएआई के सदस्यों ने भी महत्वपूर्ण योगदान दिया। आयोजन का नेतृत्व सम्मेलन अध्यक्ष डॉचित्रंजन शर्मा (होलकर विज्ञान महाविद्यालय, इंदौर) और डॉदीपमाला (आईआईआईटी जबलपुर) ने किया।

तरुण के दोषियों पर रूह कपा देने वाली कार्रवाई हो : स्वाति मालीवाल



एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। राज्यसभा सदस्य स्वाति मालीवाल ने दिल्ली के उत्तम नगर में मृतक तरुण के घर पहुंचकर उनके परिजनों से मुलाकात की और परिवार को न्याय दिलाने का भरोसा दिया। मुलाकात के दौरान उन्होंने कहा कि इस मामले के दोषियों के खिलाफ ऐसी कार्रवाई होनी चाहिए जिससे समाज में सख्त संदेश जाए। उन्होंने कहा कि यह घटना बेहद दुःखद और दिल दहला देने वाली है।स्वाति मालीवाल ने सोशल मीडिया प्लेटफॉर्म एक्स पर पोस्ट करते हुए लिखा कि होली के दिन बेरहमी से दरिदों ने उनके घर के बच्चे को मार डाला। परिवार का रो-रोकर बुरा हाल है। परिवार न्याय की मांग कर रहा है और उन्हें इंसाफ मिलना चाहिए। उन्होंने कहा कि गुब्बारे के कुछ छोटें लगने जैसी मामूली बात को धार्मिक मुद्दा बनाकर तरुण और उसके परिवार पर बेरहमी से हमला किया

गया। स्वाति मालीवाल ने कहा कि न्याय की इस लड़ाई में वह पीड़ित परिवार के साथ अतिम दम तक खड़ी

बांग्लादेश में हत्या के बाद भारत भागे दो आरोपित बनगांव से गिरफ्तार

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। पश्चिम बंगाल स्पेशल टास्क फोर्स (एसटीएफ) ने बांग्लादेश में हत्या और उग्राही के मामले में वाछित दो बांग्लादेशी नागरिकों को उत्तर 24 परगना जिले के बनगांव इलाके से गिरफ्तार किया है। पुलिस के अनुसार, दोनों आरोपित अवैध रूप से भारत में दाखिल होकर सीमा क्षेत्र में छिपे हुए थे। एसटीएफ को सूचना मिली थी कि बांग्लादेश में गंभीर अपराध करने के बाद दो आरोपित भारत में प्रवेश कर चुके हैं और सीमा के पास छिपकर उचित मौका मिलने पर फिर से बांग्लादेश लौटने की योजना बना रहे हैं। सूचना के आधा पर एसटीएफ की टीम ने सात और आठ मार्च की रात बनगांव क्षेत्र में तलाशी अभियान चलाया। अभियान के दौरान

एसटीएफ ने राहुल उर्फ फैसल करीम मसूद (37), निवासी पाटुआखाली (बांग्लादेश) और आलमगीर हुसैन (34), निवासी ढाका (बांग्लादेश) को गिरफ्तार किया। प्रारंभिक पूछताछ में आरोपितों ने बताया कि उन्होंने बांग्लादेश में एक राजनीतिक कार्यकर्ता उस्मान हादी की हत्या की थी। हत्या के बाद दोनों आरोपित मेघालय सीमा के रास्ते अवैध रूप से भारत में दाखिल हुए और अलग-अलग जगहों पर छिपते हुए पश्चिम बंगाल के पास छिपकर उचित मौका मिलने पर फिर से बांग्लादेश लौटने की योजना बना रहे हैं। सूचना के आधा पर एसटीएफ की मुक्यालय थाने में मामला दर्ज किया गया है। दोनों आरोपितों को अदालत में पेश किया गया, जहां से उन्हें पुलिस हिरासत में भेज दिया गया।

मल्लिकार्जुन खरगे ने पीएम मोदी को बताया ट्रंप का गुलाम, एपस्टीन फाइल का जिक्र कर सरकार को घेरा

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। कर्नाटक के कलबुर्गी में एक कार्यक्रम के दौरान कांग्रेस अध्यक्ष मल्लिकार्जुन खरगे ने प्रधानमंत्री नरेन्द्र मोदी और अमेरिका के राष्ट्रपति डोनाल्ड ट्रंप को लेकर बेहद तीखा बयान दिया। उन्होंने कहा

कि ट्रंप तानाशाह हैं और मोदी उनके गुलाम बन गए हैं। खरगे ने आरोप लगाया कि भारत की विदेश नीति और व्यापार नीतियां अब अमेरिका के दबाव में चल रही हैं, जिससे देश और खासकर किसानों को नुकसान हो सकता है। कांग्रेस अध्यक्ष ने

पश्चिम एशिया में चल रहे तनाव का जिक्र करते हुए कहा कि किसी भी देश के नेता की हत्या से दुनिया में शांति नहीं रह सकती। उन्होंने कहा कि अगर अल्टी खामेईजै जैसे नेताओं को निशाना बनाया जाता है तो इससे अंतरराष्ट्रीय कानून और वैश्विक

स्थिरता पर गंभीर असर पड़ता है। उन्होंने यह भी कहा कि अमेरिका का रवैया अहंकारी है और वह कई मामलों में अंतरराष्ट्रीय नियमों का उल्लंघन कर रहा है। भारत-अमेरिका व्यापार समझौते पर हमला बोलते हुए खरगे ने कहा कि भारत को मजबूरी

में कई शर्तें माननी पड़ी हैं। उनके मुताबिक भारत अपने कई कृषि उत्पादों पर टैरिफ नहीं लगा सकता, जबकि अमेरिका भारतीय निर्यात पर टैरिफ लगाता है। उन्होंने कहा कि भारत में करीब 65 प्रतिशत लोग खेती पर निर्भर हैं, जबकि अमेरिका

में यह संख्या सिर्फ 3 प्रतिशत है। ऐसे में अगर अमेरिकी कृषि उत्पाद भारत में बिना रोक-टोक आएं तो भारतीय किसानों पर बड़ा असर पड़ेगा। कांग्रेस अध्यक्ष ने यह भी कहा कि पहले भारत रूस, ईरान और वेनेजुएला जैसे देशों से सस्ता तेल खरीदा था,

लेकिन अब अमेरिका के दबाव में फेसलते लिए जा रहे हैं। उन्होंने दवावा किया कि ट्रंप ने भारत को रूसी तेल खरीदने से मना किया और टैरिफ लगाने की धमकी दी, जिसके कारण भारत को अपनी नीति बदलनी पड़ी। अपने भाषण में खरगे ने यह भी दावा

किया कि ट्रंप, तथाकथित एपस्टीन फाइलस के जरिए मोदी पर दबाव बना रहे हैं। हालांकि भारत सरकार पहले ही इन आरोपों को खारिज कर चुकी है और कहा है कि इन फाइलों में प्रधानमंत्री का नाम होने का दावा बेबुनियाद और आपत्तिजनक है।

Government may scrap NOC for inter-state vehicle transfers



New Delhi, Agency: Government is likely to simplify the process for inter-state vehicle transfers by doing away with the cumbersome requirement for vehicle owners to obtain an NOC from the state where the vehicle is currently registered for submission to RTO of the new state.

A high-level committee on non-financial regulatory reforms set up by NITI Aayog has recommended enabling inter-state vehicle transfers through an auto-generated clearance system.

Grew up in a family where women were bosses: Rahul Gandhi



New Delhi, Agency: "I grew up in a family where women were bosses," Congress leader Rahul Gandhi told students during an interaction in Kerala recently, while asserting that women were generally more intelligent than men. On International Women's Day, Gandhi posted a video of his interaction with students on his YouTube channel on Sunday. He said he met some young women students in Kerala during a lunch interaction a few days ago.

"I was deeply impressed by each student's dreams, curiosity and confidence. Such conversations remind us that when women recognise their potential and move forward with an open mind, they can bring about extraordinary change," the Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha said.

"Every woman is unique. Their sensitivity, understanding and emotional intelligence provide balance and direction to society. Women also wield power in their own unique ways with patience, long-term vision and empathy. Therefore, they should have the right to move forward according to their identity, personality and aspirations, rather than being bound by society's restrictive norms," he said.

'Matter of relief': Indian embassy in Saudi says 'no Indian fatality' after projectile hits Al Kharj



New Delhi, Agency: The Indian embassy in Riyadh on early Monday denied reports of any Indian deaths in an incident where an Iranian "military projectile" hit a residential building in Saudi Arabia's Al Kharj amid crisis in the Middle East region. However, there was an injury reported to one Indian national.

In a post on X, the embassy said the injured person is being treated at a government hospital in Al Kharj and that officials are in touch with Saudi authorities. The embassy wrote, "It is a matter of relief that there has been no Indian fatality in the unfortunate incident at Al Kharj yesterday evening. The Embassy has been in touch with the concerned Saudi authorities regarding this issue. Counsellor (CW) Shri Y. Sabir visited Al Kharj last night and met the injured Indian national involved in this unfortunate incident. He is currently receiving treatment at a government hospital in Al Kharj." The embassy's statement came after the General Directorate of Saudi Civil Defence confirmed the projectile fell on a residential area in Al-Kharj Governorate. The Civil Defence said two people were killed and several others injured. The fatalities were Bangladeshi nationals, along with 11 injured Bangladeshis and one injured Indian, according to the agency.

The incident comes amid rising tensions involving the United States, Israel, and Iran. Earlier, celebrations broke out

'Arrogance will be shattered': PM Modi slams TMC on President row

New Delhi, Agency: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday stepped up his attack on the Mamata Banerjee-led Bengal govt over alleged "mismanagement" of an event attended by President Droupadi Murmu, accusing TMC of insulting the head of state and warning that the party's "arrogance of power will soon be shattered".

The MHA sought a report from Bengal govt on suspected violations of security and protocol norms during the President's visit. In a letter to chief secretary Nandini Chakraborty, Union home secretary Govind Mohan asked the state to submit a detailed explanation by 5pm on Sunday regarding alleged breaches of the 'Blue Book' guidelines governing venue, security and route arrangements.



The controversy has intensified political confrontation between BJP and TMC ahead of assembly elections in Bengal, with both sides accusing each other of politicising the President's visit and the tribal community event. Addressing a gathering in

Delhi's Burari, where he inaugurated development projects worth about 33,500 crore, Modi said the developments surrounding the President's visit had "deeply hurt" him.

Insult not only to President but also to Constitution: PM Modi Today, when the country is celebrating the achievements of its mothers, sisters and daughters on International Women's Day, yesterday (Saturday) in West Bengal the TMC govt gravely insulted the President," Modi said. Referring to the 9th International Santhali Conclave held in Siliguri on Saturday, Modi alleged that the state govt failed to organise the event properly and that TMC boycotted the programme. "President Droupadi Murmu herself comes from the tribal communi-

ty. Instead of honouring her and celebrating this important tribal event, TMC govt left the programme in a state of mismanagement," he said. "This is not only an insult to the President, but also an insult to the Constitution, the spirit of the Constitution and the great traditions of our democracy," Modi said.

Warning TMC, the prime minister said, "The dirty politics and arrogance of power shown by TMC in insulting a tribal President will soon be shattered." The controversy began after President Droupadi Murmu expressed disappointment over the arrangements during her visit to attend the conclave, stating that the venue had been changed to a location that made it difficult for members of the tribal community to attend and noting the absence of the CM or any state minister to receive her.

Government lacks intent to achieve gender parity in courts: Ex-CJI

New Delhi, Agency: In a startling disclosure on International Women's Day, former CJI NV Ramana on Sunday said the govt either lacked intent or determination towards achieving gender parity in constitutional courts, even though there was a healthy 40% representation by women among trial court judges.

Speaking at a question-answer session during the first national conference of 'Indian Women in Law' at SC, Justice Ramana - who faced numerous pulls and pressures during his tenure as CJI from April 2021 to Aug 2022 - said, "The govt always showed a causal attitude in appointments of women (as judges of SC and high courts)."

During his tenure as head of the collegium, three women judges - Justices Hima Kohli,



Bela M Trivedi and BV Nagarathna - took oath on Aug 31, 2021, and created history. No other woman judge has been appointed to SC since then, despite the baton passing on to five CJIs - UU Lalit, DY Chandrachud, Sanjiv Khanna, BR Gavai and now Surya Kant. Justice Nagarathna will become the first woman CJI on Sept 24 next year. Speaking in her presence, the former CJI said there are two future CJIs in this gathering (referring to Justice

Nagarathna and her successor Justice PS Narasimha) and hoped that during their tenure at least 7-8 women judges will be appointed to SC. Justice Nagarathna, who will retire on Oct 29, 2027, assured Justice Ramana that she would try her best to get more women judges to the top court.

Explaining what he meant by lack of intent on the govt's part, Justice Ramana said though successive law ministers had routinely requested high court chief justices to recommend names of women advocates and judicial officers for appointment as HC judges, "the govt has never strongly insisted on effective representation of women in each and every recommendation." Justice Ramana said there is a healthy 40% representation of women among judicial officers.

Cheetahs' shift backs corridor plan: NTCA

New Delhi, Agency: Amid reports of two cheetahs from Madhya Pradesh's Kuno National Park (KNP) moving into Rajasthan's Baran district, National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) Sunday said this movement reinforces the strategic rationale for the proposed 17,000 sqkm Kuno-Gandhi Sagar inter-state wildlife corridor spanning seven districts of Rajasthan and eight of MP.



Calling the inter-state movement a success story of India's Project Cheetah, NTCA said it has been actively coordinating with state forest departments and the cheetahs are under 24x7 GPS and radio-collar monitoring by an inter-state team.

Sharing updates on movement of cheetahs KP-2 and KP-3, the authority said KP-2

has been tracked in the Mangrol range of Baran, while KP-3 entered the Banjh Amla Conservation Reserve after travelling 60-70 km from KNP. "Both animals are positioned approximately 6 km apart on either bank of the Parvati river," it said while noting field teams deployed from Kishanganj and Anta ranges have been tracking them continuously.

"Long-distance dispersal across landscape boundaries is a well-documented, natural territorial behaviour in cheetahs.

India becomes world's 2nd-largest arms importer: Report

New Delhi, Agency: Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) reported that India has emerged as the world's second-largest importer of weapons accounting for 8.3 per cent of global arms imports for a five-year block, from 2021-2025. Ukraine, that is involved in war with Russia, occupies the top spot and accounts for 9.7 per cent of global imports between 2021 and 2025.

The SIPRI report, titled 'Trends in International Arms Transfers, 2025' released on Monday morning, had a positive indication that India's dependence on imported arms had reduced. It compared a previous five-year block of the years 2016-2020 and read, "Indian arms imports fell by 4.0 per cent between 2016-20 and 2021-25."

The decrease can be partly attributed to India's growing ability to design and produce its



own weapons- although there are often substantial delays in domestic production, the report said. It also highlighted that India's recent orders or planned orders-including up to 140 combat aircraft from France and 6 submarines from Germany-indicate its continued and probably increasing reliance on foreign suppliers.

India's principal suppliers for the period 2021-2025 have been Russia, France and Israel, said the SIPRI report even as it cited how India has shifted its arms relations away from Russia towards Western suppliers, especially France, Israel and the USA, over the past decade.

'Wanted to come into our port': EAM Jaishankar on India's rescue of Iranian ships

New Delhi, Agency: In the first response from a senior government minister on the sinking of the Iranian warship IRIS Dena by the United States Navy in the Indian Ocean, external affairs minister S Jaishankar said on Saturday that one Iranian vessel had sought and received permission to dock in India, while another - IRIS Dena - was caught on the "wrong side of events" near Sri Lanka. Jaishankar made the remarks during the Raisina Dialogue 2026 being held in New Delhi.

"I too support UNCLOS (UN Convention on the Law of the Sea) and international law... We got a message from the Iranian side that one of the ships, which presumably was closest to our borders at that point of time, wanted to come into our port. They



were reporting that they were having problems... On the 1st March, we said you can come in and it took them a few days to sail in and then they docked in Kochi... There were a lot of young cadets and they disembarked," the external affairs minister stated. He added that there were two other ships as well, and the situation changed

between them coming to India for fleet review and leaving after the exercise.

"This ship, or these ships, there were two other ships...When they set out and came here the situation was totally different. They were coming in for a fleet review and then they got caught on the wrong side of events. So for us, when this ship wanted to come in and that too in difficulties, I think it was the humane thing to do...We were guided by that principle. In a sense of the other ships, one obviously had a similar situation in Sri Lanka and they took the decision that they did, and one unfortunately didn't make it," he explained. The Iranian frigates had participated in the MILAN-2026 exercise hosted by India in Visakhapatnam last month.

Military top brass set for change as CDS, Army & Navy chiefs near retirement

New Delhi, Agency: The top hierarchy of the armed forces in India is set for a change. The Chief of Defence Staff, Gen Anil Chauhan, Army Chief Gen Upendra Dwivedi and Navy Chief Admiral DK Tripathi are set to end their tenures in the coming months.

The CDS and the Navy Chief retire at the end of May, while the Army Chief retires on June 30. An officer appointed as CDS retires at 65, while the age of superannuation for the Army and Navy Chiefs is 62 years. This means three top posts - all four-star rank appointments - will require decisions from the government in the coming weeks.

In the Army, a reshuffle ahead of the expected change at the top has already been carried out. Southern Army Commander Lt Gen Dhiraj



Seth has been appointed as the Vice-Chief of the Army. He will be the senior-most officer after

Gen Dwivedi, and analysts see his posting to the Army Headquarters as preparation

for a larger role at the top.

Lt Gen Seth, from the Armoured Corps, is scheduled to replace the current Vice-Chief Lt Gen PP Singh on April 1. Lt Gen Singh will move to the Western Command headquartered at Chandimandir. The command faces westwards and has corps at Ambala, Jalandhar and Yol near Dharamsala in Himachal Pradesh.

Lt Gen Sandeep Jain, Chief of Staff at Southern Command, has been promoted to the rank of Army Commander. He will replace Lt Gen Seth at Southern Command, headquartered in Pune. The command also faces westwards and oversees two key corps - one headquartered at Jodhpur and the other at Bhopal.

Lt Gen VMB Krishnan has also been promoted to the rank of Army Commander and will

be the next Eastern Army Commander. He will assume charge on April 1, replacing Lt Gen RC Tiwari. The command's operational area includes the entire North-East, West Bengal and Sikkim.

For the post of CDS, the government can appoint a serving service chief or a retired three-star officer in the rank of Lieutenant General or equivalent. Gen Chauhan was appointed to the post after his retirement. For appointing a retired officer as CDS, the existing rules define that the officer should have attained 62 years of age. Three-star officers in the armed forces retire at the age of 60. The government is pushing for greater jointness and integration among the three services, and ensuring this coordination is the primary role of the CDS.

The Science of Natural Beauty: Simple Skincare Tips for Healthy and Glowing Skin

In a world where beauty products dominate store shelves and social media feeds, achieving healthy skin can often feel complicated and expensive. However, dermatologists and skincare experts frequently emphasize that true beauty begins with simple habits and natural care. Glowing skin does not necessarily require dozens of expensive products. Instead, consistency, good lifestyle choices, and understanding your skin can make a remarkable difference.

Understanding Your Skin Type

The first step toward effective skincare is understanding your skin type. People generally fall into one of four categories: oily, dry, combination, or sensitive skin. Oily skin produces excess sebum, often leading to acne and shine. Dry skin lacks moisture and may appear flaky or rough. Combination skin includes both oily and dry areas, typically oily around the nose and forehead. Sensitive skin reacts easily to environmental factors and products.

Knowing your skin type helps you choose the right skincare routine. Using products designed for another skin type may worsen problems instead of solving them.

The Importance of Cleansing

Cleansing is the foundation of any skincare routine. Throughout the day, skin accumulates dirt, sweat, oil, and pollution particles. Without proper cleansing, these impurities clog pores and cause breakouts.

Experts recommend washing the face twice daily—once in the morning and once before bedtime. Using a gentle cleanser suited to your skin type helps remove impurities without stripping the skin of its natural oils. Over-cleansing can cause dryness and irritation, so balance is key.

Hydration: Beauty from Within

One of the most overlooked beauty secrets is hydration. Water plays a vital role in maintaining skin elasticity and overall health. Dehydrated skin appears dull, tired, and prone to fine lines.

Drinking adequate water throughout the day helps flush toxins from the body and keeps the skin hydrated from within. Nutritionists typically recommend around 8 glasses of water daily, though individual needs may vary depending on climate and activity level.

In addition to drinking water, using moisturizers helps maintain the skin's protective barrier and prevents moisture loss.

The Role of Nutrition

What we eat directly affects our skin. A balanced diet rich in fruits, vegetables, healthy fats, and proteins supports skin health. Foods containing antioxidants help combat free radicals that accelerate aging.

Vitamin C, found in citrus fruits, supports collagen production and brightens the skin. Vitamin E protects the skin from damage caused by environmental stress. Omega-3 fatty acids, present in nuts and fish, help maintain skin moisture and elasticity.

Avoiding excessive sugar and processed foods can also help prevent acne and inflammation.

Sun Protection Is Essential

One of the biggest causes of premature aging is sun exposure. Ultraviolet rays damage skin cells and contribute to wrinkles, pigmentation, and even skin cancer.

Using sunscreen with at least SPF 30 is recommended daily, even on cloudy days. Sunscreen acts as a protective barrier and prevents harmful UV rays from penetrating the skin.

Protective clothing, hats, and sunglasses also help reduce sun exposure.

The Importance of Sleep

Beauty sleep is not a myth.



During sleep, the body repairs and regenerates skin cells. Lack of sleep can lead to dark circles, dull skin, and premature aging.

Most adults need around 7–9 hours of sleep each night for optimal health. Maintaining a regular sleep schedule and reducing screen time before bed can improve sleep quality and, consequently, skin health.

Natural Remedies That Work

Many natural ingredients have been used for generations in skincare. Honey, for

example, has antibacterial properties and helps moisturize the skin. Aloe vera soothes irritation and supports healing.

Turmeric is known for its anti-inflammatory properties and is commonly used in face masks to brighten the complexion. Yogurt contains lactic acid that gently exfoliates and softens skin.

While natural remedies can be beneficial, it is always wise to test them on a small area first to avoid allergic reactions.

Stress and Skin Health

Modern lifestyles often involve high stress levels, which can negatively impact skin health. Stress triggers hormonal changes that may cause acne, redness, or sensitivity.

Practicing stress-management techniques such as yoga, meditation, or regular exercise can help maintain both mental and skin health.

Consistency Is the Key

Perhaps the most important beauty tip is consistency. Skincare results rarely appear overnight.

Timeless Beauty Secrets from Traditional Cultures Around the World



Beauty practices have existed for centuries across cultures, long before the development of modern cosmetics. Traditional beauty rituals often relied on natural ingredients and holistic approaches to maintain healthy skin and hair. Even today, many of these time-tested methods remain relevant and effective.

Across continents, different societies developed unique beauty traditions shaped by local climates, available ingredients, and cultural beliefs. Exploring these traditions reveals that beauty is not merely about appearance—it is deeply connected to health, lifestyle, and self-care.

Ancient Indian Beauty Rituals

In India, beauty traditions are closely linked with Ayurveda, a system of natural medicine practiced for thousands of years. Ayurvedic skincare emphasizes balance between body, mind, and environment.

Ingredients like turmeric, sandalwood, neem, and rose water have long been used in Indian beauty routines. Turmeric face masks help brighten the complexion and reduce inflammation. Sandalwood powder cools the skin and improves texture.

Another common practice is oil massage, known as "abhyanga," which nourishes the skin and improves circulation.

Japanese Skincare Philosophy

Japanese beauty traditions emphasize simplicity and gentle care. Instead of heavy makeup, the focus is

on achieving naturally healthy skin.

Rice water has been used in Japan for centuries as a facial cleanser and toner. It contains vitamins and antioxidants that promote smooth and glowing skin.

Japanese women also practice double cleansing—first removing makeup with oil-based cleansers and then washing with a gentle foam cleanser. This method ensures deep cleansing without damaging the skin barrier.

Korean Beauty Traditions

Korean skincare has gained worldwide popularity in recent years. However, many of its principles originate from traditional beauty rituals.

Layered skincare is a hallmark of Korean routines. Instead of using a single heavy product, several lightweight products—such as toners, essences, and serums—are applied sequentially to hydrate and nourish the skin.

Natural ingredients like green tea, ginseng, and fermented extracts are commonly used to maintain youthful skin.

Mediterranean Beauty Practices

In Mediterranean cultures, olive oil has been a cornerstone of beauty care for centuries. Rich in antioxidants and healthy fats, olive oil deeply moisturizes the skin and strengthens hair.

Women in countries like Greece and Italy often use olive oil as a natu-

ral moisturizer or hair treatment. It helps repair dryness and improve skin elasticity.

Mediterranean diets, rich in fruits, vegetables, and healthy fats, also contribute to naturally glowing skin.

African Beauty Traditions

Many African beauty rituals focus on nourishing the skin in harsh climates. Shea butter, derived from the nuts of the shea tree, is widely used as a natural moisturizer.

Shea butter protects the skin from dryness and environmental damage. It also contains vitamins A and E, which support skin repair and elasticity.

Black soap, another traditional product, is made from natural plant ingredients and is known for its gentle cleansing properties.

The Value of Natural Ingredients

Traditional beauty practices highlight the effectiveness of natural ingredients. Unlike many modern cosmetics, these remedies often contain fewer synthetic chemicals.

However, the goal of traditional beauty rituals is not instant transformation. Instead, they emphasize gradual improvement through consistent care.

Lessons for Modern Skincare

Modern beauty routines can benefit from the wisdom of traditional practices. Many contemporary products now incorporate ancient ingredients such as turmeric, aloe vera, and green tea.

At the same time, traditional beauty reminds us that skincare is not only about products but also about lifestyle. Healthy diets, proper sleep, and stress management play equally important roles.

Beauty Beyond Appearance

Across cultures, beauty rituals often serve deeper purposes.

They are moments of relaxation, self-care, and connection with tradition. These practices remind us that beauty is not defined by trends but by how we care for ourselves and respect our bodies. By combining ancient wisdom with modern knowledge, people today can create balanced beauty routines that support both health and confidence.



Everyday Beauty Habits That Make a Big Difference

Beauty is often associated with expensive treatments, luxury skincare products, and elaborate routines. However, many dermatologists and beauty experts agree that small, consistent habits in everyday life can have a far greater impact on appearance than occasional beauty treatments. Simple daily practices can improve skin health, hair strength, and overall confidence.

Developing the right habits does not require complicated routines. Instead, it involves paying attention to how we care for our bodies and making mindful lifestyle choices.

Start Your Day with Gentle Skincare

Morning skincare sets the tone for the entire day. Overnight, the skin produces oils and collects impurities. Washing the face with a mild cleanser removes these substances and prepares the skin for the day ahead.

After cleansing, applying a lightweight moisturizer helps maintain hydration. Even individuals with oily skin benefit from moisturizers, as they prevent the skin from producing excess oil to compensate for dryness.

Using sunscreen is another essential step in the morning routine. Exposure to sunlight can lead to premature aging, pigmentation, and skin damage. Applying sunscreen daily helps protect the skin from harmful ultraviolet rays.

Never Skip Nighttime Skincare

If morning skincare prepares

the skin for the day, nighttime skincare supports repair and regeneration. During sleep, the body works to restore damaged skin cells and produce new ones.

Removing makeup before bed is extremely important. Leaving makeup on overnight can clog pores, cause acne, and accelerate skin aging. Even if you do not wear makeup, cleansing your face at night removes pollution and dirt accumulated during the day.

Applying a nourishing night cream or serum can help support the skin's natural repair process.

Healthy Hair Habits

Hair health is another essential aspect of beauty. Many people damage their hair unintentionally through harsh treatments, excessive heat styling, or improper care. Using mild shampoos and conditioning regularly helps maintain healthy hair. It is also important to avoid washing hair too frequently, as excessive washing removes natural oils that protect the scalp.

Regular oil massages can strengthen hair roots and improve circulation in the scalp. Natural oils such as coconut oil, almond oil, and argan oil are commonly used for this purpose.

The Importance of Hydration

Water plays a crucial role in maintaining healthy skin and hair. Dehydration can lead to dull skin, dry lips, and brittle hair.

Drinking adequate water throughout the day helps the body flush toxins and maintain proper moisture levels in the skin.