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Mount Everest 2026 Sees Record Rush, Over 1000 Climbers Summit Before Closure

World.(Agency)

Mount Everest has seen its most historic climbing season yet, with a record-shattering 1,008 climbers successfully reaching the summit during the spring 2026 window. According to The Kathmandu Post, Nepal's Department of Tourism confirmed Friday that this figure marks the highest number of successful ascents ever recorded since expeditions to the world's tallest peak began. The extraordinary season set multiple milestones simultaneously. According to Ram Krishna Lamichhane, director general of the Department of Tourism, the spring 2026 window broke records not just for successful climbers, but also for the total number of permits issued and the overall royalty revenues collected by the government. Unusually favorable weather windows allowed for high success rates. Khim Lal Gautam, the coordinator of the government's temporary field office at Everest Base Camp, confirmed the final tally on Friday morning, stating that exactly 1,008 mountaineers had stood on top of the world under this year's spring mountaineering program. The season began with fears of delay after a serac block of glacial ice blocked the way, but Nepali climbers have established an alternative route. The world's highest peak, which straddles the Nepal-China border, can be scaled from either Nepal or the northern face in Tibet. But China closed its route this year. The Guinness World Records says the most ascents of Everest in a single season was 872, achieved in 2019. Nepal issued a record 494 Everest permits for foreigners this season, with a city of tents up at the foot of the mountain for climbers and support staff.

On Camera, Jeff Bezos' Blue Origin's New Glenn Rocket Explodes During Test



Indians, Pakistanis taking our jobs: UK MP's racist remarks spark outrage

World.(Agency)

British Independent MP Rupert Lowe has sparked major controversy after posting a series of inflammatory comments targeting Indian and Pakistani immigrants in the UK, claiming they were taking jobs from British citizens and altering the country's cultural identity. Lowe, who recently launched the right-wing political movement and party 'Restore Britain' after splitting from Reform UK, said he was unconcerned about being labelled racist for his remarks. "I don't believe we should import millions of Pakistanis and Indians to do jobs that unemployed Brits should be doing. If that makes me a racist, then so be it," the MP representing the Great Yarmouth constituency in eastern England wrote in a thread of posts on X. He further claimed that parts of north-west England had become "like being transported to a foreign country" because of immigration and accused mainstream British parties of allowing "millions of low-skilled migrants from the Third World" into the country. In a series of posts focused heavily on Muslim communities, Lowe wrote that areas in Manchester were becoming "Islamic" and described immigration as a form of "colonisation". He alleged that British family-run businesses had been displaced and claimed British women no longer felt comfortable in certain neighbourhoods. He also criticised burqas, sharia courts, halal slaughter and public prayer gatherings, while pledging that a future Restore Britain government would "ban the burqa", "ban cousin marriage" and "ban the Kirpan in public spaces". Lowe also linked his anti-immigration rhetoric to his campaign around grooming gang investigations. Referring to an upcoming parliamentary debate, he posted, "Progress to report - our rape gang inquiry debate is finally taking place in Parliament on Monday". He urged supporters to pressure MPs to attend the discussion. The remarks triggered criticism online, with opponents accusing Lowe of stoking racial and religious tensions through sweeping generalisations about immigrants and Muslim communities.

US-Iran truce deal awaits Trump as strikes test ceasefire

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TEHRAN.(Agency)

US and Iranian negotiators edged toward a deal to extend their fragile ceasefire for 60 days, but the potential breakthrough was still hanging on President Donald Trump's approval, US sources told AFP on Thursday. The development came after Washington and Tehran accused each other of violating the truce, underscoring the volatility of talks three months after the Middle East war began with US-Israeli strikes on Iran. The US sources confirmed reporting by Axios that the two sides had agreed on a memorandum of understanding to prolong the ceasefire and launch negotiations on Iran's nuclear programme. Under the proposed deal, shipping through Hormuz would be unrestricted, with no tolls or harassment; Iran would remove all mines within 30 days; and the United States would lift its naval blockade if commercial traffic resumes, Axios reported. But Iran's Tasnim news agency, citing a source close

to Tehran's negotiators, said the text had not been finalised and that Pakistan would be informed if a deal was reached. Iranian sources cited by local media said any deal would be complete only when announced by Tehran, not unilaterally by Trump. Late on Thursday, US Vice President JD Vance told reporters that Trump was not yet ready to approve it, even though negotiations had "made a lot of progress." "We're going back and forth on a couple of language points," he added. US strikes on the southern Iranian port city of Bandar Abbas prompted Iran to target "the American airbase that served as the source of the attack," state broadcaster IRIB reported, citing the Revolutionary Guards. The Guards did not specify the location of the base, but Kuwait, which hosts US troops, said its air defences responded to incoming fire. Kuwait's foreign ministry condemned "the criminal Iranian attacks that targeted the territory of the State of

Kuwait with missiles and drones, in a dangerous escalation." US Central Command called the attack an "egregious



ceasefire violation." Iranian forces had fired at four ships trying to transit the Strait of Hormuz without authorisation, IRIB reported Thursday. Iran has blockaded the waterway since the war began. US forces said they had intercepted five attack drones in and around the strait, and prevented the launch of a sixth near Bandar Abbas. Iranian foreign ministry

spokesman Esmail Baqaei called the US strikes truce "violations". A US official told AFP the actions were "measured" and "intended to preserve the ceasefire". Iran's Guards threatened a "firm response" to any renewed attacks. Strait standoff before Thursday's strikes, Amir, a 27-year-old software developer in Tehran, said fears of renewed fighting were constant. "I feel like nothing is certain yet," he said. "The daily question is: Will there be missile strikes tonight?" A key focus of the proposed deal is restoring full traffic through the Strait of Hormuz, the closure of which has curbed the vast flows of oil and gas that normally pass through it. Oil prices bounced higher Thursday after reports of the strikes, reversing much of Wednesday's deal-driven fall. Markets remained choppy as traders balanced hopes of a ceasefire extension against the risk of renewed fighting. Markets mostly fell.

Blue Origin rocket explodes on the launch pad during an engine-firing test

CAPE CANAVERAL.(Agency)

A Blue Origin rocket exploded during a test at the launch pad Thursday night, shaking nearby homes and briefly painting the sky orange. Jeff Bezos' Blue Origin said its New Glenn rocket exploded during an engine-firing test. No one was hurt, according to officials at Cape Canaveral Space Force Station. "It's too early to know the root cause but we're already working to find it," Bezos said via X. "Very rough day, but we'll rebuild whatever needs rebuilding and get back to flying. It's worth it." The massive New Glenn was grounded in April after it left a satellite in the wrong orbit because of engine failure. It was only the third flight of the rocket that Blue Origin intends to use to launch landers to the moon for NASA, including the landers that will take astronauts to the lunar surface. The company had been on track to

launch a prototype lunar lander to the moon on a flight test this fall. Earlier this week, the space agency awarded Blue Origin a contract worth hundreds



of millions of dollars to launch a pair of moon buggies in the next few years as part of the Artemis program. "Spaceflight is unforgiving, and developing new heavy-lift launch capability is extraordinarily difficult," NASA Administrator Jared Isaacman said via X. He promised to provide

information on any impacts to the Artemis program, including the moon base that he recently outlined.

Homes shook in nearby Cape Canaveral and Cocoa Beach around 9 p.m., with residents turning to social media to wonder what happened. Launch Complex 36 is visible from the beach, and the internet quickly filled with photos of an orange fireball. The rocket was supposed to blast off next week with internet satellites that are part of the Amazon Leo constellation in orbit. Emergency crews remained more than an hour after the explosion. Officials stressed there was no threat due to fumes or other potential hazards. Space Force officials said the explosion would not affect upcoming launches by other companies from other pads. United Launch Alliance's Atlas V rocket is due to blast off Friday night with a batch of Amazon Leo satellites, the same kind that this rocket was supposed to take up.

Crews recover remains of six of nine workers missing after chemical tank implosion at Washington State Mill

LONGVIEW.(Agency)

Crews have recovered the remains of six of nine workers who were missing after a massive chemical tank ruptured at a paper mill in Washington state, releasing a flood of caustic liquid capable of causing severe burns and lung injuries, officials said Thursday. In all, 11 people were killed in the disaster, including the three yet to be recovered, and eight injured. It's one of the deadliest U.S. workplace accidents in recent decades. A tank containing more than 500,000 gallons (1.9 million liters) of a chemical mixture used to break down wood for making paper collapsed Tuesday morning at the Nippon Dynawave Packaging Co. in Longview, a city along the Columbia River. The collapse occurred during a shift change, and the six workers whose remains were recovered had been in an area where they would congregate in the morning as they awaited their assignments for the day, said Matt Amos, Longview fire

battalion chief. Among the victims were a grandfather who was always willing to help anyone and a young husband described as selfless and caring, according to friends who



organized fundraisers for the victims' families. The recovery of the victims has been slow and deliberate, complicated by the dangers posed by the remaining chemicals and other industrial hazards, Amos said. Crews were steering clear of a zone closest to the tank, in case of further collapse. They have been working with engineers to determine whether

damaged buildings around the tank are safe to enter. As they collect the remains, crews must decontaminate them before turning them over to the coroner's office for identification. The searchers also must decontaminate themselves. Authorities said the cause of the disaster is still under investigation. They have not released the names of those who were killed, but friends and relatives had begun confirming their names and posting online fundraisers to support their families. Gilbert Bernal, a grandfather who was an electrician at the plant, was the first confirmed death, said his friend Todd Cornwell. "He was one of the most genuinely good people that you've ever met. He would give you the shirt off his back if you needed it. He was always there willing to help in whatever needed to be done," Cornwell said. CJ Doran, who was 26, was among those presumed dead, according to a GoFundMe post verified by the crowdfunding site.

Canadian PM Mark Carney calls for new partnership with US as Trump mulls whether to renew free trade agreement

Carney called for a "true partnership" with closer cooperation in key sectors facing growing pressure from global competition.

TORONTO.(Agency)

Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney called for a new partnership with the United States on Thursday, just weeks before President Donald Trump decides on whether to renew the free trade agreement between the countries. Carney said in a speech at the Economic Club of New York that there should be a "true partnership" that reimagines cooperation in specific sectors challenged by global competition. He made the remarks ahead of the mandatory

review of United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement, or USMCA, in July. Carney said Canada is diversifying away from the U.S. and signing trade deals with dozens of countries around the world. "Our core objective across these partnerships is to increase our strategic autonomy. Because we live in a world where integration has been weaponised. Because a country that cannot feed, fuel or defend itself is not truly sovereign," Carney said. Trump's actions - including launching a trade war and suggesting Canada become the 51st U.S. state - have infuriated Canadians and created the political environment for Carney to win the job of prime minister after promising to confront Trump. The Canadian prime minister has emerged as a spokesman for a movement for countries to find ways to link up and counter the U.S. under Trump. Carney has set a goal for Canada to double its non-U.S. exports in the next decade, saying American tariffs are causing a chill in investment. "Canada Strong will help make America great again. The examples are legion where we should work together

and compete with the world together. And to those ends, we have made specific, practical proposals to the US Administration," Carney said. Canada has been protected by the heaviest impact of Trump's tariffs by the Canada-U.S.-Mexico Agreement but that trade agreement is up for a review and certain key sectors like aluminum and the prime minister noted Canadian aluminum exports to the U.S. are the energy equivalent of 10 Hoover dams and that it doesn't make sense to replace Canada. "With America's growing energy needs, does it make sense to build the Gigawatts needed to replace Canada?" Carney said. He also noted that on automobiles, Canada is America's biggest customer, and "an integrated North American market for production is the best and most durable way to confront intense global competition." Carney also said on critical minerals, with its vast reserves of potash, nickel, copper and uranium, Canada can be the most reliable supplier that America needs to put affordable food on the table, to strengthen its national defence and meet

exploding demand to power AI. "At a time of a global energy crisis, Canada provides the United States with the reliable power and critical minerals that help fuel American growth: 99% of U.S. natural gas imports, 85% of electricity imports and 60% of crude oil imports," Carney said. Steel has been hit hard by tariffs. Carney said Canada is America's largest customer, buying more goods than China, Japan and the Germany combined. "When Canada and the United States have had our differences over the years, we have always - eventually - worked through them, because our shared values and common interests run deep. They run through our economies," he said. Carney also met with representatives of BlackRock, JP Morgan Chase, Blackstone, Morgan Stanley and Apollo while in New York. Dominic LeBlanc, Canada's minister for U.S. trade, is heading to Washington next week for talks. LeBlanc has previously warned that the free trade agreement could be subject to annual review and that uncertainty could be the objective of the Trump administration.

Israel, Russia added to UN blacklist on sexual violence in conflicts

UNITED NATIONS.(Agency)

Israeli and Russian security forces have been added to a United Nations blacklist on sexual violence in conflict, according to a report reviewed Thursday by AFP. Published annually by the UN, the list includes dozens of state and non-state groups credibly suspected of having engaged "systematically" in sexual violence in countries such as Sudan, Haiti, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Myanmar, Syria and Mali. Last August, UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres warned Israel and Russia of their possible inclusion on the list. Despite the warning, the report says that "incidents and patterns of sexual violence continued to be documented by the United Nations" in the war in Ukraine and in the occupied Palestinian territories. UN investigators faced "continued denial of access" from authorities in both countries, according to the report, seen by AFP before its circulation among Security Council members. Regarding Israel, "in 2025, patterns of sexual violence against Palestinians detained in Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territory continued to be documented," the report says. It notes that the cases verified by the UN are indicative of multi-year trends but are not "comprehensive" given the denial of access to Israeli detention centers. Consequently, in 2025, the UN confirmed multiple cases dating back to 2023 of sexual violence, "including as a form of torture," against 14 men, seven women, nine boys, and one girl in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank. These violations include rape with an object, gang rape, physical violence against the genitals, forced nudity, and body searches conducted "without apparent security justification." The perpetrators are identified by the UN as members of the Israeli military, security forces, and prison services. Extreme brutality on Thursday morning, Israel denounced the "shameful and absurd" decision by Guterres, calling it an attempt to "create a fake symmetry" with Hamas, which is already on the list. We are done with this Secretary-General," declared Israel's ambassador to the UN, Danny Danon, in a post on X, signaling a "freeze" in Israel's relations with the secretary-general's office until the end of Guterres's term on December 31, 2026. He also rejected that the UN had been denied access, asserting that its representatives had been invited to conduct investigations in Israel but "chose not to come; they chose to continue with. Regarding Russia, the report highlights sexual violence in occupied Ukrainian territories and within Russia itself, perpetrated by armed forces and prison services, particularly against prisoners of war, who provided testimony following their release. The campaign against Israel."

'Corruption Exists in Judiciary'; Judges Are Not 'Sacred Cows': Madras High Court

Chennai: In a rare and candid observation, the Madras High Court has acknowledged that corruption exists within the judiciary, asserting that judges should not be treated as "holy cows" immune from criticism or public scrutiny.



court said justice "must be allowed to suffer scrutiny and outspoken comments of ordinary citizens." The judges also pointed out that corruption within the judiciary cannot happen in isolation and noted that certain members of the legal fraternity may become

tion against misconduct. The remarks come amid increasing public discourse around judicial accountability in India. Recently, controversy had also erupted over an NCERT textbook chapter discussing corruption in the judiciary, which eventually reached the Supreme Court.

SC Sets 3-Month Deadline for HCs to Deliver Reserved Judgments



New Delhi: In a significant move aimed at reducing judicial delays, the Supreme Court on Friday directed all High Courts across the country to pronounce judgments within three months of reserving orders. A bench comprising Chief Justice Surya Kant and Justice Joymalya Bagchi observed that prolonged delays in delivering judgments can cause serious prejudice and irreparable harm to litigants.

Kumar Amit Urges Early Launch of Flights from Bokaro Airport, Seeks Defence Manufacturing Hub



Bokaro: BJP State Executive Committee member Kumar Amit on Friday submitted a memorandum to Union Minister of State for Defence Sanjay Seth, urging the early commencement of passenger flight operations from Bokaro's newly constructed airport.

BIT Mesra Concludes Five-Day Training Programme on Research Methodology

Ranchi: The Department of Management Studies at Birla Institute of Technology Mesra concluded its five-day Short-Term Training Programme (STTP) on "Research Methodology and Advanced Techniques in Multivariate Analysis" on Friday.

Rajnath Singh Unveils 'Operation Sindoor' Book Featuring Untold Stories of Indian Soldiers

New Delhi: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Friday unveiled a commemorative volume on Operation Sindoor, bringing together the personal accounts of 100 military personnel who participated in the operation.



Rare Insights into the Human Side of Military Operations

Released at a ceremony in New Delhi attended by senior military leadership, the publication seeks to document the human stories behind one of India's most significant recent military operations. The event was attended by General Anil Chauhan, Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi, General Upendra Dwivedi and Air Chief Marshal AP Singh.

the stories of resilience, leadership and service captured in its pages. The Defence Minister termed Operation Sindoor an "unprecedented success," claiming that India's military response compelled Pakistan to seek a ceasefire within four days.

integrated warfare and swift military execution. Unlike conventional military histories that focus on strategic decisions and command-level planning, the book highlights experiences from the ground and frontline. It features narratives from troops deployed along the Line of Control, combat pilots, air defence operators, naval personnel, special forces teams,

missile crews, signallers, logisticians and medical officers who played crucial roles during the operation. The publication aims to capture the realities of modern warfare through the eyes of those who executed it, offering insights into the challenges, split-second decisions and teamwork that transformed military strategy into operational success.

From Paper to Polymer: India Likely to Get Plastic Currency Notes Soon

New Delhi: India could soon witness a major transformation in its currency system, with the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) reportedly reviving plans to introduce polymer, or plastic, currency notes in circulation. The move is aimed at improving the durability of banknotes, reducing printing costs over the long term, and strengthening protection against counterfeiting.



discussed during recent RBI board meetings, with officials considering a pilot project for public circulation in the near future. The

renewed push comes amid rising demand for currency notes and growing concerns over the short lifespan of conventional paper-based

banknotes. Polymer notes are made from a special type of plastic substrate rather than cotton-based paper. These notes are widely used in countries such as Australia, Canada, New Zealand, Vietnam, and Romania due to their longer lifespan, improved cleanliness, and advanced security features. Experts say polymer notes can last several times longer than traditional paper notes and are significantly more difficult to counterfeit.

IIMC Launches AI Academy to Build Future-Ready Media Workforce



New Delhi: The Indian Institute of Mass Communication (IIMC) on Friday launched the Artificial Intelligence in Media and Entertainment (AIME) Academy in New Delhi, aimed at promoting AI adoption across the media and entertainment sector. Launching the initiative, Information and Broadcasting Secretary Chanchal Kumar said the academy will focus on capacity building, research, innovation, responsible AI, and industry-academia collaboration.

Under-Construction Bridge Collapses in UP; At Least 6 Feared Dead



Hamirpur (UP): At least six people are feared dead after an under-construction bridge collapsed in Uttar Pradesh's Hamirpur district amid heavy rainfall and strong winds, triggering a major rescue operation. The incident occurred in the early hours of Friday when a portion of the bridge being built over the Betwa River suddenly gave way.

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Siddaramaiah meets Rahul Gandhi with 'wishlist' day after stepping down as CM

New Delhi.(Agency)

► A day after stepping down as Karnataka Chief Minister, Siddaramaiah met Rahul Gandhi and Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge in Delhi with his list of demands. The discussions included Rajya Sabha and MLC names as well as key cabinet portfolios for his son Yathindra.

A day after stepping down as Karnataka Chief Minister, Siddaramaiah on Friday met Rahul Gandhi and Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge in Delhi, presenting his list of demands to the party high command, including plum portfolios for his son Yathindra in the new DK Shivakumar-led cabinet. According to sources, Siddaramaiah handed over lists of names for Rajya Sabha and MLC appointments, along with his preferences for cabinet positions.

Sources said he also pushed for key portfolios for his son, Yathindra Siddaramaiah, including medical education and backward classes, or alternatively industries or water resources, a portfolio which was held by Shivakumar. Now, after the dust has settled over handing the reins to

Shivakumar, Siddaramaiah has turned down the Rajya Sabha seat offered by the high command and expressed his keenness to stay rooted in Karnataka politics. "I'll continue in active politics. I have no interest in national politics," Siddaramaiah said on Thursday, shortly after stepping down. "I was also asked about the Rajya Sabha. I declined it. I want to remain in Karnataka politics," he added.



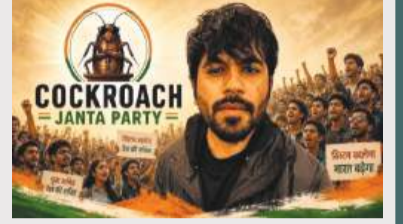
That Siddaramaiah, Karnataka's longest-serving Chief Minister, still holds sway over the state was evident in both his decision to turn down a bigger national role and the influence he continues to wield over several ministers who served in his cabinet. Sources told India Today that when the Congress high command offered Satish Jarkiholi, who was the PWD minister in the Siddaramaiah cabinet, the post of KPCC (Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee) president, he said he would consult Siddaramaiah.

Court denies relief on Cockroach party's X account, seeks review of block order

New Delhi.(Agency)

The Delhi High Court on Friday sought responses from the Union government and X on a plea filed by Cockroach Janta Party founder Abhijeet Dipke challenging the blocking of the party's X account, while observing that the matter would require detailed consideration and declining to grant immediate relief. The petition was heard by Justice Purushendra Kumar Kaurav.

The Court said restoration of the account could be considered only after hearing the Union government, observing that the matter involved larger concerns, the Bar and Bench reported. During the hearing, the judge said, "There may be some substance in your submissions but they all need to be considered. They will be considered holistically after hearing the other side. There are far reaching issues. There are wider ramifications." The Bench also said it would consider whether X could be asked to place the blocking order on record after the Union of India files a detailed reply. Directing that the response be filed within four weeks, the Court listed the matter for hearing on July 6. In the meantime, the Court directed that the blocking order be reviewed. Referring to the applicable rules, it noted that a review committee is required to meet once every two months and has the authority to examine all aspects connected with such an order. The Bench said, "It is directed that the review committee will examine all these aspects. The decision be placed on record."



The Court also recorded that Dipke is not in India and said he may seek permission from the review committee to appear through video conferencing. "The aspect can be examined by the review committee," the Court said. The matter will now come up on July 6 after the Union government files its response and the review.

Punjab launches menstrual health curriculum across 3,600 government schools

Punjab has begun a phased rollout of its menstrual health curriculum for girls in government schools across all 23 districts. Backed by teacher training and pilot feedback, the programme seeks to normalise period conversations in classrooms.

Chandigarh.(Agency)

The Punjab government has launched a special menstrual health curriculum for adolescent girls studying in government schools, calling it one of India's largest school-based menstrual health education initiatives. On the occasion of Menstrual Hygiene Day on May 28, the state government announced the phased expansion of the 'Menstrual Hygiene Curriculum' across government high and senior secondary schools in all 23 districts of Punjab. The first session under the curriculum will be conducted on May 29.



According to an official statement, the initiative will directly benefit more than 3.4 lakh girl students from classes 6 to 10 studying in over 3,600 government schools across the state. The government said the programme aims to address an issue that has traditionally remained surrounded by silence, hesitation, myths and

social stigma. The statement added that the programme aligns with the spirit of the Supreme Court of India's observation recognising that menstrual health and hygiene are directly linked to dignity, education and equality for adolescent girls. The Punjab government has launched the programme in collaboration with WASH United, an international non-profit organisation

working globally on menstrual health education and awareness.

Under the initiative, schools will conduct special classroom sessions through a structured curriculum in Punjabi so that students can connect with the content in a relatable and comfortable manner. The sessions use interactive storytelling centred around the curriculum's main character, Ruby, a 10-year-old girl. The lessons focus on helping students understand menstruation and bodily changes, maintain hygiene, build confidence and self-esteem, and create supportive school and peer environments. The government has already trained around 7,200 teachers across Punjab to conduct these sessions. According to the statement, the programme follows a structured three-session intervention model that includes story-based learning and age-appropriate menstrual health education.

Settle inter-state water disputes through cooperation: PM Modi

Calls for integrated approach combining river links, groundwater recharge and conservation.

New Delhi.(Agency)

Prime Minister Narendra Modi chaired the 51st PRAGATI meeting on Wednesday evening and urged states to settle inter-state water disputes through cooperation and faster administrative action. He stressed the importance of timely approvals, close monitoring through technology and coordinated implementation of large public projects. Modi said the Ken-Betwa river-linking project should serve as an example for other states facing similar water-sharing challenges.

During the meeting, the Prime Minister reviewed seven major infrastructure projects in railways, roads, and the power sector across nine states. These projects are valued at nearly Rs 30,000 crore. He noted that delays in public works increase costs and prevent citizens from receiving important services on time. The review focused on deadlines, coordination among agencies and the removal of pending obstacles.



While discussing the Ken-Betwa project, Modi encouraged states to identify similar opportunities involving river-linking, water conservation, groundwater recharge and efficient irrigation systems. He said these measures should be implemented in an integrated manner to ensure long-term water security and better resource management. PRAGATI is an ICT-based platform designed to improve governance and speed up implementation by bringing together the efforts of the Centre and the states. Apart from the river-linking project, the Prime Minister also reviewed the progress of Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban 2.0.

In the power sector review, Modi highlighted the need to expand rooftop solar installations in urban areas, residential colonies and public institutions. While examining road and port projects, the PM said the Vadavan Port should be developed as a model for integrated transport hub.

Modi also stressed the effective implementation of Swachh Bharat Mission 2.0. He said the programme must move beyond building infrastructure and focus on measurable results through monitoring, public participation and coordination among stakeholders. He directed states to speed up the construction of waste-processing facilities and GOBARdhan plants.

'Governance failure': UBT leader Sanjay Raut slams Centre over reports on IAF role in NEET paper transport

The Rajya Sabha MP alleged that instead of fixing the system and punishing the guilty, the Centre was attempting to use the military as a "band-aid solution".

New Delhi.(Agency)

Shiv Sena (UBT) leader Sanjay Raut slammed the Centre over reports that the Indian Air Force (IAF) may be used to transport NEET-UG examination papers, saying such a move points to a "failure" in governance. In a post on X, Raut said that the armed forces protect the country's borders, not "cover up NTA (National Testing Agency) and the education ministry's incompetence".



"This is a shameful admission of governance failure. After years of NEET paper leaks destroying the dreams of lakhs of students, the government now wants the Air Force to transport question papers," he said. The Rajya Sabha MP alleged that instead of fixing the

system and punishing the guilty, the Centre was attempting to use the military as a "band-aid solution". "Why should the Defence Minister have to chair meetings with the Education Minister for basic exam logistics? This only

exposes the incompetence of the NTA and the Education Ministry," Raut claimed.

He demanded strict action against those responsible for paper leaks and called for reforms to restore transparency and credibility in the system. "Students deserve real accountability," the Sena (UBT) leader added. The government is exploring the possibility of using the IAF for the transportation of NEET-UG papers to ensure the foolproof conduct of the retest on June 21, official sources had said on Thursday. The option was explored at a high-level meeting chaired by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and attended by Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan and Minister for Communications Jyotiraditya Scindia.

Karnataka Was A Message. Rahul Gandhi Tests New Playbook For Lok Sabha Battle

New Delhi.(Agency)

► Congress' Karnataka leadership swap, driven by Rahul Gandhi, signals a shift from factional drift to decisive control, with learnings from Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh suggesting the party is prioritising winnability for its 2029 strategy.

The Karnataka leadership swap - DK Shivakumar for Siddaramaiah, a switch in the making since November last year - was pushed past the finishing line by Rahul Gandhi, sources told NDTV Friday. Rahul Gandhi, sources said, spoke to both men on Monday and Tuesday, with Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, party boss Mallikarjun Kharge, and General Secretary KC Venugopal. The result was a 35-minute one-on-one in which Rahul Gandhi persuaded Siddaramaiah to resign, arguing the veteran politician - one of the Congress' most high-profile OBC faces - had to look beyond the state and at the national picture. The 'big picture' message was the



2029 Lok Sabha election. But Siddaramaiah argued the Congress' best chance at re-election was with him in charge. DKS, he said, could take charge of a fresh government in 2028. But Gandhi was adamant, sources said, displaying the same awareness that helped the Congress resolve

the impasse in the Kerala chief minister race.

The Kerala example

The party recorded a big win in the April/May election but was then mired in talks for two weeks, with VD Satheesan, KC Venugopal, and Ramesh Chennithala on the chief minister shortlist. In that instance, Rahul Gandhi backed Venugopal. And his close ties with the Gandhi family, as well as his position as the MLAs' choice, suggested his appointment was a given. But as it became clear Satheesan was preferred by the voters, and key ally Indian Union Muslim League, Rahul Gandhi accepted the verdict and changed plans. The Gandhi siblings met Venugopal in an extended

meeting to convey and explain the decision, which included, as in the case of Karnataka, consultations with all relevant stakeholders.

In both cases the quiet influence of Priyanka Gandhi was also noted, sources said. Congress insiders told the Karnataka and Kerala examples indicate the party's core leadership - essentially Kharge, the Gandhi family, and trusted aides like Venugopal - is now more willing to chop and change plans, particularly when circumstances go against favourites.

The Rajasthan 'what if' moment

In 2022, for example, when the Congress was in power in Rajasthan, there was a showdown between then-chief minister Ashok Gehlot and his much younger

India's response to heat crisis will define its future

Let's start with two numbers—48.2°C in Banda, Uttar Pradesh and 46.5°C in Sirpur, Telangana. Nearly 850 km apart, but bound by brutal, extreme heat. In Bundelkhand, hot winds blowing in from Pakistan's Balochistan and the Thar Desert turned Banda into India's hottest city for four days, with the temperatures edging towards 50°C on cracked black-cotton soil with barely a tree in sight. In Telangana and Andhra Pradesh, over 40 heatstroke-related deaths were reported over just two days. This is not a story about two states or one season. It is a national emergency running from the Himalayas to the shoreline. And it has been building for years.

The India Meteorological Department's (IMD) seasonal outlook for April-June 2026 warned us plainly: above-normal heatwave days were coming for east, central, northwest India, and the southeast of the peninsula. Red and orange alerts were flying across Telangana before summer officially began. The Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology in Pune, which has been tracking this for decades, said heatwave frequency in India's core zone has risen by 2.5 days every decade since 1961, and the trend is getting steeper. This year, there's a double blow. While long-term warming has raised India's temperature floor year after year, a super El Niño is developing this year in the equatorial Pacific, a phenomenon that has historically made Indian summers worse. It weakens monsoon winds, strips cloud cover, bakes the soil dry. The chance of a deficient monsoon this year sits at 35 percent, more than double the long-term average. For a country where nearly half of all farmland depends on rain, not pipes, that figure isn't just a weather stat. It is a food security warning. Here is what the headlines often miss: the same summer is killing people in completely different ways depending on where they live and how much money they have. In landlocked Bundelkhand, it is the raw, scorching dry heat. Cities like Banda, Jhansi, and Hamirpur have no sea breeze, no relief. Entire agricultural divisions are recording temperatures 5°C above the seasonal norm. Farmers, who cannot afford to stop working, are out there in it from sunrise. For them, heatstroke is not an abstract risk—it's a Tuesday. On the coasts, the story is quieter but in some ways more dangerous. Kerala, Odisha, coastal Andhra Pradesh—the thermometers here read lower than Banda. But the humidity changes everything. What scientists call the 'wet-bulb temperature'—the measure that combines heat and moisture—can push coastal conditions beyond what the human body can safely handle, even when the raw number on the thermometer looks manageable. An IMD study spanning four decades confirmed that wet-bulb temperatures have been steadily rising across India's coasts, accelerating sharply since the early 2000s.

The reason is physics. When the air is saturated with moisture, sweat simply cannot evaporate. That's the body's only real cooling mechanism, and in high humidity, it stops working. Researchers at Penn State found that even healthy young people start losing the ability to regulate body temperature at around 31°C wet-bulb. Anjal Prakash, an author of a UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report, has put it starkly: a 40°C day with high humidity can feel like 50°C. For an elderly person in a poorly ventilated home, a fisher returning from sea, or a construction worker in a coastal city, that is not a figure of speech. It is a physiological reality. In Alappuzha, fishers talk about nights that no longer cool down. In Odisha's coastal districts, labourers say they are dehydrated within an hour of starting work. Moist heat kills quietly, without the drama of a north Indian heatwave, and so it goes largely unreported.

Time to stop slipping on oil

Renewable energy can make India resilient to oil price shocks

THE whole world, India included, will have breathed easier following the announcement that the United States and Iran have come close to an initial agreement. Hopefully, that should extend the ceasefire and open the Strait of Hormuz for shipping. No details are available at the time of writing, and one cannot be certain that there won't be more blips on the way to a deal — or deals, since a preliminary one is likely to need follow-up agreements with difficult details. So, the release of tension is probably accompanied by people also holding their breath! Sunday's announcement should help to lower the prices of oil, gas and other critical commodities like urea. But even if a deal is actually reached, it will take months for the situation to return to the pre-war normal. Still, the world economy will have avoided the sharp slowdown that seemed a real prospect last week. India, hugely dependent on the imports of both oil and gas, as well as urea and other commodities produced in the Gulf area, will be particularly relieved.

The country has had a crisis-prone history associated with oil price shocks, one that is worth a brief recount in order to underline the need to avoid repeating that history. For, every oil price spurt so far has led to an economic crisis that in turn has provoked political change. This was true of the first oil shock of 1973 which quadrupled oil prices almost overnight, from \$3 per barrel to \$12. Inflation soared to 30 per cent, and the Opposition was able to force Indira Gandhi on to the back foot. The chain of events led to India's only experience with dictatorial "Emergency" rule. The second oil shock, in 1979, saw oil prices double to \$23.50 per barrel, with prices in the spot market surging to \$40. India's shell-shocked economy shrank by an unprecedented 5 per cent. The government fell, and Mrs Gandhi returned to power. The third oil shock, caused by Saddam Hussein's invasion of Kuwait in 1990, was less severe and lasted barely six months, yet it provoked a foreign exchange crisis. That triggered a positive outcome: widespread economic reforms by (you guessed it) a new government. Finally, the oil shock of 2012 saw oil prices reach \$125 per barrel and stay above \$100 till 2014. That led to a surging current account deficit, and the rupee getting famously

grouped with the "Fragile Five". That more or less sank an already embattled Manmohan Singh government, and (along with other factors) helped bring Narendra Modi to power. His government began on a lucky note. Oil prices halved to \$50 by 2015 and fell further to an average of \$44 per barrel in 2016. That boosted economic growth to over 8 per cent for a couple of years. It is this historical vulnerability to oil shocks that caused the US-Iran war to provoke worries among Indian consumers and policy-makers, not just about oil prices (up 50 per cent and more) but also about the

electricity generation. The ambitious target is to raise that share to 50 per cent by 2030. Even that should be only a mid-term goal, for non-fossil-based electrification has the potential to grow even further.

In broad terms, India should aim to become an electro-state. The railways have already electrified virtually all their traction. But the electrification of road transport (though competitive, compared to petrol and diesel) has made slow progress compared to other countries, with relatively few public charging stations installed. Domestic cooking should be electrified too, reversing the push for gas-based cooking.

Many industrial processes that currently rely on hydrocarbons could also switch to electricity, as China has done on a massive scale. The need for oil and gas will not disappear, but the dependence can be reduced by enough to make the economy resilient to West Asian tremors. Such a drive is likely to have much greater potential, and meet with greater success, than the government's renewed stress on coal. For instance, coal-based fertiliser plants have been tried in the past, didn't do well and had to be shut down. And coal gasification, another policy thrust, will require massive quantities of water at a time when the country is already water-stressed. A renewable energy drive will have a critical impact on India's external balances. The country's large and growing deficit in trade in goods (a massive 8 per cent of GDP in 2025-26) has been covered for the most part by the surplus on trade in services (5 per cent of GDP). The

composite trade deficit of 3 per cent of GDP is almost entirely on account of oil and gas, and would more or less disappear if their imports could be sharply reduced.

The country would then be less dependent on capital inflows, which so far have been a reliable feature and helped to double foreign exchange reserves over the past decade to some \$730 billion at peak. But foreign portfolio investors, once enthusiastic about the Indian stock market, have pulled out as much as \$45 billion in the last 18 months, while net foreign direct investment has shrunk dramatically. The rupee reflects this external weakness, even as the Reserve Bank's foreign exchange reserves have fallen by \$40 billion to \$688 billion.

The currency weakness has further affected India's appeal to foreign investors. India needs to be made a more attractive destination. A more hydrocarbon-proof economy will take the country a big step to that goal.



assured supply of gas and urea. The grim prospect was of higher inflation, lower growth, a higher current account deficit and a bigger fiscal deficit. Those four horsemen may still show up, but it won't be the crisis that some had feared. The averted crisis should provoke thought about the steps required to insulate the economy from external shocks. Past attempts have focused on finding domestic oil and gas, with very modest results; import dependence has increased to 90 per cent for oil and about 50 per cent for gas. Now, for the first time in our history, solar and wind energy offer an alternative solution, not just because of their enormous generation potential, but also because they are now competitive when compared to new coal-based power plants. Indeed, solar energy may be competitive even after considering storage costs, thereby reducing the need for back-up power.

Renewable energy generation has already grown by leaps and bounds, and now accounts for about a quarter of

Illegal immigration: Bengal govt must strike a cautious balance

By institutionalising the 'detect, delete and deport' mechanism, the Suwendu Adhikari-led dispensation is transforming a poll plank into state policy

UPPING the ante against illegal immigration, the BJP government in West Bengal has directed district authorities to set up "holding centres" for apprehended foreigners and released foreign prisoners. The move comes amid an aggressive push against people from neighbouring countries — particularly Bangladesh — who are accused of entering India without valid documents or overstaying, especially in BJP-ruled states. Framed as an administrative measure aligned with Home Ministry guidelines, the Bengal government's step is also unmistakably political. By institutionalising the "detect, delete and deport" mechanism, the Suwendu Adhikari-led dispensation is transforming a poll plank into state policy. Bengal shares a long and porous border with Bangladesh, and concerns over undocumented migrants have persisted for decades. The state government contends that illegal immigration strains public resources, alters the demographic balance in sensitive districts and raises

security concerns. The creation of holding centres



appears to be aimed at streamlining deportation and reducing delays. The state's endeavour is also linked to

the Centre's Immigration and Foreigners Act, 2025, which imposes stricter penalties on offenders.

However, the new policy raises troubling legal and humanitarian questions. The most contentious aspect is the order to hand over suspected illegal migrants directly to the Border Security Force without first producing them before courts. Bypassing legal scrutiny can lead to arbitrary detention and wrongful deportation. There is also the danger of conflating illegal immigration with religious or ethnic identity. While the government insists that communities protected under the Citizenship (Amendment) Act will remain exempt, the rhetoric revolving around "infiltrators" (ghuspaithiye) can deepen social polarisation in a politically charged state. The long-term legitimacy of Bengal's initiative will depend on whether it can balance national security with the constitutional promise of justice and due process.

India's strategic dilemma: from non-alignment to multi-alignment

↳ The lawless acts and events of the Trump 2.0 era have become a testbed of strategic autonomy.

DURING his recent tour of Europe, PM Narendra Modi upgraded bilateral relations to strategic partnerships with the Netherlands as the Dutch produce a critical component of chips; with Norway as Oslo is a source of green oil and gas; and with Italy for its innovation and high-tech. India is an observer state of the Arctic Council since 2013. Earlier this month, Modi said India would not bow to anyone, recalling the nuclear tests in defiance of US sanctions in 1998, signifying the birth of India's strategic autonomy. A galaxy of diplomats gathered this month in New Delhi to celebrate what many describe as India's crown jewel: strategic autonomy, whose fragility the Trump 2.0 era has exposed. Strategic is the most overused adjective in diplomatic lexicon. It is attached to restraint, patience, sovereignty and national interest. The word 'partnership' is variable, dynamic and transactional. But strategic autonomy — hedging or balancing relationships by making sovereign choices — has prospered. The concept originates in India's policy of non-alignment, adopted after Independence when New Delhi punched above its weight. As adversarial relations with US increased, India was pulled towards the Soviet Union. Even as it confronted triple threats from Pakistan, China and US in 1971, it was forced to sign the first formal Treaty of Peace and Friendship with USSR. The then PM, Indira Gandhi, insisted that "India is a non-aligned country" be inserted in the treaty, which was de facto an alliance. It enabled India to build conditions for the creation of Bangladesh from East Pakistan.

India has graduated from non-alignment to multi-alignment and multi-engagement to multi-polarity, culminating in strategic autonomy, whose utility has been diminishing in a disrupted world order. Since

national security policy and strategy documents have not been produced, strategic autonomy is an immaculate conception, though six draft policy documents have been gathering dust. With India's oldest ally Russia, the partnership is special, privileged and strategic. The partnership with the US has transformed from 'estranged democracy' to 'comprehensive, global and strategic'.



Relations with China have fluctuated from 'developmental' and 'civilisational' to 'strategic and cooperative', and from 'peace and prosperity' to 'stable, but abnormal' after Doklam and Galwan. India and France are 'strategic and reliable' partners, both coveting their autonomy. The EU is a recent entrant to the strategic club, though it is more in the category of trade and commerce. A China adversary, Vietnam was elevated to 'enhanced comprehensive strategic partnership' during the visit of its President To Lam to India earlier this month. At a recent seminar, Foreign

Minister S Jaishankar outlined the neighbourhood first policy, with India positioning itself as the 'go-to option' for regional infrastructure support of neighbouring countries. He added that the purpose of India's policy (strategic autonomy) "is not to solve problems but manage relationships to national advantage", including neighbours "respecting India's red lines." The ground reality in the neighbourhood, though, is different despite India calling itself "the first responder and net security provider" as the recent sinking of an Iranian ship returning from Indian Fleet Review 2026 by a US submarine in the IOR proved. The lawless acts and events of the Trump 2.0 era have become a testbed of strategic autonomy. These have baffled the international community, especially the UN and affiliated organisations. India's less-than-successful record in protecting its international image results from a lack of strategic leverage and independent capacities; due to excessive external dependencies. The special and privileged strategic partnership with Russia, civilisational relationship with Iran and membership of BRICS have all been targeted by the US. India's lead role in the Quad, three-decade old multi-layered defence ties with the US and pivotal position in countering China have been undermined by the US' dramatic policy shifts towards China — with whom it seeks respectful relations — "as reflected in Trump's recent visit to China. The astonishingly blunt statement of US Deputy Secretary of State Christopher Landau at the Raisina Dialogue: "US will not make the same mistake as it made with China and Japan, with India" was merely a warning. India is one of the most US-sanctioned countries: on Russian and Iranian oil, having been pressured to switch to Venezuelan oil; on Chabahar Port

and Russian military platforms, though waivers were provided. In addition, the US has imposed penal tariffs on transactions with Russia. India has yielded mainly to US sanctions, except the S400 AD system whose fourth battery arrived this month. Had India not complied with sanctions on Chabahar port, it would have been able to construct infrastructure, leading to the development of the International North South Transport Corridor through Iran's Bandar Abbas Port and reduced dependencies through the double-blockaded Strait of Hormuz. Further, it would have enhanced its image among the Global South and credibility of strategic autonomy. Where token appeasement and diplomatic finesse would have helped is in recognising Trump's claim in facilitating the ceasefire during Operation Sindoor, which is a reality. This would not have undermined strategic autonomy, but New Delhi's persistent contradiction of Trump's claims led to avoidable diplomatic friction. Pakistan played its cards well, transforming its image from a state sponsor of terrorism to a responsible mediator in conflict resolution and as the go-between during the negotiations between the US and Iran, in which Israel is conspicuously missing. Pakistan's international profile has risen and instead of re-hyphenation with India, it is now in a different class. At the Delhi seminar, Ambassador Jawed Ashraf said: "Silence is not strategic autonomy", hinting at India's maun vrat (strategic silence) over illegitimate actions of the US and Israel against Iran and others. Elsewhere, former NSA Shivshankar Menon, former FS Nirupama Rao have said India has lost its voice, maintaining strategic silence; also its credibility among Global South and neighbourhood. The disrupted world order requires proactive strategic autonomy.

जानवरों की दुनिया में भी होते हैं आलसी

दोस्तों, तुम 6-8 घंटे जरूर सोते होगे, जिसके बाद फ्रेश होकर अपने काम में जुट जाते होगे। तुमने अपने पेट्स और आसपास रहने वाले जानवरों को भी रात भर सोते हुए देखा होगा। यही नहीं, अगर मौका मिले तो वे दिन में भी सो जाते हैं, ऊँघते रहते हैं या आलसी बनकर पड़े रहते हैं। लेकिन क्या तुम दुनिया के ऐसे जानवरों के बारे में जानते हो, जो पूरे दिन का 60-80 प्रतिशत से भी अधिक समय सोने में खर्च करते हैं। यानी कई जानवर दिन भर में 16-22 घंटे सोते रहते हैं। इनमें कुछेक को छोड़ कर सभी आलसी होते हैं। वे खाते-पीते हैं और अपने जरूरी काम धीरे-धीरे निपटाकर दोबारा सो जाते हैं। तुम ऐसे जानवरों को लेजी, सोतूरांम या आलसीरांम नहीं कहोगे क्या? लेकिन ऐसा कर ये जानवर एक तो शिकारियों से अपना बचाव करते हैं, साथ ही लंबे समय तक अपनी एनर्जी भी बचाए रखते हैं।



कोआला

ऑस्ट्रेलिया में पाए जाने वाले कोआला आलसी जानवरों में पहले स्थान पर हैं। ये ज्यादातर नीलगिरी के पेड़ों पर समूह में रहते हैं और आसानी से उपलब्ध नीलगिरी के पत्ते, फल-फूल, पेड़ की छाल खाकर पेट भरते हैं। खाना ढूँढने के लिए उन्हें कहीं जाने की भी जरूरत नहीं पड़ती। फाइबर से भरपूर ये पत्ते कोआला को ऊर्जा प्रदान करते हैं। कोआला नीलगिरी के पेड़ों पर बैठे-बैठे दिन में 22 घंटे सोते रहते हैं।

शेर

तुम्हें यह अटपटा जरूर लगेगा कि ताकतवर और जंगल का राजा शेर भी अधिक सोने वाले जानवरों की श्रेणी में आता है। यह अलग बात है कि नर शेर आलसी या कमजोर बिल्कुल नहीं हैं। ताकत से भरपूर और एक्टिव होने के कारण ही ये जंगल के दूसरे जानवरों पर अपना दबदबा बनाए रखते हैं। शिकार करके नर शेर के खाने-पीने का इंतजाम करने का जिम्मा भी जब मादा शेरनी का होता है तो ये दिन में 18-22 घंटे ऊँघने के अलावा करते ही क्या हैं। कभी-कभी तो ये नर शेर दिन में 24 घंटे सोते रहते हैं।

आर्माडीलो

ये एक दिन में 18-20 घंटे तक सोते हैं। अकेले रहने वाले आर्माडीलो रात के समय एक्टिव होते हैं और दिन में अपने बिल के अंदर जहाँ तक होता है, क्रील करते रहते हैं। ये कमजोर नजर वाले होते हैं। सूँघ कर अपने भोजन की तलाश करते हैं।



स्लोथ

दक्षिण और मध्य अमेरिका में पाए जाने वाले स्लोथ बहुत धीमी गति से अपने काम करते हैं। जमीन पर चलते और पेड़ पर चढ़ते वकत ये एक मिनट में सिर्फ 15-20 सेमी ही आगे बढ़ पाते हैं। ये इतने आलसी होते हैं कि उनके आसपास क्या हो रहा है, इससे उन्हें फर्क नहीं पड़ता। स्लोथ दिन में अपने हाथों से पेड़ों की शाखाओं को घेरकर उलट लटक रहे हैं। ऐसे ही ये लटक हुए 20 घंटे तक सोते रहते हैं।



ब्राउन बैट

ये उत्तरी अमेरिका में पाए जाते हैं। उलट लटकने वाले ब्राउन बैट दिन में 20 घंटे सोते रहते हैं और रात को एक्टिव होते हैं।



गिलहरी

गिलहरी कार्बोहाइड्रेट, प्रोटीन और वसा से भरपूर खाना खाती है, जिससे इसे नींद ज्यादा आती है। ये टहनियों, पत्तों, फर और पंखों जैसी नरम चीजों से बनाए घोंसले में रहती है और दिन में करीब 14 घंटे सोती है।



आउल मंकी

ये दक्षिण और मध्य अमेरिका के जंगलों में पाए जाते हैं और समूह में रहते हैं। आउल मंकी एक दिन में 17 घंटे सोते रहते हैं। ये रात के समय एक्टिव रहकर अपने सारे काम निपटा लेते हैं।

दरियाई घोड़े

अफ्रीका में पाए जाने वाले हिप्पो ऊँघने में मास्टर होते हैं। समूह में रहने वाले हिप्पो दिन के समय गर्मी से बचने के लिए पानी के नीचे या जमीन पर, जहाँ भी मौका मिलता है, झपकी ले लेते हैं। अपने समूह के साथ हिप्पो बेखोफ होकर दिन में 18-20 घंटे सोते हैं।



NEWS BOX

French Open: Aryna Sabalenka, Coco Gauff made to work hard to reach round 3



CHENNAI. (Agency)

Top seed Aryna Sabalenka was tested early in her second-round clash at the French Open before finding her rhythm to defeat France's Elsa Jacquemot 7-5, 6-2 and move into the third round at Roland Garros. Coco Gauff also overcame a couple of early jitters to defeat Mayar Sherif and make it to the next round. It was a day of upsets at the French Open, but the defending champion and the world No. 1 ensured that they didn't slip up at Roland Garros. Despite being heavily favoured, Sabalenka found it difficult to shake off the world No. 67 in the opening set. Jacquemot matched the Belarusian shot for shot as the contest remained level at 5-5 after the first 10 games. The momentum shifted late in the set when Sabalenka held serve to edge ahead 6-5 and then produced a crucial break in the next game to take the opener. From there, the world No. 1 took complete control of the match, breaking Jacquemot three times in the second set to wrap up the victory in straight sets.

Sabalenka will next face former world No. 8 Daria Kasatkina, who advanced after defeating Susan Bandecchi in her second-round encounter. The upcoming clash will renew a familiar rivalry, with Sabalenka holding a commanding 7-2 advantage in their previous nine meetings on the WTA Tour.

GAUFF CONTINUES TITLE DEFENCE

Meanwhile, Coco Gauff also booked her place in the third round after overcoming qualifier Mayar Sherif 6-3, 6-2. Although the defending champion looked comfortable for large stretches, her serve occasionally let her down during the match. Gauff earned early breaks in the first set on two separate occasions, only for Sherif to immediately fight back each time. The American eventually regained control by breaking again for a 5-3 lead before serving out the set. The second set followed a similar pattern, with Gauff twice moving ahead by a break before Sherif recovered to level the score at 2-2. However, the fourth seed remained composed under pressure and raised her level at the right moment, securing breaks in the fifth and seventh games to seal the win.

Neymar's FIFA World Cup fairytale in threat, set to miss Brazil's opener



NEW DELHI. (Agency)

Brazil have been dealt a major blow ahead of the World Cup, with Neymar ruled out of the Selecao's upcoming friendlies and potentially their opening group-stage clash after suffering a calf injury. The 34-year-old forward is expected to be sidelined for between two and three weeks following a grade two calf strain, an injury that involves a partial tear in the muscle fibres and requires rest along with rehabilitation. As a result, Neymar will miss Brazil's friendly fixtures against Panama on Sunday and Egypt on June 6 in Cleveland, Ohio. His availability for Brazil's World Cup opener against Morocco on June 13 in New Jersey is also in doubt. Brazil will then face Haiti in Philadelphia on June 19 before taking on Scotland in Miami five days later.

Brazil team doctor Rodrigo Lasmar confirmed the setback during a press conference, explaining that Neymar has a grade two calf injury. As a result, Neymar will miss Brazil's friendly fixtures against Panama on Sunday and Egypt on June 6 in Cleveland, Ohio. His availability for Brazil's World Cup opener against Morocco on June 13 in New Jersey is also in doubt. Brazil will then face Haiti in Philadelphia on June 19 before taking on Scotland in Miami five days later.

Brazil team doctor Rodrigo Lasmar confirmed the setback during a press conference, explaining that Neymar has a grade two calf injury. Neymar underwent all the medical tests, which concluded with an MRI scan revealing a grade two calf injury, not just swelling. He is expected to be cleared in two to three weeks," said Lasmar. The veteran attacker subsequently skipped Wednesday's training session and underwent medical examinations that revealed the injury. The diagnosis contradicts the earlier assessment provided by Santos club doctor Rodrigo Zogaib, who had suggested Neymar was only dealing with swelling and would be fit to train with the national side. Brazil coach Carlo Ancelotti is already missing several key players for the Panama encounter. Arsenal duo Gabriel and Gabriel Martinelli, along with Paris Saint-Germain captain Marquinhos, are unavailable because of

Norway Chess: Gukesh drops last after Carlsen loss, Praggnanandhaa stays second

Magnus Carlsen dismantled D Gukesh with black to halt his own wobble at Norway Chess. The defeat left the world champion last, while Praggnanandhaa's resilience strengthened his firm hold on second place.

New Delhi. (Agency)

World No. 1 Magnus Carlsen bounced back to form with a commanding win over reigning classical world champion D Gukesh at Norway Chess, pushing the young Indian to the bottom of the standings after four rounds. Meanwhile, R Praggnanandhaa strengthened his hold on second place after defeating Vincent Keymer in the Armageddon tie-break on Thursday. The result marked a sharp turnaround for Carlsen after a sluggish start

to the tournament, while Gukesh's struggles continued ahead of his world title defence later this year against Uzbek challenger Javokhir Sindarov. Seven-time Norway Chess champion Carlsen climbed from last place to sole fourth with 4.5 points after earning three full points against Gukesh. A visibly disappointed Gukesh exited the playing hall quietly through a side entrance as young fans waited outside for autographs. "I wouldn't say I was super-motivated today. I kind of had enough after playing really poorly for three days in a row with very little time. Today, I didn't have a lot of expectations, but I was happy with the way things went in the opening," Carlsen said after the victory as quoted by PTI. The Norwegian admitted he was surprised by Gukesh's opening approach and felt the Indian overpressed in search of an advantage. "He sometimes plays a little too ambitiously and I think he did that today as well. He wanted to prove a serious advantage, and I'm not sure there was one.

Eventually, he played himself into some trouble and I gradually took over," Carlsen added. Carlsen also revealed there were anxious moments late in the game despite his dominant position. "Right at the end I was a little worried if I was allowing him to take a knight with check. I was thinking, 'This

the intense format and relentless pressure have exposed vulnerabilities in the young champion's game. The 20-year-old now heads into the rest day at the bottom of the table before a crucial all-Indian clash against Praggnanandhaa in the fifth round.

PRAGG STAYS SECOND AS DIVYA LOSSES

Tournament leader Alireza Firouzja retained top spot despite suffering his first setback of the event, an Armageddon defeat to Wesley So after their classical game ended in a draw. The French-Iranian grandmaster still earned one point to move to 8.5, maintaining a comfortable 2.5-point lead over Praggnanandhaa on six points. Praggnanandhaa and Keymer both missed winning opportunities during their classical encounter before the Indian teenager dominated the Armageddon tie-break, finishing the game in just 17 moves. "The Armageddon went smooth," Praggnanandhaa said after collecting 1.5 points and consolidating sole second place.



happened against Praggnanandhaa yesterday, it happened against Gukesh last year — am I actually missing something? But if I was, he didn't find it," he said. For Gukesh, the defeat added to mounting concerns over his form in Stavanger, where

IPL Qualifier 2: Same same, but different as Gujarat and Rajasthan chase final spot

New Delhi. (Agency)

Rajasthan Royals' top three has scored 1,614 runs this IPL season. Gujarat Titans' top three has been a bit better: 1,768 runs in total. Rajasthan's strike bowlers with the new ball have picked 37 wickets. Gujarat's have outdone them with 43 wickets. Same, same? But, different. It will be a fascinating collision when Rajasthan Royals take on Gujarat Titans in IPL 2026 Qualifier 2, a virtual semifinal in New Chandigarh on Friday, May 29. Why are they the same, but different? Rajasthan's top three have gone about bludgeoning bowlers into the stands. Led by 15-year-old Vaibhav Sooryavanshi, who has been clearing the ropes every four balls this season, they have detonated at the top and dared opposition to keep up. Gujarat's Shubman Gill and Sai Sudharsan have quietly assembled over 1,200 runs together, but they go about it differently: less chaos, more craft. With the ball, both teams have hunted in the powerplay. Jofra

Archer has been building to something frightening, sending batters back with 150 kph thunderbolts. Kagiso Rabada and



Mohammed Siraj, meanwhile, have been a wrecking ball at the top — 43 wickets between them, more than any other new-ball pair in the tournament. The Royals rode a beyond-believable 29-ball 97 from Sooryavanshi and a Jofra Archer new-ball burst to dismantle SunRisers Hyderabad on Wednesday — posting 243 and defending it

by 47 runs like it was a training game. Gujarat, meanwhile, were taken apart in Dharamshala on Tuesday. Royal Challengers Bengaluru handed them one of their heaviest defeats — 92 runs — as Siraj and Rabada were carted around, RCB piled up 254, and the top three of Sai, Gill and Buttler crumbled to leave Gujarat bowled out for 162. It was the kind of night that tests what a team is actually made of. The turnaround has been brutal for both sides. Rajasthan chose rest over nets on the eve of the game. Gujarat trained briefly, their frontline bowlers conspicuous by their absence. A 92-run defeat in a knockout match would splinter most teams.

But Gujarat are wired differently. They won 9 of 14 league games running the same play — no elaborate backup plans, no reinvention. Just Plan A, executed with conviction. When it clicks, it is ruthless. Dharamshala was an off day, not a crisis.

It's official. Lionel heads to the FIFA World Cup 2026 as defending champion



New Delhi. (Agency)

Defending champions Argentina have locked in their final 26-man roster for the upcoming World Cup, with talisman Lionel Messi officially set to spearhead the campaign across the United States, Mexico, and Canada.

The 38-year-old is poised to make history by appearing in his sixth World Cup tournament, extending his own national record. Head coach Lionel Scaloni has chosen continuity for this tournament, retaining the core that lifted the trophy in Qatar four years ago.

Familial Faces and Key Returns

In total, 17 players from the 2022 championship squad are returning to the big stage. The heavy hitters include goalkeeper Emiliano Martinez, veteran defender Nicolas Otamendi, and the formidable midfield duo of Rodrigo De Paul and Alexis Mac Allister. Enzo Fernandez, Julian Alvarez, and Lautaro Martinez also feature heavily in the squad depth. While the core remains intact, the squad will feature a few notable absences. Veteran winger Angel Di Maria was not considered following his international retirement after the 2024 Copa America, while left-back Marcos Acuna missed out on selection due to ongoing fitness issues. Meanwhile, midfielder Giovanni Lo Celso makes a triumphant return to the World Cup stage. After a heartbreaking injury ruled him out of the 2022 tournament, Lo Celso has earned his spot for a second finals appearance, having previously travelled to Russia in 2018. The Next Generation Steps Up Scaloni has also used this roster selection to usher in the future of Argentine football, integrating several highly touted young prospects. Valentin Barco, Nicolas Paz, and Giuliano Simeone have all been included in the 26-man list to provide fresh energy. Furthermore, forwards Jose Manuel Lopez and Thiago Almada are set to experience the tournament for the first time in their careers, rounding out a balanced attack. Argentina will launch their Group J campaign on June 16 against Algeria, before concluding the group stage with fixtures against Jordan and Austria.

Ben Shelton ousted by Belgian debutant in 2nd round, shock exit for Tsitsipas

Roland Garros 2026: Raphael Collignon and Matteo Arnaldi produced two of the biggest upsets of the French Open, knocking out Ben Shelton and Stefanos Tsitsipas respectively. The giant-killers will now meet in the third round with a place in the second week at stake.

Paris (Agency)

The second round of the French Open produced another major shake-up as two of the tournament's biggest names were sent packing on Friday, 29 May. Fifth seed Ben Shelton and former Roland Garros finalist Stefanos Tsitsipas suffered shock exits, leaving the men's singles draw wide open. Belgium's Raphael Collignon secured the

biggest win of his career so far as he stunned world number five Shelton in straight sets, 7-5, 6-4, 6-4. It was his first appearance in the Roland Garros main draw, and the 24-



year-old showed remarkable composure against the American. Collignon's strategy centred around neutralising Shelton's explosive serve. The Belgian broke Shelton at crucial moments in all three sets, wrapping up the victory in just over two hours. A visibly emotional Collignon later reflected on his tactical discipline, noting that staying calm and concentrating on his own service game was key to unsettling the American star. "I knew I had to try to stay

focused on my return, that his real strength was his serve and that I really had to concentrate on my own service game — that was the key," Collignon told reporters. "I tried to wait for the opportunities and whenever they came, in the end, I stayed fairly calm because I broke serve at just the right moment every time," he said. **ARNALDI TAKES HIS REVENGE ON TSITSIPAS**

On the adjacent court, Italy's Matteo Arnaldi added to the day's upsets by taking down 2021 finalist Stefanos Tsitsipas 7-6, 5-7, 6-3, 6-2. For Arnaldi, the victory was sweet revenge after losing to the Greek star on these same courts in 2024. Displaying incredible athleticism, Arnaldi wore down his opponent to reach the third round of a Grand Slam for the first time since the US Open. The defeat marks another painful chapter in Tsitsipas' ongoing struggles on the biggest stage. Once a dominant force on clay, Tsitsipas has failed to progress beyond the second round in his last seven Grand Slam appearances, a baffling slump that dates back to mid-2024.

Jemimah, Nandni, Yastika fire India to dominating win in T20I series opener vs England

INDW vs ENGW: India defeated England by 38 runs in the opening T20I of their tour, taking a 1-0 lead with strong all-round performances from Jemimah Rodrigues, Yastika Bhatia, and debutant Nandni Sharma.

Las Vegas. (Agency)

India made a strong statement in the opening T20I of their England tour, defeating the hosts by 38 runs in a performance that highlighted their depth, intent, and form ahead of the upcoming Women's T20 World Cup. Jemimah Rodrigues, Yastika Bhatia, and debutant Nandni Sharma all delivered standout performances as India went 1-0 up in the three-match series at the County Ground in Chelmsford. Batting first, India posted 188 for 7, anchored by a match-

defining 126-run stand for the second wicket between Jemimah Rodrigues and Yastika Bhatia. The visitors had a shaky start, losing Shafali Verma and Smriti Mandhana in the first over to Lauren Bell. However, Yastika quickly shifted momentum, taking Issy Wong apart for 27 runs in the second over to pu Rodrigues was the standout performer, scoring a fluent 69 off 40 balls, laced with 10 crisp boundaries and a six. Yastika, returning to the T20I setup after two years, played a composed knock of 54 off 40 balls, ensuring India maintained control after the early setbacks. Deepthi Sharma added a quick 22 off 13 deliveries at the death to push India close to the 190 mark. India back on track. England's bowling attack, led by Lauren Bell and Sophie Ecclestone, struck early but struggled to contain the flow of runs once the Indian batters settled. Fielding lapses and inconsistent lengths allowed India



to accelerate through the middle overs and set a challenging target.

NANDNI SHARMA STANDS OUT

In response, England started positively but soon lost momentum as India's bowling unit applied constant pressure. Debutant Nandni Sharma impressed with figures of 4-0-34-3, breaking the backbone of England's chase and recording one of the best T20I debut bowling figures for India in women's cricket. Amy Jones led England's resistance with a fighting 67, but she lacked support as wickets fell at regular intervals. The middle order failed to build partnerships, while India's spinners tightened control through the middle overs to push the required rate out of reach.

Former captain Heather Knight made 21 off 24 balls before being dismissed by Shree Charani, who finished with economical figures of 4-0-25-1. Kranti Goud picked up two wickets, while Deepthi Sharma also chipped in with a wicket as England were restricted to 150 for 8 in their chase..

Rashmika Mandanna

Calls Cocktail 2 Gang 'Beautiful Mess' As She Shares Photos, Fans Say 'Waiting'

Rashmika Mandanna, Shahid Kapoor and Kriti Sanon's *Cocktail 2* is all set to release in theatres on June 19. The makers have recently confirmed that the trailer will be out on May 29. Recently, the musical event was held and actors were seen attending it. Rashmika Mandanna shared photos and called the gang beautiful mess. Taking to her Instagram handle, Rashmika Mandanna shared a series of photos and wrote, "I think this gang with Diya, Kunzee and Ally are just one big beautiful mess together." Fans immediately reacted with heart emojis. One of the fans wrote, "Waiting for this trio." Another wrote, "Waiting for Cocktail 2, All the best Guyss!!" As per an update shared with the media, the trailer of Shahid Kapoor, Rashmika Mandanna, and Kriti Sanon starrer will be released on May 29. The film is scheduled to release in cinemas on June 19, and ahead of it, fans have been waiting quite some time for the trailer of the r o m - c o m .

Mashooka features Shahid Kapoor romancing Kriti Sanon in Sicily, Italy, and other picturesque locations. Meanwhile, sung by Arijit Singh, *Tujhko* is a slow romantic track that focuses on Shahid Kapoor and Rashmika Mandanna's story.

Rashmika Mandanna and Kriti Sanon, in a light-hearted banter, were seen clashing over who was the producer's favourite at 'Cocktail 2'. The fun incident took place during the music launch of 'Cocktail 2', held at a popular hotspot in Mumbai on Sunday night, which was followed by a special media meet and greet session.

The light hearted moment began when Kriti Sanon jokingly welcomed everyone to "my song launch," instantly sparking mock protests from Rashmika Mandanna. During the playful banter, Kriti jokingly said, "First of all, all of you, welcome to my song launch, guys."

Cocktail 2, directed by Homi Adajania, is set to release on June 19, 2026, featuring a fresh cast led by Shahid Kapoor, Rashmika Mandanna, and Kriti Sanon. *Cocktail 2* is positioned as a spiritual sequel to the 2012 hit *Cocktail*, which starred Saif Ali Khan, Deepika Padukone, and Diana Penty. The film has been shot across multiple locations, including Sicily in Italy and several places in Delhi and North India such as Chhatrapur, Gurugram, and South Delhi. The film is produced by Maddock Films and written by Luv Ranjan.



Four-Month Pregnant Madhuri Dixit Felt 'Dizzy' Shooting Dola Re Dola For Devdas, Reveals Crew Member



Madhuri Dixit was reportedly four months pregnant while shooting the iconic song *Dola Re Dola* from *Devdas*. The revelation was recently made by Rubina Khan, a former crew member of legendary choreographer Saroj Khan, who worked closely on the film's dance sequences. The behind-the-scenes detail has grabbed attention because *Dola Re Dola*, featuring Madhuri and Aishwarya Rai Bachchan, remains one of Bollywood's most celebrated dance numbers even more than two decades later.

'Dola Re Dola' took 17 days to shoot

Speaking to Bollywood Thikana, Rubina Khan recalled the intense rehearsals and physically demanding shoot behind the famous song from filmmaker Sanjay Leela Bhansali's period drama. "It took 17 days to shoot that song. Rehearsals happened for at least a month. We rehearsed separately, and the lead actors rehearsed separately," Rubina said.

She then revealed that Madhuri was pregnant during filming and struggled while performing one particular dance step. "There's a step in which Madhuri ma'am turns and sits down. That shot kept happening from 9 am to 10 pm because she was four months pregnant. So, she couldn't turn properly and was feeling dizzy," she added. Rubina also shared that the actress was unwell during the shoot but continued performing without asking for changes. "She also had fever at that time. She struggled a lot," recalled Rubina.

Madhuri refused to change difficult dance steps

Rubina praised Madhuri's discipline and dedication towards Saroj Khan's choreography. And according to her, the actress never complained even when the steps became physically exhausting. "She'd never ask for a step to be changed. Whatever Master ji said is set in stone." Rubina further compared Madhuri's attitude to younger actors who sometimes request easier choreography. "Newer artists would still tell Master ji a step is tough and if it can be changed. But Master ji would seldom change a step she suggested.

Who Was Inder Kaur? Know About Punjabi Singer Found Dead In Ludhiana Canal After Alleged Abduction



The body of 29-year-old Punjabi singer and make-up artist Inder Kaur, popularly known as Yashinder Kaur, was recovered from the Neelo canal in Punjab several days after she was reportedly abducted in Ludhiana. She had been missing since May 13, according to PTC Punjab. Her family identified the body after it was found on Tuesday morning, May 19, at around 11 am. Authorities have since sent the body to the Civil Hospital in Samrala for a postmortem examination and completion of legal procedures.

The investigation had intensified earlier this week after the singer's brother, Jotinder Singh, filed a police complaint regarding her disappearance. Acting on his statement, authorities registered an FIR on May 15 against Moga-based Sukhwinder Singh, alias Sukha, and his associate Karamjit Singh. As per the complaint, Inder Kaur had stepped out on the evening of May 13 to purchase groceries in her Ford Figo car, but did not return home. When repeated calls to her went unanswered, her family launched a search before eventually reporting the matter to the police. During the course of the investigation, the family allegedly learned that the singer was acquainted with Sukhwinder Singh, a resident of Bhalur village in Moga district. According to Jotinder Singh, the accused had expressed a desire to marry his sister, but she had reportedly turned down the proposal. The family has alleged that the accused kidnapped the singer at gunpoint before allegedly murdering her over personal animosity stemming from a rejected marriage proposal. As per an ABP report, the complainant also claimed that the prime accused had escaped to Canada following the incident and had only recently returned to Punjab prior to the alleged crime.

Police officials have confirmed that the investigation remains underway, adding that further legal action will be taken based on the outcome of the probe. Born in 1997, Inder Kaur was a Punjab-based singer and make-up artist who had built a growing presence in the Punjabi music industry through her songs, live performances, and social media activity.

Sonakshi Sinha

Says She's Now Focused On Doing Roles She Truly Wants: 'I'm Very Grateful'

Bollywood actress Sonakshi Sinha, who is gearing up for the release of her upcoming streaming movie 'System', is looking back at her journey in cinema. The actress spoke with IANS during the promotions of 'System' in Mumbai, and opened up about doing masala films like 'R... Rajkumar' and 'Rowdy Rathore' during the initial phase of her career. Talking about how her choices have changed over the years, Sonakshi told IANS, "I really thoroughly enjoyed myself working on those films. I think at that time, I was also in a time where I was doing a lot of these very colourful and very, so to speak, spicy films. And I enjoyed that too. And I think the work that I'm doing now I enjoyed that too. I think at that point of time, that was what was required from me as an artiste".

She further mentioned, "And now this is what is required from me as an artiste. I want to be that actor that you can put in any film. And I will try to be that. But of course, I've reached a point also where I'm doing only the kind of work that I want to do now. So, it was a good journey for me. I think I had to do those films to kind of land up doing the films that I'm doing today. So, that brought me the audience, that brought me the love and support of so many people. Which is why I'm able to do roles like this today. So, I'm very grateful". Meanwhile, 'System' is a courtroom drama, and sees Sonakshi as a lawyer, and Jyothika as a stenographer. It marks Sonakshi's 1st performance as a lawyer. She essays the role of Neha, a determined young lawyer played by Sonakshi Sinha, taking on a tough challenge from her father (played by Ashutosh Gowariker) to be worthy of a partnership in his firm. Produced by Pammi Baweja, Harman Baweja, and Smitha Baliga, 'System' will drop on May 22 on Prime Video.



धनबाद के जोड़ापोखर में फायरिंग, युवक गंभीर रूप से घायल

सीने में फंसी गोली, अवैध लोहा कटिंग और वर्चस्व को लेकर विवाद की आशंका

धनबाद, एजेसी। धनबाद जिले के जोड़ापोखर थाना क्षेत्र के जामाडोबा डुमरी दो नंबर गली में शुक्रवार सुबह गोलीबारी हुई। इस घटना में रिक्की सिंह नामक युवक गंभीर रूप से घायल हो गया। उसे सीने में गोली लगी है और उसकी हालत नाजुक बनी हुई है।

जानकारी के अनुसार, यह घटना सुबह करीब चार बजे अवैध लोहा कटिंग और वर्चस्व को लेकर हुए विवाद के कारण हुई। इसमें दो राउंड फायरिंग की गई।

दुर्गापुर के मिशन अस्पताल रेफर: गोली लगने के बाद परिजनों ने घायल रिक्की सिंह को तुरंत नजदीकी अस्पताल पहुंचाया। प्राथमिक उपचार के बाद डॉक्टरों ने उसे बेहतर इलाज के लिए दुर्गापुर के मिशन अस्पताल रेफर कर दिया। बताया जा रहा है



कि गोली अभी भी उसके सीने में फंसी हुई है।

घटना की सूचना मिलते ही जोड़ापोखर थाना पुलिस मौके पर पहुंची और जांच शुरू कर दी। सिंदरी एसडीपीओ प्रकाश चंद्र महतो ने भी घटनास्थल का निरीक्षण किया।

पुलिस ने जांच के दौरान मौके से गोली का एक खोखा और रोपवे का कटा हुआ तार बरामद किया है। बरामद सामान के आधार पर पुलिस अवैध लोहा कटिंग और चोरी के पहलू से भी मामले की जांच कर रही है।

युवक के शोर मचाने पर चलाई गोली: घायल रिक्की सिंह की पत्नी चंद्रा कोर ने आरोप लगाया है कि उनके पति सुबह शौच के लिए घर से बाहर निकले थे। उसी दौरान कुछ युवक वहां मौजूद थे। पति द्वारा शोर मचाने पर आरोपियों ने गोली चला दी।

उन्होंने हर्ष, गोपु और उनके अन्य साथियों पर इस घटना को अंजाम देने का आरोप लगाया है।

सिंदरी एसडीपीओ प्रकाश चंद्र महतो ने बताया कि पुलिस को सुबह करीब चार बजे फायरिंग की सूचना मिली थी। पुलिस सभी पहलुओं पर जांच कर रही है और आसपास लगे सीसीटीवी कैमरों की फुटेज खंगाली जा रही है।

उन्होंने कहा कि प्रारंभिक जांच में यह मामला रोपवे के लोहे की कटाई और अवैध कारोबार से जुड़ा प्रतीत हो रहा है। एसडीपीओ ने आश्वासन दिया कि पुलिस जल्द ही आरोपियों को गिरफ्तार करेगी। घटना के बाद इलाके में दहशत का माहौल है और पुलिस लगातार छापेमारी व जांच में जुटी हुई है।

1 जून तक रांची सहित कई जिलों के लिए आंधी-बारिश का ऑरेंज अलर्ट

रांची, एजेसी। झारखंड में मौसम का मिजाज बदलने लगा है। बुधवार को आसपास के क्षेत्रों में बारिश होने का असर राजधानी रांची में गुरुवार की सुबह देखने को मिला। लोगों को गर्मी से हल्की राहत मिली। हालांकि दोपहर में तेज धूप और उमस ने पेशानी बड़ाई। रांची का अधिकतम तापमान 36.4 डिग्री सेल्सियस रिकॉर्ड किया गया, जबकि न्यूनतम तापमान 22.2 डिग्री सेल्सियस रहा। पिछले 24 घंटे में न्यूनतम तापमान में 3.7 डिग्री की गिरावट दर्ज की गई है। राज्य में सबसे अधिक तापमान डालतगंज में 42 डिग्री सेल्सियस रिकॉर्ड किया गया। मौसम विभाग के अनुसार, झारखंड के ऊपर दो टर्फ लाइन सक्रिय हैं, जिसके कारण अधिकतम तापमान में 2 से 3 डिग्री तक की कमी आई है। आने वाले दो से तीन दिनों में तापमान में 3 से 4 डिग्री और गिरावट आने की संभावना जताई गई है। मौसम विभाग ने 1 जून तक कई जिलों के लिए आंधी-बारिश का ऑरेंज अलर्ट जारी किया है। गोड्डा, साहिबगंज, दुमका, पाकुड़, देवघर, जामताड़ा, गिरिडीह, धनबाद, कोडरमा, हजारीबाग, बोकारो, रामाड़, रांची, खूंटी, सरायकेला-खरसावां, पूर्वी व पश्चिमी सिंहभूम, सिमडेगा, गुमला और लोहरदगा में 50 से 60 किमी प्रतिघंटे की रफ्तार से तेज हवा चलने और बारिश की संभावना है।

ऑटो चालक ने की खुदकुशी

पूर्वी सिंहभूम, एजेसी। परसुडीह थाना क्षेत्र स्थित मखदुमपुर रोड नंबर-1 लाइन किनारे गुरुवार देर रात एक युवक ने घर में फंदे से लटककर खुदकुशी कर ली। मृतक की पहचान मोहम्मद जहीर के रूप में हुई है। वह मोहम्मद करीम का पुत्र था और पेशे से ऑटो चालक था। परिजनों से मिली जानकारी के अनुसार मोहम्मद जहीर अपने दादा-दादी के घर में पत्नी और दो बच्चों के साथ रहता था। मेहनत-मजदूरी और ऑटो चलाकर वह परिवार को भरपूर पोषण करता था। स्थानीय लोगों का कहना है कि पिछले कुछ दिनों से पति-पत्नी के बीच किसी बात को लेकर लगातार विवाद हो रहा था। उसकी पत्नी मूल रूप से चाईबासा की रहने वाली बताई जा रही है। बताया जाता है कि गुरुवार रात काफी देर तक कमरे का दरवाजा नहीं खुलने पर परिजनों को संदेह हुआ। इसके बाद जब दरवाजा खोला गया तो मोहम्मद जहीर का शव फंदे से लटका मिला। घटना देखते ही परिवार में कोहराम मच गया और आसपास के लोग मौके पर जमा हो गए। सूचना मिलने पर परसुडीह थाना पुलिस घटनास्थल पर पहुंची और मामले की जांच शुरू की। पुलिस ने शव को कब्जे में लेकर पोस्टमार्टम के लिए एमजीएम अस्पताल भेज दिया है। पुलिस खुदकुशी के कारणों का पता लगाने के लिए परिजनों और स्थानीय लोगों से पूछताछ कर रही है। फिलहाल पूरे मामले की जांच जारी है।

पलामू में डॉक्टर की कार घर में घुसी, एक ग्रामीण की मौत, देर रात पाटन से लौटते समय हुआ हादसा; कार सवार भी जखमी

पलामू, एजेसी। पलामू जिले में गुरुवार रात एक डॉक्टर की कार अनियंत्रित होकर एक घर में घुस गई, जिससे आगन में सो रहे एक ग्रामीण की मौत हो गई। हादसे में कार चला रहे डॉक्टर भी घायल हो गए। यह घटना देर रात 12 बजे के करीब मेदिनीनगर-पाटन रोड में हुई। पाटन सामुदायिक स्वास्थ्य केंद्र के चिकित्सा पदाधिकारी डॉ. मिथिलेश कुमार अपनी कार से मेदिनीनगर स्थित अपने घर लौट रहे थे। सिक्की गांव में तेज रफ्तार गाड़ी अनियंत्रित हो गई। टर्निंग पर उनका नियंत्रण हट गया और कार पास के घर में जा चुकी। कार ने घर के आंगन में सोए विनोद सिंह को अपनी चपेट में ले लिया। घटना के बाद मौके पर घर के लोग और आसपास के ग्रामीण जमा हो गए। विनोद सिंह को अस्पताल ले जाने से पहले ही उनकी मौत हो चुकी थी। डॉक्टर मिथिलेश कुमार को कार से निकालकर इलाज के लिए अस्पताल में भर्ती कराया गया है। उनकी कार बुरी तरह क्षतिग्रस्त हो गई। मृतक विनोद सिंह टेंपो चलाकर अपने परिवार का भरण-पोषण करते थे। थाना प्रभारी अनिल कुमार विद्यार्थी ने शुक्रवार को घटना की पुष्टि की। उन्होंने बताया कि चिकित्सा पदाधिकारी की कार से यह हादसा हुआ है, जिसमें एक ग्रामीण की मौत हो गई है और डॉक्टर घायल हुए हैं। पुलिस मामले की जांच कर रही है और शव को पोस्टमार्टम के लिए भेजा जा रहा है।



पलामू में पारा शिक्षक की गला रेतकर हत्या, शराब पार्टी के बाद वारदात को दिया अंजाम

पलामू, एजेसी। पलामू जिले में एक 45 वर्षीय सहायक अध्यापक (पारा शिक्षक) उदय सिंह की हत्या कर दी गई। चिल्ले खुर्द निवासी उदय सिंह का शव गुरुवार रात छतरपुर मुख्यालय से लगभग 20 किलोमीटर दूर नगदारा गांव के पास मिला। वह गांव के स्कूल में सहायक अध्यापक थे और झोला छाप डॉक्टर के रूप में भी लोगों का इलाज करते थे। पुलिस के अनुसार, उदय सिंह को किसी परिचित ने फोन कर घर से बुलाया था। आशंका है कि उन्होंने बुलाने वाले व्यक्ति के साथ घर से करीब डेढ़ किलोमीटर दूर बैठकर शराब पार्टी की थी। मोटरसाइकिल सड़क



किनारे खड़ी मिली: घटनास्थल से शराब और बीयर की बोतलें मिली हैं। बदमाशों ने धारदार हथियार से उनका गला रेतकर हत्या कर दी। रात में उदय सिंह के घर नहीं लौटने पर परिजनों ने उनकी तलाश शुरू की। खोजबीन के दौरान नगदारा में पाटन जाने वाले मार्ग पर उनकी मोटरसाइकिल सड़क किनारे खड़ी मिली। आसपास तलाश करने पर उनका शव खून से लथपथ अवस्था में बरामद हुआ। घटना की सूचना मिलते ही पुलिस दलबल के साथ घटनास्थल पर पहुंची और मामले की जांच शुरू की। पुलिस को आशंका है कि इस हत्या में किसी परिचित व्यक्ति का हाथ हो सकता है। मोबाइल कॉल डिटेल समेत अन्य पहलुओं की जांच जारी: पुलिस ने घटनास्थल से साक्ष्य जुटाए हैं और मृतक के मोबाइल कॉल डिटेल समेत अन्य पहलुओं की जांच कर रही है। पुलिस ने शव को कब्जे में लेकर पोस्टमार्टम के लिए भेज दिया है। पुलिस अधिकारियों ने बताया कि जल्द ही घटना का खुलासा कर आरोपियों को गिरफ्तार कर लिया जाएगा।

दो जोड़ी समर स्पेशल ट्रेनों के संचालन की घोषणा, हावड़ा-नई दिल्ली के बीच मिलेगी सुविधा

मधुपुर और जसीडीह स्टेशनों पर भी रुकेगी ट्रेन



दिल्ली से शाम 6:15 बजे खुलेगी। यह अगले दिन रात 11:40 बजे हावड़ा पहुंचेगी। जबकि ट्रेन संख्या 04049 हावड़ा-नई दिल्ली स्पेशल 1 जून 2026 को हावड़ा से रात 1:40 बजे प्रस्थान करेगी। यह अगले दिन सुबह 8:20 बजे नई दिल्ली पहुंचेगी। सामान्य द्वितीय श्रेणी, शयनयान श्रेणी और वातानुकूलित कोच की व्यवस्था: दोनों दिशाओं में चलने वाली इन ट्रेनों का उद्घाटन पूर्व रेलवे के आसनसोल मंडल अंतर्गत दुर्गापुर, आसनसोल, चित्तूरंजन, मधुपुर और जसीडीह स्टेशनों पर होगा। रेलवे ने यात्रियों की सुविधा के लिए इन स्पेशल ट्रेनों में सामान्य द्वितीय श्रेणी, शयनयान श्रेणी और वातानुकूलित कोच की व्यवस्था की है। अधिकारियों के अनुसार, गर्मी की छुट्टियों में अतिरिक्त थ्रीड को नियंत्रित करने और सुगम यात्रा सुविधा उपलब्ध कराने के उद्देश्य से इन ट्रेनों का परिचालन किया जा रहा है।

चतरा, एजेसी। इटखोरी थाना क्षेत्र के भुरकुंडा जंगल मैदान में पुलिस ने छापेमारी कर अवैध ब्राउन शुगर के साथ एक तस्करी को गिरफ्तार किया है। पुलिस ने आरोपित के पास से करीब 15 लाख रुपये मूल्य का 30.31 ग्राम ब्राउन शुगर जैसा पदार्थ और तस्करी में प्रयुक्त एक की-पैड मोबाइल बरामद किया है। डीएसपी मुख्यालय सुनील कुमार सिंह ने प्रेस कॉन्फ्रेंस में बताया कि पुलिस अधीक्षक को गुप्त सूचना मिली थी कि भुरकुंडा जंगल मैदान में ब्राउन शुगर की खरीद-बिक्री होने वाली है। सूचना के आधार पर उनके नेतृत्व में विशेष छापेमारी दल का गठन किया गया। छापेमारी टीम ने त्वरित कार्रवाई करते हुए जंगल क्षेत्र में घेराबंदी की और एक संदिग्ध व्यक्ति को पकड़ लिया। तलाशी के दौरान उसके पास से काले रंग के प्लास्टिक में रखा 30.31 ग्राम अवैध ब्राउन शुगर जैसा पदार्थ बरामद किया गया। साथ ही एक की-पैड मोबाइल भी जब्त किया गया। गिरफ्तार आरोपित की पहचान गिद्धौर थाना क्षेत्र के मायाडीह गांव निवासी अशोक पासवान के रूप में की गई है। डीएसपी ने बताया कि आरोपित के विरुद्ध इटखोरी थाना में एनडीपीएस एक्ट के तहत मामला दर्ज कर आगे की कार्रवाई की जा रही है।

भुरकुंडा जंगल में 15 लाख की ब्राउन शुगर के साथ तस्करी गिरफ्तार



महिला ने फंदे से झूल कर की खुदकुशी

खूंटी, एजेसी। जिले के सायको थानागाँव निवासी मसीह हस्सा नामक ग्रामीण की पत्नी पुडुंगी देवी (30) ने गांव के समीप एक कटहल पेड़ में फंदा लगाकर खुदकुशी कर ली। जानकारी के अनुसार पुडुंगी देवी बुधवार को मवेशी चराने घर से बाहर निकली थी, लेकिन रात तक जब वह घर नहीं लौटी तो स्वजनों ने उसकी खोजबीन शुरू की। खोजबीन के दौरान गांव के बाहर एक कटहल पेड़ से पुडुंगी देवी का शव फंदे से लटका मिला। इसके बाद तत्काल इसकी सूचना सायको थाना की पुलिस को दी गई।

वनवासी और आदिवासी दोनों शब्द भारतीय समाज व संस्कृति की पहचान : दुलाल

पूर्वी सिंहभूम, एजेसी। पूर्व मंत्री सह भाजपा नेता दुलाल भुईयां ने केंद्रीय गृहमंत्री अमित शह के बयान को लेकर कांग्रेस की ओर से किए गए पुतला दहन पर तीखी प्रतिक्रिया व्यक्त की है। उन्होंने कहा कि गृहमंत्री की ओर से प्रयोग किए गए 'वनवासी' शब्द का गलत अर्थ निकालकर कुछ लोग समाज में भ्रम और घृणा फैलाने का प्रयास कर रहे हैं, जो दुर्भाग्यपूर्ण है। शुक्रवार को दुलाल भुईयां ने कहा कि वनवासी और आदिवासी दोनों शब्द भारतीय समाज एवं संस्कृति की पहचान हैं। इन शब्दों को राजनीतिक चरम से देखने के बजाय इनके ऐतिहासिक और सामाजिक महत्व को समझने की जरूरत है। उन्होंने कहा कि वनवासी शब्द उन समुदायों के लिए प्रयोग किया जाता रहा है, जिनका जीवन वन, प्रकृति और परंपराओं से जुड़ा रहा है, जबकि आदिवासी शब्द मूल निवासियों की पहचान को दर्शाता है। दोनों शब्दों का उद्देश्य समाज के उस वर्ग के सम्मान और गौरव को प्रकट करना है, न कि किसी की भावना को ठेस पहुंचाना। पूर्व मंत्री ने कहा कि देश की जनजातीय संस्कृति भारत की सबसे समृद्ध धरोहरों में से एक है। जनजातीय समाज ने प्रकृति संरक्षण, संस्कृति और परंपराओं को बचाने में हमेशा महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका निभाई है। उन्होंने कहा कि केंद्र सरकार और प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी के नेतृत्व में आदिवासी समाज के विकास, शिक्षा, स्वास्थ्य और सम्मान के लिए लगातार कार्य किए जा रहे हैं। दुलाल भुईयां ने कांग्रेस नेताओं और उनके समर्थक पार्टी पर निशाना साधते हुए कहा कि राजनीतिक लाभ के लिए शब्दों को तोड़-मरोड़ कर प्रस्तुत करना उचित नहीं है। कांग्रेस आदिवासियों को भड़का कर अपना स्वाध सिद्ध कर रही है।

ब्राउन शुगर के साथ पांच गिरफ्तार

लातेहार, एजेसी। जिले में बढ़ते नशे के कारोबार के खिलाफ लातेहार पुलिस को बड़ी सफलता मिली है। बुधवार देर रात गुप्त सूचना के आधार पर पुलिस ने मोंगर मोड़ के पास छापेमारी कर 29 पुडुआ ब्राउन शुगर के साथ पांच युवकों को गिरफ्तार किया। वहीं गिरफ्तार आरोपितों में एक विधि विरुद्ध बालक भी शामिल है। पुलिस ने मौके से दो पल्लर मोटरसाइकिल, एक स्कूटी, नकद 14,140 रुपये तथा सात मोबाइल फोन भी बरामद किए हैं। डीएसपी संदीप कुमार गुप्ता ने गुरुवार को प्रेस वार्ता करते हुए बताया कि पुलिस को सूचना मिली थी कि सदर थाना क्षेत्र के रिचघटा की ओर से कुछ युवक ब्राउन शुगर खरीदकर मोटरसाइकिल और स्कूटी से मोंगर मोड़ होते हुए लातेहार शहर की ओर आने वाले हैं। सूचना के बाद एनडीपीएस एक्ट के तहत आवश्यक तैयारी कर मोंगर मोड़ के पास वाहन जांच अभियान चलाया गया। जांच के दौरान दो बाइक और एक स्कूटी पर सवार छह युवकों को रोककर तलाशी ली गई। तलाशी में सभी के पास से पुडुआ में ब्राउन शुगर बरामद किया गया। पुलिस ने सभी आरोपितों को गिरफ्तार कर लिया।

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धनबाद, एजेसी। जिले के बरवाअड्डा थाना क्षेत्र स्थित सिमराटांड में सड़क हादसे में एक गैरेज मिस्री की मौत हो गई। मृतक की पहचान विकास शर्मा (32) के रूप में हुई है, जो बिहार के लखीसराय जिले के बड़ेया का रहने वाला था। वह बरवाअड्डा में किराए के मकान में रहकर गोविंद गाड़ी गैरेज में मिस्री का काम करता था। घटना के बाद परिजनों का रो-रोकर बुरा हाल है। गैरेज संचालक गोविंद हाजरा ने बताया कि विकास शर्मा रोज की तरह गुरुवार सुबह काम पर पहुंचा था। इसी दौरान गैरेज में खड़ी एक ट्रक जेएच-10-सोई-5756 अचानक अपनी जगह से लुढ़क गया, जिसने पास में खड़े विकास शर्मा को अपनी चपेट में लिया। हादसे में वह गंभीर रूप से घायल हो गया। आसपास मौजूद लोगों और सहकर्मियों ने आनन-फानन में उसे इलाज के लिए निजी अस्पताल पहुंचाया, जहां डॉक्टरों ने जांच के बाद उसे मृत घोषित कर दिया। घटना की सूचना मिलते ही बरवाअड्डा थाना पुलिस मौके पर पहुंची और शव को पोस्टमार्टम के लिए भेज ट्रक को अपने कब्जे ले लिया है और मामले की जांच में जुट गई है। वहीं हादसे के बाद मृतक के परिवार में मातम पसर रहा है। स्थानीय लोगों ने बताया कि विकास काफ़ी मेहनती और मिलनसार व्यक्ति था और लंबे समय से गैरेज में काम कर अपने परिवार का भरण-पोषण कर रहा था।

एसआईआर पर सुप्रीम कोर्ट के फैसले का स्वागत, चुनाव आयोग पर भरोसा नहीं: अमन अरोरा

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। सुप्रीम कोर्ट द्वारा मतदाता सुविचों के विशेष गहन निरीक्षण (एसआईआर) पर सुनाए गए फैसले को लेकर विपक्षी दलों ने अपनी प्रतिक्रिया दी है। विपक्ष के नेताओं ने कोर्ट के फैसले का स्वागत करते हुए भाजपा और चुनाव आयोग पर निशाना साधा है। पंजाब के मंत्री आर आर के वरिष्ठ नेता अमन अरोरा ने कहा, 'हम सर्वोच्च न्यायालय का सम्मान करते हैं और उसके आदेश को स्वीकार करते हैं। हमने शुरू से ही कहा है कि हमें किसी भी प्रकार की प्रक्रिया, चाहे वह एसआईआर हो या कुछ और, कोई डर, आशंका या कोई विरोध नहीं है। चिंता का विषय यह है कि भारत निर्वाचन आयोग एसआईआर को अंजाम दे रहा है। आयोग से स डर के पीछे उसका इरादा, उसकी कार्यशैली है, जिस पर सिर्फ आम आमदमी पार्टी ही नहीं बल्कि देश के ज्यादातर लोगों का विश्वास नहीं है। [पंजाब के मंत्री अमन अरोरा ने कहा, 'हम अपने सभी लोगों, विधायकों और कार्यकर्ताओं से एसआईआर पर निगाह रखने को कहा है। कार्यकर्ता लोगों को जागरूक करें ताकि ऐसा न हो कि लोग घर पर बैठे रहें और उन्हें इसके बारे में जानकारी न मिल सके। साथ ही, वोटर लिस्ट पर पूरी निगाह रखें और सभी के मताधिकारों को पूरी तरह से सुनिश्चित किया जा सके। हों, टीएमसी सांसद कल्याण बनर्जी ने कहा, 'मैंने जो फैसला सुना है, इसमें यह माना गया है कि चुनाव आयोग प्रारण प्रक्रिया की गई सुखा पर्याप्त है। इसमें एक दिलचस्प बात यह कही गई है कि चुनाव आयोग को यह प्य करने का अधिकार नहीं है कि कौन नागरिक है और कौन नहीं।'

खराब मौसम ने रोकी उड़ान, इंडिगो की फ्लाइट हैदराबाद वापस लौटी

नई दिल्ली। हैदराबाद से जगदलपुर जा रही इंडिगो की फ्लाइट 6ई-1104 को खराब मौसम के कारण बीच रास्ते से वापस हैदराबाद लौटना पड़ा। विमान में कुल 79 यात्री सवार थे। राहत की बात यह रही कि फ्लाइट सुरक्षित रूप से लैंड हुई और सभी यात्रियों को सुरक्षित बाहर निकाल लिया गया। जानकारी के मुताबिक, इंडिगो की यह फ्लाइट गुरुवार दोपहर 2:51 री हैदराबाद से जगदलपुर के लिए रवाना हुई थी, लेकिन जगदलपुर में बुरा मौसम और प्रतिकूल परिस्थितियों के चलते विमान को वापस उतारना संभव नहीं हो सका। इसके बाद फ्लाइट को वापस हैदराबाद लौटाने का फैसला किया गया। करीब ढाई घंटे बाद शाम 5:15 बजे विमान सुरक्षित रूप से हैदराबाद एयरपोर्ट पर उतरा। एयरपोर्ट पर विमान को बे नंबर 31 र ले जाया गया। इसके बाद एयरलाइन ने आधिकारिक तौर पर फ्लाइट रद्द कर दी और सभी यात्रियों को सुरक्षित विमान से उतार दिया गया।

हालांकि, इस घटना में किसी तरह की तकनीकी खराबी या हादसे की जानकारी सामने नहीं आई है, लेकिन लगातार सामने आ रही विमान से संबंधित घटनाओं के कारण यात्रियों में चिंता जरूर बढ़ गई है।

आनंद पर्वत मर्डर केस: दिल्ली क्राइम ब्रांच ने मुख्य आरोपी को किया गिरफ्तार, एक नाबालिग को भी पकड़ा

नई दिल्ली। दिल्ली पुलिस क्राइम ब्रांच ने चाकूबाजी मर्डर मामले में मुख्य आरोपी को गिरफ्तार किया। दिल्ली पुलिस क्राइम ब्रांच की वेस्ट रेंज (डिव्यू-1) यूनिट ने एक बड़ी सफलता हासिल करते हुए इस महीने की गुरुआत में आनंद पर्वत पुलिस स्टेशन में रिपोर्ट किए गए एक बेरहम चाकूबाजी मर्डर केस के सिलसिले में मुख्य आरोपी को गिरफ्तार कर लिया और एक नाबालिग को भी पकड़ लिया। दिल्ली पुलिस के मुताबिक, आरोपी 1 साल के सागर के सनसनीखेज मर्डर में शामिल था। सागर पर 14 और 15 मई की रात को पुरानी रॉजिंग के चलते कई बार चाकू से हमला किया गया था। यह केस आनंद पर्वत पुलिस स्टेशन में भारतीय न्याय संहिता (बीएनएस) की धारा 103(1) और 3(5) के तहत दर्ज किया गया था। पुलिस ने बताया कि आरोपियों की गिरफ्तारी से अभियोजन पक्ष का केस काफी मजबूत हुआ है और जांच अपने ताकिक निष्कर्ष के करीब पहुंच गई है। घटनाओं के पूरे क्रम का पता लगाने और अन्य साक्ष्यों (यदि कोई हों) की भूमिका की पहचान करने के लिए आगे की जांच जारी है।

दिल्ली पुलिस ने पीटीएम केवाईसी के नाम पर ठगी करने वाले साइबर गिरोह का भंडाफोड़ किया, 3 गिरफ्तार

नई दिल्ली। साइबर जालसाजों द्वारा पीटीएम केवाईसी के नाम पर एक चाय बेचने वाले के साथ ठगी किए जाने के मामले में दिल्ली पुलिस की सेंट्रल डिस्ट्रिक्ट साइबर सेल ने एक अंतर-राज्यीय साइबर ठगी नेटवर्क का भंडाफोड़ किया है। इस कार्रवाई में बैंक अकाउंट किए पीटीएम कार्ड और सेम कार्ड की सफलता से जुड़े तीन मुख्य आरोपियों को गिरफ्तार किया गया है। पुलिस के अनुसार, यह गिरोह खुद को पीटीएम कर्मचारी बताकर लोगों को निशाना बनाता था। आरोपी पीड़ितों के पास पहुंचकर उन्हें पीटीएम हवाईसी के पीटीएम अपडेट करने का झांसा देते थे और इसी बहाने उनके मोबाइल फोन तक पहुंच बना लेते थे। एक बार मोबाइल फोन पर नियंत्रण मिलने के बाद वे बैंक खाते से अवैध रूप से रकम ट्रांसफर कर लेते थे। सी तरीके से दिल्ली-पटेल नगर, दिल्ली में रहने वाले एक चाय विक्रेता के साथ भी ठगी हुई, जिसमें उसके बैंक खाते से लगभग 90,000 रुपये नकाल लिए गए। शिकायत मिलने के बाद साइबर थाने ने मामला दर्ज कर नांच शुरू की। शुरुआती जांच में तकनीकी निगरानी, बैंक लेनदेन के विश्लेषण, लाभार्थी खातों की जांच और सीसीटीवी फुटेज की मदद ली गई।

दिल्ली-एनसीआर में एक्सप्रेसवे, सुरंग और एलिवेटेड कॉरिडोर का बिछेगा जाल : रेखा गुप्ता

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। दिल्ली की मुख्यमंत्री गुप्ता ने कहा कि दिल्ली-एनसीआर जाममुक्त, सुरक्षित और भविष्य के रूप परिवहन नेटवर्क के रूप में कसित करने के लिए केंद्र और दिल्ली का मिलकर बड़े स्तर पर आधुनिक ङ्क एवं संपर्क परियोजनाओं पर कार्य रही है। इसके तहत नए एक्सप्रेसवे, ए, एलिवेटेड कॉरिडोर और संपर्क के माध्यम से दिल्ली-एनसीआर के बहन नेटवर्क को आधुनिक और गहन बनाया जा रहा है। हाल ही में शीघ्र सड़क परिवहन एवं राजमार्ग मंत्री तेज गडकरी के साथ दिल्ली-सीआर की प्रमुख सड़क एवं संपर्क योजनाओं को लेकर बैठक आयोजित गई थी। बैठक के बाद केंद्रीय मंत्री ने ग्रामों को जानकारी दी थी कि दिल्ली-जाममुक्त बनाने, ट्रैफिक दबाव पर करने और बेहतर क्षेत्रीय नेटवर्क सुनिश्चित करने के लिए ई नई एक्सप्रेसवे, सुरंग, एलिवेटेड कॉरिडोर और संपर्क मार्ग परियोजनाएं ह की जा रही हैं। मुख्यमंत्री ने बयान री कर कहा कि अर्बन एक्सप्रेसवेन 5-2 (यूईआर-2) एक्सप्रेसवेन से दिल्ली-देहरादून एक्सप्रेसवे परियोजना के तहत लगभग 17 किलोमीटर लंबे, 6-लेन और लगभग 3,500 करोड़ रुपये लागत वाले मार्ग का निर्माण किया जाएगा। यह कॉन्क्रिट लिंक परियोजना ट्रोनिंका सिटी के पास दिल्ली-देहरादून एक्सप्रेसवे को यूईआर-2 से जोड़ेगी। इससे आईजीआई एयरपोर्ट, बारपुला नाला, मुकरभा चौक, सिंधु बॉर्डर और आश्रम-बदरपुर मार्ग पर यातायात दबाव कम होगा। साथ ही द्वारका, रोहिणी, पंजाबी बाग और गुरुग्राम को दिल्ली-एनसीआर एक्सप्रेसवे तक सीधा संपर्क मिलेगा। परियोजना अभी अलाइमेंट फाइनल करने के चरण में है और दिसंबर 2026 तक कार्य शुरू करने का लक्ष्य रखा गया है। उन्होंने बताया कि दिल्ली-देहरादून एक्सप्रेसवे से नोएडा-फरीदाबाद संपर्क कॉरिडोर परियोजना के तहत लगभग 65 किलोमीटर लंबे, 6-लेन और 7,500 करोड़ रुपये लागत वाले मार्ग का निर्माण किया जाएगा। यह परियोजना दिल्ली-देहरादून एक्सप्रेसवे, दिल्ली-मेरठ एक्सप्रेसवे, डीएनडी, फरीदाबाद और यमुना एक्सप्रेसवे को आपस में

मुख्यमंत्री ने दिल्ली भाजपा के नवनियुक्त अध्यक्ष हर्ष मल्होत्रा को दी शुभकामनाएं

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। मुख्यमंत्री रेखा गुप्ता ने भारतीय जनता पार्टी (भाजपा) के दिल्ली प्रदेश के नवनियुक्त अध्यक्ष हर्ष मल्होत्रा को भाजपा कार्यालय पहुंचकर शुभकामनाएं प्रेषित कीं। उन्होंने कहा कि हर्ष मल्होत्रा का संगठन के प्रति दीर्घकालिक समर्पण, जमीनी कार्यशैली और कार्यकर्ताओं के साथ आत्मिय जुड़ाव सदैव प्रेरणादायी रहा है। मुख्यमंत्री ने कहा कि संगठन में लंबे समय तक सक्रिय भूमिका निभाने के कारण मल्होत्रा को कार्यकर्ताओं और पार्टी की विचारधारा दोनों की गहरी समझ है, जिसका लाभ निश्चित रूप से दिल्ली भाजपा संगठन को मिलेगा। मुख्यमंत्री ने विश्वास व्यक्त किया कि प्रधानमंत्री



मुख्यमंत्री ने नई गति और मजबूती प्राप्त होगी। उन्होंने कहा कि प्रधानमंत्री मोदी के मार्गदर्शन तथा

विस्तार और जनसेवा के नए आयाम स्थापित कर रहा है। ऐसे समय में हर्ष मल्होत्रा जैसे अनुभवी और संगठननिष्ठ नेता के नेतृत्व से दिल्ली भाजपा को नई ऊर्जा और मजबूती मिलेगी। मुख्यमंत्री ने कहा कि उनके अनुभव, संगठनात्मक क्षमता और जनसेवा के प्रति समर्पण से पार्टी संगठन और अधिक सुदृढ़ होगा तथा जनकल्याणकारी नीतियों को प्रभावी ढंग से जन-जन तक पहुंचाने में नई गति प्राप्त होगी। उन्होंने कहा कि हर्ष मल्होत्रा के प्रदेश अध्यक्ष नियुक्त होने से कार्यकर्ताओं में उत्साह और सकारात्मक ऊर्जा का वातावरण है। उन्होंने कहा कि एक वरिष्ठ एवं अनुभवी नेता के रूप में मल्होत्रा सदैव संगठन सर्वोपरि की भावना के साथ कार्य करते रहे हैं और यही कार्यशैली संगठन को नई ऊंचाइयों तक पहुंचाने में महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका निभाएगी।

दिल्ली सरकार हाइड्रोजन ईंधन सेल बसों के संचालन की करेगी शुरुआत

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। दिल्ली सरकार हाइड्रोजन ईंधन सेल बसों के संचालन की तैयारी कर रहा है। इसके लिए दिल्ली परिवहन निगम (डीटीसी), राष्ट्रीय तापविद्युत निगम लिमिटेड (एनटीपीसी) और अन्य संबंधित हितधारकों के साथ समन्वय स्थापित करते हुए हाइड्रोजन ईंधन सेल बसों के संचालन की दिशा में आगे बढ़ रही है। इस पहल का मुख्य उद्देश्य दिल्ली की सार्वजनिक परिवहन प्रणाली में उन्नत हाइड्रोजन ईंधन सेल तकनीक को शामिल करना है, जिससे राजधानी दिल्ली की स्वच्छ गतिशीलता यात्रा को और बल मिलेगा। साथ ही कम उत्सर्जन वाले पर्यावरण के अनुकूल परिवहन समाधानों को अपनाने के प्रयासों को भी मजबूती मिलेगी। दिल्ली के परिवहन मंत्री डॉ. पंकज कुमार सिंह ने कहा कि प्रस्तावित 'इनोवेटिव क्लीन मॉबिलिटी प्रैक्टिस' के तहत डीटीसी और एनटीपीसी के समन्वय



ऑपरेशनल तैयारी में मदद करेगा। उन्होंने कहा कि प्रस्तावित व्यवस्था के तहत स्वीकृत जीसीसी दरों पर होने वाला ऑपरेशनल खर्च डीटीसी उठाएगा, जबकि जीसीसी प्रैक्टिस से ज्यादा होने वाले खर्च के लिए एनटीपीसी के सीएस सहव्यता फंड

और संबंधित एजेंसियों से सलाह-मशविरा करके संचालन व्यवस्थाओं की संभावना तलाशी जा रही है। इसके साथ ही दिल्ली सरकार डीटीसी, एनटीपीसी और अन्य हितधारक राजधानी में हाइड्रोजन ईंधन सेल बसों का परिचालन शुरू करने के लिए परिचालन संबंधी तैयारियों और एक औपचारिक समझौता ज्ञान (एमओयू) को अंतिम रूप देने की दिशा में काम कर रहे हैं। उन्होंने कहा कि यह पहल शहरी परिवहन में उभरती हुई स्वच्छ ईंधन तकनीकों को तेजी से अपनाने की दिशा में एक सहयोगात्मक दृष्टिकोण को दर्शाती है। हाइड्रोजन फ्यूल सेल बसों को दुनिया भर में उनके 'जीरो टेलपेइप उत्सर्जन', उच्च परिचालन दक्षता और बड़े महानगरों की परिवहन प्रणाली के पर्यावरणीय प्रभाव को काफी हद तक कम करने की क्षमता के लिए जानी जाती है। परिवहन मंत्री ने कहा कि राजधानी दिल्ली लगातार स्वच्छ और भविष्य के लिए तैयार सार्वजनिक परिवहन व्यवस्था की दिशा में लगातार आगे बढ़ रही है।

वार्ड कमिटी और स्थायी समिति के चुनाव टालने पर आम आदमी पार्टी का निगम पर हमला

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। दिल्ली नगर निगम (एमसीडी) की वार्ड कमिटीयों और स्थायी समिति के चुनाव को बार-बार टालने को लेकर आम आदमी पार्टी (आआप) ने निगम पर तीखा हमला बोला है।



और तीन जून को प्रस्तावित चुनाव को बिना निर्धारित प्रक्रिया अपनाए अनिश्चितकाल के लिए स्थगित कर दिया गया। उन्होंने कहा कि डीएमसी

एक्ट की धारा 53(2) के अनुसार अध्यक्ष की मंजूरी के बिना चुनाव की तारीख तय या स्थगित नहीं की जा सकती, फिर निगम सचिव ने किसके निर्देश पर यह फैसला लिया। पार्टी मुख्यालय में आयोजित पत्रकार वाता में एमसीडी की स्थायी समिति के सदस्य प्रवीण राजपूत ने कहा कि केंद्र सरकार, उपराज्यपाल, मुख्यमंत्री और एमसीडी चारों जगह भाजपा की सरकार होने के बावजूद दिल्ली की जनता को सिर्फ अव्यवस्था मिली है। प्रवीण राजपूत ने दिल्ली की कानून-व्यवस्था, पानी संकट और कूड़ा प्रबंधन को लेकर भी निगम पर निशाना साधा। उन्होंने कहा कि राजधानी में हर तर्फ पानी की किल्लत और कूड़े के ढेर दिखाई दे रहे हैं, जबकि सरकार पूरी तरह विफल साबित हो रही है। उन्होंने कहा कि वार्ड कमिटी अध्यक्ष के चुनाव में

मानकों के अनुरूप विकसित किए गए आयुष्मान आरोग्य मंदिर, अधिक व्यय के दावे भ्रामक : स्वास्थ्य मंत्री

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। दिल्ली के स्वास्थ्य मंत्री डॉ. पंकज कुमार सिंह ने दावा किया है कि दिल्ली में स्वास्थ्य अवरसंरचना विस्तार का कार्य पूर्ण पारदर्शिता तथा भारत सरकार के दिशा-निर्देशों के अनुरूप किया जा रहा है। प्रत्येक आयुष्मान आरोग्य मंदिर स्विकृत वित्तीय मानकों एवं निर्धारित प्रक्रियाओं के अनुसार विकसित किया गया है। उन्होंने कहा कि स्वीकृत बजट एवं वास्तविक फंड रिलीज के तथ्यों की अनदेखी कर वित्तीय आंकड़ों की गलत व्याख्या करना स्वास्थ्य पहल को लेकर अनावश्यक भ्रम उत्पन्न कर सकता है। स्वास्थ्य मंत्री ने आयुष्मान आरोग्य मंत्रियों पर किए गए व्यय को लेकर भ्रामक दावों के संदर्भ में यह स्पष्ट कहा कि इन केंद्रों का विकास

एवं संचालन सरकार द्वारा निर्धारित वित्तीय मानकों, तकनीकी दिशा-निर्देशों तथा अनुमोदित फंडिंग ढांचे के अनुरूप किया गया है। भारत सरकार द्वारा निर्धारित आयुष्मान आरोग्य मंदिर मॉडल के अंतुगत स्वास्थ्य अवरसंरचना सुदृढीकरण एवं सेवा उन्नयन के लिए एक निश्चित वित्तीय ढांचा निर्धारित किया गया है। प्रत्येक केंद्र के लिए अवरसंरचना उन्नयन के लिए 25 लाख रुपये तथा फर्नीचर, फिक्स्चर एवं आवश्यक कार्यात्मक सुविधाओं के लिए 1 लाख रुपये निर्धारित किए गए हैं। सभी कार्य इन्हीं स्वीकृत वित्तीय प्रावधानों के अंतर्गत किए गए हैं, जिससे सेवा गुणवत्ता, मरीजों के अनुभव, डायग्नोस्टिक क्षमता तथा प्राथमिक स्वास्थ्य अवरसंरचना को मजबूत किया जा सके।

एनएसयूआई का सीबीएसई की ओएसएम नीति के खिलाफ प्रदर्शन

नहीं करना चाहिए। उन्होंने आरोप लगाया कि ओएसएम प्रणाली पूरी तरह छत्र विरोधी है और इसने



देशभर के छात्रों एवं अभिभावकों के बीच असमंजस की स्थिति पैदा कर दी है। उन्होंने कहा कि एनएसयूआई इस नीति को पूरी तरह खारिज करती है और इसकी तत्काल वापसी की मांग करती है। छात्रों को पारदर्शी और छत्र हितैषी परीक्षा प्रणाली चाहिए, न कि भ्रम और मानसिक तनाव। विनोद

एनएसयूआई राष्ट्रीय स्तर पर अपने आंदोलन को और तेज करेगी। प्रदर्शन में मौजूद एनएसयूआई नेताओं और कार्यकर्ताओं ने दोहराया कि संगठन छात्रों के हितों की रक्षा के लिए लगातार संघर्ष करता रहेगा और किसी भी छत्र विरोधी नीति का पुरजोर विरोध करेगा।

पिता को श्रद्धांजलि अर्पित करते हुए मंत्री रविंद्र इंद्राज ने कहा- पर्यावरण संरक्षण सभी का सामूहिक दायित्व

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। दिल्ली के समाज कल्याण मंत्री रविंद्र इंद्राज सिंह ने कहा कि वृक्षा पौधरोपण आने वाली पीढ़ियों के प्रति हमारी जिम्मेदारी है और पर्यावरण संरक्षण हम सभी का सामूहिक दायित्व है। उन्होंने यह विचार आज नरैला विधानसभा से पूर्व विधायक और पिता स्वर्गीय इंद्राज सिंह की पुण्यतिथि के अवसर पर भावभीनी श्रद्धांजलि अर्पित करते हुए व्यक्त किए।

इस अवसर पर मंत्री ने पर्यावरण संरक्षण एवं प्रकृति संवर्धन का संदेश देते हुए पौधरोपण भी किया। मंत्री ने कहा कि उनके पिता स्वर्गीय इंद्रा सिंह सदैव समाज सेवा और जनकल्याण को सर्वोच्च प्राथमिकता देते थे। उन्होंने बताया कि वे स्वयं अपने व्यवसाय से पूरी तरह संतुष्ट थे, लेकिन उनके पिता द्वारा कराए गए विकास कार्य और

जनता के बीच उनकी लोकप्रियता से प्रभावित ग्रामीणों ने उन्हें राजनीति में आने के लिए प्रेरित किया। उन्होंने कहा कि उनके पिता हमेशा उन्हें समाज के वंचित, गरीब और जरूरतमंद लोगों की सेवा करने के लिए प्रेरित करते रहे। मंत्री ने कहा कि सरकारी जिम्मेदारियों के साथ समाज के कल्याण की जिम्मेदारी भी अत्यंत महत्वपूर्ण है और वे इसे पूरी ईमानदारी एवं समर्पण के साथ निभा रहे हैं। उन्होंने कहा कि बिना विधानसभा क्षेत्र के प्रत्येक हिस्से में विकास कार्यों को गति दी जा रही है तथा जो क्षेत्र अब तक विकास की मुख्यधारा से वंचित रहे हैं, उनके लिए भी योजनाबद्ध तरीके से कार्य किया जा रहा है। बिना विधानसभा को एक विकसित एवं आदर्श क्षेत्र के रूप में स्थापित करना उनकी प्राथमिकताओं में शामिल है।

मुख्यमंत्री रेखा गुप्ता ने मासिक धर्म स्वच्छता दिवस पर प्रधानाचार्यों के साथ किया संवाद

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। मुख्यमंत्री रेखा गुप्ता ने विश्व मासिक धर्म स्वच्छता दिवस के अवसर पर सरकारी स्कूलों के प्रधानाचार्यों और शिक्षा विभाग के अधिकारियों के साथ वीडियो कॉन्फ्रेंसिंग के माध्यम से सीधा संवाद किया। इस दौरान मुख्यमंत्री ने छात्राओं के स्वास्थ्य, स्वच्छता, मानसिक सशक्तिकरण और स्कूलों में बेहतर सुविधाओं को लेकर विस्तार से चर्चा की और प्रधानाचार्यों को कई महत्वपूर्ण जिम्मेदारियां सौंपीं। मुख्यमंत्री जन सेवा दायन में आयोजित इस इस महत्वपूर्ण बैठक में दिल्ली के शिक्षा मंत्री आशीष सूद, शिक्षा निदेशक वैदिता रेड्डी व शिक्षा विभाग के कई वरिष्ठ अधिकारियों ने भी भाग लिया। मुख्यमंत्री ने कहा कि जब हमारी बेटियां स्कूल में पढ़ती हैं और वे प्राकृतिक जैविक प्रक्रिया से गुजरती हैं, तब शिक्षकों और प्रधानाचार्यों की भूमिका केवल प्रशासक की नहीं बल्कि अभिभावक की भी होती है। इन विशेष दिनों में कई बेटियां असहज महसूस करती



या संकोच नहीं होना चाहिए। स्कूलों में ऐसा वातावरण बनाया जाए जहाँ वे खुलकर अपनी समस्याएँ साझा कर सकें और उन्हें मानसिक दबाव से बाहर निकालने में मदद मिले। बैठक में मुख्यमंत्री ने स्कूलों के

टॉयलेट ब्लॉकों की खराब स्थिति पर चिंता व्यक्त करते हुए कहा कि उन्हें शिकायतें मिली हैं कि कुछ स्कूलों में शौचालय ठीक स्थिति में नहीं हैं। उन्होंने निर्देश दिए कि सभी स्कूलों के टॉयलेट ब्लॉक साफ-सुथरे हों, दरवाजों में किसी प्रकार की टूट-पूट न हो और आवश्यक मरम्मत कार्य

समय पर पूरे किए जाएं। इसके लिए स्कूल फंड का उपयोग करने अथवा इस समस्या के समाधान के लिए संबंधित अधिकारियों से भी बात की जाए। इस अवसर पर मुख्यमंत्री ने 'मैन्सुअल हेल्थ मैटर्स' अभियान के

वीर सावरकर जयंती पर महापौर प्रवेश वाही ने दी श्रद्धांजलि, लाजपत नगर में अवैध पार्किंग पर सख्त निर्देश

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। दिल्ली के महापौर एश वाही ने महान स्वतंत्रता सेनानी वीर सावरकर की जयंती पर उनकी प्रतिमा पर राजलि अर्पित कर श्रद्धांजलि दी। इस दिन उन्होंने अमर क्रांतिवीरों वार्ड की कौरिक सुविधाओं का भी निरीक्षण किया

और क्षेत्र की समस्याओं को लेकर अधिकारियों को आवश्यक निर्देश दिए। इस अवसर पर महापौर ने वीर सावरकर के योगदान को याद करते हुए कहा कि राष्ट्र के प्रति उनका त्याग, साहस और समर्पण आज वाली पीढ़ियों को प्रेरित करता रहेगा। उन्होंने बताया कि विनायक

दामोदर सावरकर का जन्म 28 मई 1883 को महाराष्ट्र के नासिक में हुआ था और उन्होंने स्वतंत्रता आंदोलन में महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका निभाई। इस दौरान सेंट्रल मार्केट लाजपत नगर के व्यापारियों और समर्पण आने वाली पीढ़ियों को प्रेरित करता रहेगा। उन्होंने बताया कि विनायक



लोगों ने बताया कि लाजपत नगर मार्केट में अवैध पार्किंग की समस्या लगातार बढ़ रही है, जिससे दुकानदारों, ग्राहकों और स्थानीय निवासियों को भारी परेशानी का सामना करना पड़ रहा है। साथ ही पार्किंग के नाम पर मनमाने वसूली किए जाने की शिकायत भी सामने

आई। मामले को गंभीरता से लेते हुए महापौर प्रवेश वाही ने अधिकारियों को सरकार के साथ समन्वय बनाकर क्षेत्र के विकास संबंधी सभी मुद्दों का शीघ्र समाधान करने। उन्होंने कहा कि पार्किंग के नाम पर मनमाने वसूली खरना और पैदल यात्रियों की सुरक्षा

सुनिश्चित करना निगम की प्राथमिकता है। महापौर ने कहा कि निगम दिल्ली के विकास संबंधी सभी मुद्दों का शीघ्र समाधान करेगा। उन्होंने कहा कि भाजपा नेतृत्व वाली दिल्ली नगर निगम राजधानीवासियों को बेहतर नागरिक

सुविधाएं उपलब्ध कराने के लिए लगातार कार्य कर रही है। इस कार्यक्रम में स्थानीय चार्पेट शरद कपूर, लाजपत नगर मार्केट एसोसिएशन के प्रताधिकारी, स्थानीय आरडब्ल्यू प्रतिनिधि, विभिन्न विभागों के अधिकारी एवं निगम के वरिष्ठ कर्मचारी मौजूद रहे।

Relief for seer Avimukteshwaranand: SC upholds pre-arrest bail in POCSO case

NEW DELHI, Agency: The Supreme Court on Friday upheld the Allahabad high court's order granting anticipatory bail to Swami Avimukteshwaranand in a POCSO case over allegations of sexually assaulting a minor.

A bench of Justices MM Sundresh and N Kotiswar Singh dismissed the appeal filed by complainant Ashutosh Brahmachari challenging the lower court's decision granting pre-arrest bail to the seer.

The Allahabad high court in March granted anticipatory bail to Swami Avimukteshwaranand and Saraswati and his disciple Mukundanand Brahmachari in a POCSO



case alleging sexual exploitation of minor disciples.

Justice Jitendra Kumar Sinha, while allowing their plea, directed both the accused and the complainant, Ashutosh Maharaj, not to speak to the media about the case. The court had earlier stayed Avimukteshwaranand's arrest on February 27 and reserved its verdict after

directing the applicants to cooperate with the investigation.

The FIR was registered at Prayagraj's Jhansi police station on the directions of a POCSO court. It alleged that several 'batuks' (young disciples) were sexually exploited by the accused.

In his 22-page order, Justice Sinha flagged multiple inconsistencies in the prosecution's case. The court observed that the alleged victims had not initially informed their natural guardians and instead narrated the incidents to the complainant, a stranger, which it said was not consistent with the normal course of human conduct. It also

questioned the delay in lodging the FIR.

Rejecting the state's contention that the accused should have first approached the sessions court for anticipatory bail, the bench held that the circumstances of the case justified directly moving the high court. It noted that the FIR had been lodged pursuant to directions issued by a special POCSO judge on an application filed under Section 173(4) of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS). The court further pointed to discrepancies in the timeline presented by the complainant. While the alleged victims were said to have informed Ashutosh

Maharaj about the incidents on January 18, 2026, the police were approached only six days later. Asked about the delay, Maharaj told the court he had been occupied with religious rituals. The bench, however, noted that during the same period he had filed another legal application relating to a separate alleged offence. Justice Sinha also highlighted what he described as material improvements in the victims' statements. While the FIR alleged that the incidents took place between January 2025 and February 2026 during the Maha Kumbh and Magh Mela in Prayagraj, one of the victims later claimed the assault had

occurred in June 2024 at an ashram in Madhya Pradesh.

The court additionally noted that educational records showed the alleged victims were students at an institution in Hardoi rather than residents of the ashram. Medical examinations found no external injuries, while doctors gave an inconclusive opinion, stating only that sexual assault could not be ruled out. The complainant's counsel also argued that Avimukteshwaranand's claim to be the Shan karacharya of Jyotishpeeth was disputed. The bench, however, said that issue did not fall within the scope of the proceedings before it.

Delhi govt to roll out hygiene, menstrual health, infrastructure upgrades in schools; toll-free grievance line soon

NEW DELHI, Agency: The Delhi government on Thursday announced a series of major initiatives aimed at improving health, hygiene, sanitation, and infrastructure facilities in schools across the national capital.

According to an official statement from the Chief Minister's Office (CMO), the government said it will roll out comprehensive measures, including sanitation upgrades, menstrual health support systems, vaccination data mapping, and infrastructure strengthening in all schools.

As part of the initiative,



the government will ensure clean and well-maintained toilets across schools and conduct regular hygiene awareness programmes along with menstrual awareness campaigns for both boys and girls.

The statement further said that medical rooms and "Menstruation Corners" will be set up in all schools, where sanitary

napkins, undergarments, and other essential supplies will be made available. The process of installing sanitary napkin vending machines in school washrooms will also be expedited.

On health-related interventions, the government will collect school-wide data on HPV vaccination and ensure participation of students from government schools in the "Hauslon Ki Udaan" (Flight of Aspirations) programme.

To strengthen grievance redressal, a toll-free number will soon be launched to enable students and parents to

directly share complaints and suggestions with the government. The number will be prominently displayed on school walls and gates, the CMO said.

In addition, the Delhi government will install RO water coolers in all schools. A large-scale tree plantation drive will also be conducted from June 5 to August, alongside efforts to whitewash school buildings and improve basic infrastructure facilities. The CMO said these measures are aimed at creating a healthier, safer, and more supportive learning environment for students across Delhi schools.

Supreme Court invokes Article 142 issues directions to high courts to prevent delays in judgments

NEW DELHI, Agency: The Supreme Court on Friday issued a set of binding directions to all high courts across the country to ensure faster delivery of judgments and reduce delays in the judicial system. Invoking its special powers under Article 142 of the Constitution, a bench led by Chief Justice of India Surya Kant said reserved judgments must be pronounced within three months. The top court also laid down strict timelines for bail matters. It directed high courts to pronounce bail orders on the same day after hearing the case or by the next day if the order is reserved. The court further said that once regular bail is granted, the order must be immediately communicated to the trial court. It added that undertrial prisoners granted bail should be released on the same day after completing the required formalities.

To improve transparency, the Supreme Court ordered that all judgments must be uploaded on high court websites within 24 hours of pronouncement.



The bench also clarified that the date on which the operative part of a judgment is pronounced will be treated as the official date of the judgment.

Stressing the importance of timely justice, the Court observed that high courts are the primary institutions where thousands of people approach every day seeking relief and delays in judgments directly affect public confidence in the judiciary.

At the same time, the apex court clarified that the directions were not meant to cast aspersions on any judge or judicial institution. The ruling came while hearing a case related to long delays in pronouncement and uploading of judgments, particularly in the Jharkhand high court.

The app that turns a hummed tune into sheet music is finding an unlikely home in India

New Delhi, Agency: A California startup built to lower the barrier to music education is resonating in ways its founders did not fully anticipate.

I recently sat down with Andrew Carlins, an MBA classmate of mine, who told me about the company he is building, Songscription. Songscription describes itself as an AI lab for music learning. Its flagship product allows users to upload an audio recording and convert it into sheet music, MIDI, tabs, and piano roll. Users can also tailor the output (e.g., sheet music) to their level of play. You upload a file. You get notation back. That is the whole product, and it turns out that that is enough.

Carlins grew up with a stutter and realized that when he sang, his stutter disappeared. "Music is quite literally how I found my voice," Carlins explains. He built Songscription because he believed that a world with more access to music learning and live performance is a better world, as he had personally experienced the unique ability music has to empower individuals and unify people from different backgrounds.

Songscription's users tell the story even better



than Carlins or the product description does. A music teacher in Brazil is using Songscription with elementary students as a teaching supplement. A violin teacher in the United States used it to produce notation for a student who learns better from the page than by ear. A visually impaired pianist used it to get his own compositions written down for the first time. One feedback message a user wrote to the Songscription team said simply: "I never thought this would be notated. Thanks for fulfilling a dream." None of these people needed a machine to create music for them. They needed one that could help them find their way to learn and perform music live.

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mentioned the output was clean, that the process had been easier than she expected, and that the messages on the website while her file was processing had made her laugh. She closed with regards to the whole team. It was a small note, but it is the kind of feedback that tells you something about whether a product is landing and having the impact it was built to have.

What Sushma's experience points to is a gap in how music technology has been built. India has a large and serious music education culture, a tradition of both classical training and mass popular music, and a growing number of learners who move between those worlds. Most transcription tools were designed with western music pedagogy as the default. A Carnatic teacher navigating film music notation is not a use case those tools were built for. Songscription, which gives users access to western notation regardless of their musical background or tradition, turns out to fit that gap reasonably well. Carlins says the company eventually wants to support non-western notation systems as well, though that work has not shipped yet.

Karnataka governor Thaawarchand Gehlot accepts Siddaramaiah's resignation as CM, cabinet dissolved



NEW DELHI, Agency: Karnataka governor Thaawarchand Gehlot on Friday accepted the resignation of chief minister Siddaramaiah in Bengaluru, dissolving the council of ministers with immediate effect, a day after the Congress leader stepped down following directions from the party high command.

Siddaramaiah will, however, continue in office until alternative arrangements are made, according to an official order issued from Lok Bhavan.

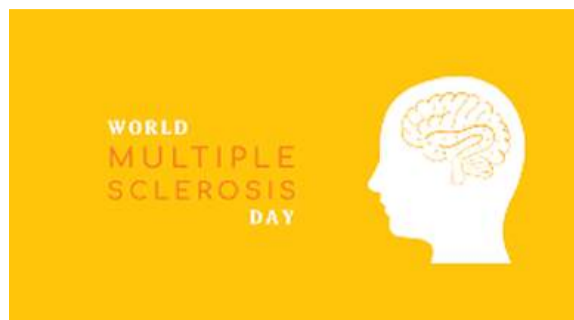
"In exercise of the powers conferred on me under Article 164(1) of the Constitution of India, I, THAAWARCHAND GEHLOT, Governor of Karnataka, have accepted the resignation of Siddaramaiah, Chief Minister of

Karnataka and dissolved the Council of Ministers headed by him with immediate effect. Siddaramaiah shall continue to function as Chief Minister till alternative arrangements are made," the official order stated.

The move clears the way for a leadership transition in the state, with Karnataka Congress chief DK Shivakumar expected to take over as chief minister. The Congress leadership has intensified consultations in Delhi, where Shivakumar is scheduled to meet Rahul Gandhi and party president Mallikarjun Kharge to finalise government formation, including cabinet composition and organisational appointments.

World Multiple Sclerosis Day

Living Beyond the Diagnosis: Understanding Multiple Sclerosis in a Changing World



Every year on May 30, people across the globe observe World Multiple Sclerosis Day to raise awareness about a neurological condition that affects millions of individuals and families. Multiple sclerosis, commonly called MS, is often misunderstood because its symptoms are invisible, unpredictable, and different for every patient. For some, it begins with blurred vision or numbness in the limbs. For others, it appears as extreme fatigue, balance problems, or memory difficulties. Though there is no permanent cure yet, advances in treatment, rehabilitation, and social awareness are helping many people live fuller and more independent lives.

Multiple sclerosis is a chronic disease that affects the central nervous system, including the brain and

spinal cord. In MS, the body's immune system mistakenly attacks myelin, the protective covering around nerve fibers. This damage disrupts communication between the brain and the rest of the body. Over time, the disease may cause permanent nerve deterioration and disability. The exact cause of MS remains unknown, but scientists believe that genetic, environmental, and immune-related factors all contribute to its development.

MS affects people differently. Some individuals experience mild symptoms for decades, while others face rapid progression. This unpredictability is one of the most difficult aspects of the disease. Patients often describe living with MS as living with uncertainty because they cannot always predict how they will feel from one day to the next.

One of the earliest symptoms of MS is fatigue. Unlike ordinary tiredness, MS fatigue can be overwhelming and disabling. Many people struggle to complete daily tasks, maintain jobs, or participate in social activities because of exhaustion. Another common symptom is optic neuritis, which causes pain and

temporary vision loss. Muscle weakness, numbness, tingling, dizziness, bladder issues, and cognitive challenges are also frequent.

Doctors classify MS into several forms. Relapsing-remitting MS is the most common type and involves periods of symptom flare-ups followed by recovery. Secondary progressive MS develops when symptoms gradually worsen over time. Primary progressive MS causes steady neurological decline from the beginning without clear relapses. Understanding these forms helps doctors choose suitable treatments and management strategies.

The diagnosis of MS can be emotionally overwhelming. Many patients spend years searching for answers because symptoms often resemble other conditions. MRI scans, spinal fluid tests, and neurological evaluations help specialists confirm the disease. Receiving the diagnosis can trigger fear, anxiety, anger, or sadness, especially among young adults who are planning careers, marriages, or families.

MS is usually diagnosed between the ages of 20 and 40, making it one of the leading causes of non-traumatic disability among young adults. Women are affected more often than men, though men may experience

faster progression in some cases. Because the disease often appears during productive years of life, its social and economic impact is significant.

Despite these challenges, medical progress has transformed the outlook for many patients. Disease-modifying therapies help reduce relapses and slow progression. Physical therapy, occupational therapy, counseling, and rehabilitation programs improve quality of life.

Early diagnosis and timely treatment are now considered critical in preventing long-term disability.

Technology is also changing the lives of people with MS. Mobility aids are becoming more advanced and user-friendly. Digital health apps help patients monitor symptoms, medication schedules, and fatigue patterns. Telemedicine has expanded access to neurological care, especially for people living in remote areas.



The Invisible Battle: How Multiple Sclerosis Affects Mind, Body, and Everyday Life



Multiple sclerosis is often called an invisible illness because many of its symptoms cannot be seen from the outside. A person living with MS may appear physically healthy while silently struggling with pain, exhaustion, numbness, memory problems, or emotional distress. World Multiple Sclerosis Day shines a global spotlight on these hidden realities and encourages societies to understand the daily experiences of those affected by the disease.

MS is a neurological disorder that disrupts the communication system between the brain and body. The immune system attacks myelin, the protective layer surrounding nerve fibers, causing inflammation and damage. This interruption in nerve signals affects movement, sensation, vision, coordination, and even emotional well-being.

The unpredictability of MS is one of its defining characteristics. Symptoms vary widely from person to person. One individual may experience temporary numbness in the legs, while another may lose mobility or suffer from severe cognitive decline. The disease can progress slowly or rapidly, making it difficult for patients to plan their futures with confidence.

Fatigue is among the most common and debilitating symptoms. Unlike normal tiredness, MS fatigue can appear suddenly and intensely, leaving individuals unable to complete routine tasks. Even simple activities such

as cooking, bathing, or climbing stairs may become exhausting. Many patients describe fatigue as one of the least understood aspects of the condition because outsiders often underestimate its severity.

Mobility problems are another major challenge. Muscle stiffness, balance issues, and weakness can make walking difficult. Some people require canes, walkers, or wheelchairs, while others may only occasionally experience mobility limitations.

Physical therapy and regular exercise are often recommended to preserve strength and flexibility.

Cognitive symptoms can be equally distressing. MS may affect memory, concentration, and information processing. Patients sometimes struggle to remember appointments, follow conversations, or complete work assignments. These changes can impact careers, education, and self-confidence. Unfortunately, cognitive difficulties are often overlooked because they are not immediately visible.

Mental health challenges frequently accompany MS. Depression and anxiety rates are higher among people living with chronic neurological diseases. Fear of disability, social isolation, financial pressure, and uncertainty about the future contribute to emotional stress. Counseling and psychological support are therefore essential components of MS care.

Relationships can also be affected by the disease. Partners may take on caregiving responsibilities, children may struggle to understand a parent's limitations, and friendships can change due to reduced social participation. Honest communication and emotional support are crucial in maintaining healthy relationships.

Hope Through Research: The Global Search for Better Treatments for Multiple Sclerosis

For decades, multiple sclerosis was considered one of the most mysterious neurological diseases in the world. Doctors struggled to understand why the immune system attacked the nervous system, and patients often faced limited treatment options. Today, however, scientific research is transforming the future of MS care. On World Multiple Sclerosis Day, researchers, doctors, patients, and advocacy organizations unite to celebrate progress while continuing the search for better treatments and ultimately a cure.

Multiple sclerosis affects the central nervous system, damaging the protective myelin coating around nerves. This damage interferes with communication between the brain and body, causing symptoms that range from mild numbness to severe disability. Although the exact cause remains unclear, scientists now understand far more about the disease than they did in previous generations.

One of the biggest breakthroughs in MS research has been the development of disease-modifying therapies. Before these medications became available, treatment options mainly focused on managing symptoms. Today, many drugs can reduce relapse rates, slow progression, and limit nerve damage. These therapies work by controlling the immune system



and reducing inflammation.

Early diagnosis has become increasingly important because research shows that starting treatment sooner can improve long-term outcomes. MRI technology allows neurologists to detect lesions in the brain and spinal cord with greater accuracy than ever before. Advanced imaging techniques also help doctors monitor disease activity and treatment effectiveness.

Researchers are exploring the genetic factors linked to MS. Although the disease is not directly inherited, certain genes appear to increase susceptibility. Scientists believe that environmental triggers such as viral infections, smoking, low vitamin D levels, and geographic factors may interact with genetics to initiate the disease.

One area of intense interest involves the Epstein-Barr virus. Studies suggest that infection with this common virus may significantly increase the risk of developing MS. Understanding this connection could eventually lead to preventive strategies or vaccines.

Stem cell therapy has merged as one of the most promising areas of research. Hematopoietic stem cell transplantation involves resetting the immune system to stop it from attacking nerve tissue. Some patients have experienced dramatic reductions in disease activity following treatment. However, the procedure carries risks and is not suitable for everyone. Scientists are also working on remyelination therapies designed to repair damaged myelin.

Breaking the Stigma: Why Awareness and Inclusion Matter for People Living with Multiple Sclerosis

For many people living with multiple sclerosis, the physical symptoms of the disease are only part of the struggle. Misunderstanding, stigma, and lack of awareness often create additional emotional and social burdens. World Multiple Sclerosis Day is not only an opportunity to discuss medical facts but also a chance to promote empathy, inclusion, and equal opportunities for people affected by MS.

Multiple sclerosis is a chronic neurological disease that affects the brain and spinal cord. The immune system attacks myelin, the protective covering around nerves, disrupting communication throughout the body. Symptoms can include fatigue, numbness, mobility difficulties, vision problems, memory loss, and chronic pain.

One of the biggest misconceptions about MS is that disability is



always visible. In reality, many symptoms cannot be seen externally. A person may look healthy while silently struggling with severe exhaustion or cognitive difficulties. Because invisible symptoms are difficult to recognize, patients are sometimes accused of exaggerating or pretending.

This lack of understanding can affect every aspect of life. In work-

places, employees with MS may be viewed as unreliable when fatigue or relapses affect attendance. In schools and universities, students may struggle to obtain accommodations because their condition is not immediately obvious. Social relationships can also suffer when friends and relatives fail to understand the unpredictable nature of the disease.

Public awareness campaigns are therefore essential. Education helps people understand that MS is a complex neurological condition rather than a personal weakness. Increased awareness encourages compassion and reduces discrimination.

Language matters greatly in shaping attitudes toward disability. Terms that portray people with MS as helpless or incapable can reinforce stereotypes. Many patients prefer to be recognized for their abilities and individuality rather than defined solely by illness. Respectful communication creates a more inclusive society.

Accessibility is another key issue. Public spaces, transportation systems, workplaces, and educational institutions should be designed to support individuals with mobility challenges. Simple changes such as ramps, elevators, accessible rest-

rooms, and ergonomic workspaces can significantly improve independence.

Technology is playing a major role in inclusion. Remote work opportunities allow many individuals with MS to continue professional careers despite physical limitations. Online learning platforms make education more accessible. Assistive technologies help people communicate, move, and manage daily activities more effectively.

The media also influences public perceptions of disability. Positive representation of people with MS in films, television, journalism, and social media helps challenge stereotypes. Stories focusing on resilience, achievements, and everyday experiences create a more balanced understanding of the condition.