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## NEWS BOX

### Shakira eyes biggest career show with free Copacabana concert in Rio

World. (Agency)

Colombian superstar Shakira will give a free concert on Copacabana Beach in Rio de Janeiro on Saturday night in an event that Rio officials say will draw approximately 2 million people to one of the world's most iconic waterfronts. The performance follows similar shows by Madonna in 2024 and Lady Gaga last year, also attended by huge crowds that danced on the sprawling sands. It is part of Shakira's "Las Mujeres Ya No Lloran" ("Women No Longer Cry") world tour, named after her 2024 album. The Latina pop star said in an interview with Brazil's TV Globo that she expects the Copacabana concert to be the biggest of her career.

"For me it's a dream. I always dreamed of singing on this beach, because I think it's a magical place," she said in Portuguese, adding that she learned the language before English. Brazil was one of the first countries where Shakira became successful back in the 1990s, thanks to her charisma and the connection she created with the Brazilian public, according to Felipe Maia, an ethnomusicologist who is pursuing a doctoral degree on popular music and digital technologies at Paris Nanterre University.

Her historical success in Brazil "has a lot to do with the fact that she comes from Colombia, a country whose culture has many similarities with Brazil," Maia said, adding that Saturday's performance "crowns the relationship she has had with Brazil for a very long time." By Saturday morning, crowds had started piling onto the beach to nab a good spot for the performance. Street vendors were selling food and drinks, but also toilet paper, deodorant and even bags of sand on which to stand to get a better view of the stage set up opposite Copacabana Palace. DJs will start performing on the beach in the late afternoon. Shakira's set is scheduled for 9:45 p.m. local time and is expected to last around two hours. After the performance, another DJ will take to the stage — a new addition to keep the crowds entertained and help with an orderly exit, according to Rio officials.

### 'Rescue fares': US air carriers step up with after Spirit Airlines winds down

Washington. (Agency)

US air carriers on Saturday mobilized to help passengers and crew members stranded by the overnight shutdown of Spirit Airlines, after the low-cost carrier's last-minute talks with creditors and the White House collapsed.

Spirit, known for its bright yellow planes, succumbed to crushing fuel prices and announced in the early hours that it was "winding down its global operations, effective immediately," with all flights canceled and customer service no longer available.

Other carriers -- including American, Delta, United and JetBlue -- moved quickly to scoop up Spirit's customers, offering what some dubbed "rescue fares" to those waking up with cancelled itineraries. "In just over 12 hours, United has helped Spirit customers book 14,000 tickets to get to where they need to be," United said in a statement on Saturday.

Some airlines said they would increase the number of flights or schedule larger planes in and out of airports where Spirit had a significant presence. Carriers also sought to support marooned Spirit staff -- and hire them.

Spirit has been in and out of bankruptcy since 2024, and the White House was recently considering a bailout.

### 'Structural headwinds': 2026 midterm race enters last six months with US Congress at stake

Washington. (Agency)

The battle for control of the US Congress entered its final six months on Sunday, with midterm elections in November that could reshape President Donald Trump's second term and redefine the balance of power in Washington. As ever, the midterms will be a referendum on the president, with Democrats hoping to capitalize on economic discontent and Trump's sliding approval ratings to retake the House of Representatives and Senate -- while Republicans fight to defy political headwinds.

At stake is not just legislative control but the trajectory of Trump's agenda, with a Democratic-run Congress able to launch investigations, block nominees and generally complicate the remainder of his presidency.

Early indicators point to a challenging environment for Republicans, with Trump's approval rating around 40 percent and economic dissatisfaction -- particularly inflation and Iran war-related costs -- eroding confidence.

Polling shows Democrats with a narrow edge on the generic ballot, while some surveys suggest voters now trust them more on the economy.

A Republican-aligned group, AFP Action, warned the party's Senate majority was "at risk," citing "structural headwinds" and disengaged voters.

In midterm elections, Americans vote to fill all 435 House seats, about one-third of the 100-member Senate and most governorships. Democrats need to flip three House seats and four in the Senate to take control. "The Senate is on the table here," Molly Murphy, of pollster Impact Research, told cable network MS NOW, pointing to Trump's waning popularity and strong Democratic turnout in recent elections.

## Trump's pirates remark direct admission of criminality: Iran demands UN action

**Iran accused Donald Trump of admitting criminality after he said the US Navy acted like pirates against Iranian vessels. Tehran has urged the UN and its member states to reject any normalisation of such conduct under international law.**

World. (Agency)

Iran has accused US President Donald Trump of making a "direct admission of criminality" after he likened the US Navy's actions against Iranian vessels to piracy, and called on the United Nations to intervene. Tehran's foreign ministry spokesperson Esmail Baqaei said Trump's remarks amounted to an open

acknowledgement of unlawful conduct at sea. "The President of the United States has openly described the unlawful seizure of Iranian vessels as 'piracy,' brazenly boasting that 'we act like pirates,'" Baqaei said in a statement. "This was no verbal slip. It was a direct and damning admission of the criminal nature of their actions against international maritime navigation."

He urged the international community, UN member states and the UN Secretary-General to reject what he described as attempts to normalise violations of international law.

### TRUMP'S 'PIRATES' REMARK

The response followed Trump's comments on Friday, when he described US naval operations enforcing a blockade on Iran as being "like pirates."

"We took over the ship, we took over the cargo, we took over the oil. It's a very profitable business," Trump said. "We're



like pirates. We're sort of like pirates, but we are not playing games."

US forces have in recent days seized vessels linked to Iran, including tankers and container ships, as part of Washington's broader pressure campaign during the ongoing conflict involving Iran and Israel.

### ESCALATING MARITIME TENSIONS

The confrontation at sea has intensified alongside the wider conflict, with Iran restricting most shipping through the Strait of Hormuz, a key global energy route, while the US has imposed its own blockade

on Iranian ports. The disruption has affected a critical corridor that handles roughly a fifth of global oil and liquefied natural gas shipments, contributing to volatility in energy markets.

### WAR CONTEXT AND GLOBAL REACTION

The current phase of the conflict began on February 28, when US and Israeli forces launched strikes on Iran, prompting retaliatory attacks by Tehran on Israel and Gulf states hosting US bases.

The fighting has resulted in large-scale casualties and displacement, with hostilities also spilling over into Lebanon.

Trump's remarks have drawn criticism from several quarters, adding to earlier controversy over his statements on the war, including threats to target Iranian infrastructure.

Some US experts have also raised concerns over the legality of certain actions during the conflict.

## Ghana becomes latest African nation to reject US health deal, cites data concerns

Accra. (Agency)

Ghana has rejected a proposed health deal with the United States over concerns about data privacy and is now seeking a new agreement, an official said Friday. It was the latest African country to walk away from the deal over similar concerns. The deal included provisions that would have allowed US entities access to Ghana's sensitive health data without necessary safeguards, according to Arnold Kavaarpoo, executive director of Ghana's Data Protection Commission.

The scope of the data access that was requested under the deal "went far beyond what would typically be required," Kavaarpoo told The Associated Press.

A US State Department spokesperson said the department does not disclose details of bilateral negotiations. "We

continue to look for ways to strengthen the bilateral partnership between our two countries," the spokesperson added, speaking on condition of anonymity to discuss the matter.



United States Agency for International Development.

The deals offer hundreds of millions of dollars in US funding to some of the African countries worst hit by the US aid cuts to support their public health systems and help fight disease outbreaks.

The agreements, however, have raised questions about data privacy concerns. In February, authorities in Zimbabwe said they rejected the proposed deal over issues around health data, fairness and sovereignty. Zambia is also reported to have pushed back on a section of its deal, although no decision has been made there. Activists in

Africa say the agreements often lack adequate safeguards for the use of the data and are sometimes limiting in who is being helped -- such as in Nigeria, where the US committed to supporting mainly Christian faith-based healthcare providers.

## White House dinner shooting suspect seeks end to jail suicide watch

World. (Agency)

Attorneys for a man accused of attempting to assassinate President Donald Trump at a black-tie press gala last weekend asked a judge on Saturday to remove him from suicide watch at a Washington jail. The suspect, Cole Tomas Allen, allegedly forced his way through a security checkpoint and fired a shotgun outside the White House Correspondents' Dinner on April 25.

After being booked on April 27, Allen was placed in a "safe cell," described in a court filing as a padded room under 24-hour lockdown, where he was required to

wear a restrictive vest similar to a straitjacket. He was later moved to suicide



precautions, which still barred him from making phone calls, receiving visitors other than his legal team, or leaving his cell except under escort for

legal meetings or showers.

According to the filing, a nurse recommended ending those measures on Friday, but they remained in place during a lawyer's visit that same day.

His attorneys argue the restrictions are punitive and limit access to basic resources, including a jail tablet that would allow him to communicate with family members.

Allen faces charges of attempted assassination, discharging a firearm during a violent crime, and illegally transporting weapons and ammunition across state lines. He has not yet entered a plea.

## Dutch Princesses targeted in scary murder plot, suspect found with axes, Nazi symbol

**This is not the first time the safety of Amalia — the future Queen of the Netherlands — has been under threat. She has previously been the target of multiple serious threats, including an alleged gang plot by drug cartels to kidnap her along with then Dutch Prime Minister Mark Rutte, who currently serves as Secretary-General of Nato.**

World. (Agency)

Authorities in the Netherlands foiled an attack targeting two members of the Dutch royal family — Princess Catharina-Amalia, 22, and her younger sister, Princess Alexia, 20 — who were allegedly targeted by a 33-year-old man suspected of far-right extremist views and accused of plotting a

sinister Nazi-inspired attack to kill the future Queen and her sister. The suspect, who is due to appear in court on Monday, was arrested in The Hague in February. The court date is listed in an official scheduling order published by The Hague Public Prosecutor's Office.

Authorities said he was found with two axes engraved with the words "Alexia," "Mossad," and "Sieg Heil," a Nazi-era salute. He was also carrying a handwritten note bearing the names "Amalia," "Alexia," and the word "bloodbath."

### AUTHORITIES HAVE NOT REVEALED MOTIVE

The Hague Public Prosecutor's Office did not disclose further details, including the suspect's identity, citing Dutch privacy laws. Authorities have also not revealed a motive behind the alleged plot or the disturbing writings. Details of the February arrest emerged as the royal family — including Amalia and Alexia — marked King's Day with public

appearances in the heavily secured city of Dokkum on April 27.

Amalia, the daughter of King Willem-Alexander and Queen Maxima, is the heir to the Dutch throne, while Alexia is second in line.



### FUTURE DUTCH QUEEN HAS BEEN TARGET OF MULTIPLE THREATS

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In 2020, she was forced to go into hiding after a man sent messages threatening her with rape and violence. In 2022, authorities

intercepted communications between gang members targeting Amalia and Rutte. That same year, she was compelled to leave her student accommodation in Amsterdam over security concerns, and Queen Maxima moved her to the heavily guarded royal palace in The Hague. In 2024, Amalia secretly relocated to Madrid to complete her studies and experience greater personal freedom due to ongoing security concerns. Queen

Maxima described the impact on her daughter, saying, "She can't live in Amsterdam and she can't really go outside the palace." "It has enormous consequences for her life," she added, noting that her daughter could no longer live in Amsterdam or move freely outside.

## Iran Nobel laureate Narges Mohammadi hospitalised after fainting twice, cardiac crisis



World. (Agency)

Iran's imprisoned Nobel Peace Prize laureate Narges Mohammadi has been urgently transferred from prison to a hospital in northwestern Iran after a "catastrophic deterioration" of her health, her foundation said Friday.

The Narges Mohammadi Foundation said the Nobel Prize laureate had two episodes of complete loss of consciousness and a severe cardiac crisis.

Earlier Friday, Mohammadi had fainted twice in prison in Zanjan in northwestern Iran, according to the foundation. She was believed to have suffered a heart attack in late March, according to her lawyers who visited her a few days after the incident. At the time, she appeared pale, underweight and needed a nurse to help her walk.

The hospital transfer comes "after 140 days of systematic medical neglect," since her arrest on Dec. 12, the foundation said. "This transfer was done as an unavoidable necessity after prison doctors determined her condition could not be managed on-site, despite standing medical recommendations that she be treated by her specialized team in Tehran," the foundation said.

Help may be little too late, family says Mohammadi's family had advocated for her transfer to adequate medical facilities for weeks.

The foundation, quoting her family, said her transfer Friday to a hospital in Zanjan was "a desperate, 'last-minute' action that may be too late to address her critical needs." Mohammadi's brother Hamidreza Mohammadi, who lives in Oslo, Norway, said in an audio message shared with The Associated Press by the foundation that her family is "fighting for her life."

"My family in Iran is doing everything they can. But the prosecutors in Zanjan are blocking everything," he said. On March 24, Narges Mohammadi's fellow inmates found her unconscious, her lawyers said she told them during the visit a few days later. Upon later examination at the prison's clinic, a doctor told her that she probably had had a heart attack.

# 2026 Assembly Elections: EC Counting Process Under Supreme Court Lens

**New Delhi:** In a tightly regulated process designed to uphold electoral integrity, the Election Commission of India has put in place a robust framework for counting votes recorded in Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs)—a system that has also stood scrutiny in the Supreme Court of India. At the heart of the process is the Returning Officer (RO), who supervises the entire counting operation within each Assembly constituency. Working under the RO, every counting table is managed by a four-member team responsible for ensuring precise vote tallying.

## Structured Team at Every Counting Table

Each counting unit comprises a counting supervisor, an additional supervisor, a micro observer, and a Group D Multi-Tasking Staff (MTS) member. The supervisors are

central to maintaining accuracy, with at least one mandated to be a Central government employee.

While the counting supervisor is typically a gazetted officer, the additional supervisor must meet Group B-level qualifications. Both are randomly selected from a pre-approved pool of polling personnel and assigned duties without prior notice—an approach aimed at eliminating bias or manipulation.

The micro observer, generally from Central government services, acts as an independent watchdog, while the MTS staff supports operational tasks such as handling documents and equipment.

Adding another layer of transparency, authorised counting agents of candidates are allowed to monitor proceedings from designated positions around the tables.



## Tech-Backed Security and Strict Access Control

To fortify security, all counting personnel are issued photo identity cards embedded with QR codes. These are verified through a three-tier authentication system involving digital scanning and manual

checks—ensuring only authorised individuals can access sensitive counting zones. Before counting begins, officials must verify identities through an app-based database alongside physical ID checks. Written confirmations are also recorded, leaving little

room for discrepancies. **Zero-Tolerance Protocol Inside Counting Centres** The Returning Officer enforces strict discipline throughout the process. Mobile phones are strictly prohibited inside counting halls, except for designated officials like the RO or

appointed observers—minimising any risk of interference.

Once the counting begins, no one—be it officials, staff, or authorised agents—is allowed to leave the premises. Exceptions are made only in cases of medical emergencies or urgent needs, reinforcing a controlled and tamper-proof environment.

## Rulebook-Driven Selection and Accountability

The selection and deployment of counting personnel strictly follow prescribed guidelines (as outlined in official annexures), ensuring that only qualified and vetted individuals are entrusted with the process. Together, these layered checks, randomisation protocols, and strict conduct rules form a comprehensive system that underscores the credibility and transparency of India's electoral process.

## D-Day Today: Counting for 2026 Assembly Polls Across 4 States, Puducherry Amid Bengal Repoll Twist



**New Delhi:** The countdown has begun for a decisive political verdict as counting of votes for the 2026 Assembly elections in Assam, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal and the Union Territory of Puducherry will be held tomorrow, with results expected to shape the next phase of regional and national politics.

The counting follows multi-phase polling marked by fierce campaigning, strong voter turnout, and a dramatic late intervention in West Bengal.

## Polling & Seat Breakdown

- Assam: Voting held for 126 seats on April 9
- Kerala: Polling completed for 140 seats on April 9
- Puducherry: Voting conducted for 30 seats on April 9
- Tamil Nadu: Counting for 234 Assembly constituencies
- West Bengal: Counting for 293 seats out of total 294 seats

## Bengal Repoll Twist

In a significant late-night move, the Election Commission of India ordered a complete repoll in the Falta Assembly constituency of West Bengal, citing "serious electoral offences" during polling on April 29.

- Entire polling exercise declared "vitiated"
- Fresh voting mandated in all 285 polling stations, including auxiliary booths
- Counting tomorrow will exclude Falta, bringing the immediate tally to 293 seats

## Repoll Schedule (Falta):

- Re-election to be held on May 21
- Polling timings: 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM
- Counting of votes for the seat deferred to May 24 after completion of repoll

## Counting Schedule & Process

- Counting to commence at 8:00 AM across centres
- Postal ballots to be taken up first, followed by EVM counting
- Multiple rounds in each constituency; early trends expected within hours

## Key Election Stats

- Coverage: 4 states + 1 Union Territory
- Total Assembly seats: 824
- High voter participation recorded across phases
- Final results expected by evening in most constituencies

## Security & Tech Measures

- Multi-layer security deployment at counting centres
- Strict access control and verification protocols
- Use of QR code-based identity cards for authorised personnel
- Continuous monitoring to ensure transparency

## Major Political Battles

- Tamil Nadu: Intense Dravidian rivalry
- Kerala: Tight triangular contest
- West Bengal & Assam: Multi-cornered, high-stakes fights
- Puducherry: Leadership-driven electoral contest

## What to Watch

- Early trends likely to shape the narrative by late morning
- Close races may delay final calls in key seats
- Outcomes expected to influence future national political alignments

With a last-minute repoll twist in West Bengal and stakes running high across regions, counting day promises gripping action as India awaits a crucial electoral verdict.

## AI, ICT Transform Libraries into Smart Learning Engines: Jharotia



**Kota:** Libraries are rapidly shedding their traditional image as silent book repositories and emerging as dynamic, tech-driven knowledge hubs powered by AI and modern ICT tools, said Dr. Anil Kumar Jharotia during a special lecture at Jai Minesh Adivasi University.

Addressing a hybrid session hosted by the Department of Library and Information Science, Dr. Jharotia emphasized that value-added services are key to enhancing user engagement in the digital era. The lecture, themed "Strengthening User Engagement through Value-Added Library Services in the Digital Age," highlighted how libraries are integrating advanced technologies to deliver more personalized and efficient services.

In a practical demonstration, he also conducted a virtual tour of The NorthCap University library, showcasing its digital infrastructure and innovative service models.

The event was held under the patronage of Chairman R. D. Meena and Vice-Chancellor Prof. (Dr.) Shrawan Kumar Meena. Proceedings were anchored by Dr. Jyotsna Verma. Faculty members, researchers, and students from multiple institutions participated actively, engaging in a lively Q&A session.

The programme saw the presence of key organizers, including Dr. Rahul Gupta, Dr. Prashant Bhardwaj, and Akshay Kumar, along with academic and non-academic staff.

## AIIMS Develops Safer Surgical Technique for Severe Spinal Deformities

**New Delhi:** The All India Institute of Medical Sciences has introduced a refined surgical technique for treating severe spinal deformities, offering a safer and more effective option for high-risk patients.

The institute said the procedure, developed and practised over the past seven years, marks a significant breakthrough in spine surgery, particularly for cases previously considered too complex or risky.

The technique is a modified version of posterior vertebral column resection (PVCR), one of the most intricate spinal surgeries. AIIMS noted that the method was first documented in an international scientific journal in 2020, highlighting its clinical relevance at the global level.

According to specialists, the innovation involves preserving critical spinal structures until later stages of the operation, improving stability during surgery. This approach is expected to reduce complications, enhance patient safety, and lead to better post-operative outcomes.

Medical experts believe the advancement could transform treatment strategies for severe spinal deformities and widen access to safer surgical interventions for patients who earlier had limited options.

## Trump to Review Iran Peace Plan but Doubts Acceptance, Warns Strikes May Resume

**News Desk:** Donald Trump on Saturday voiced strong reservations over a 14-point peace proposal from Iran, saying he "can't imagine" the terms being acceptable to the United States. Speaking before boarding Air Force One, Trump said the proposal—reportedly routed via Pakistan—is under review by his national security team. He reiterated dissatisfaction with Tehran's earlier offers and indicated a final decision would follow soon.

In a separate post on Truth Social, Trump sharpened his stance, remarking that Iran had "not yet paid a big enough price," signalling a tough negotiating line.

## Comprehensive Deal, Not Ceasefire

According to Iran's Tasnim News Agency, Tehran's proposal seeks a full settlement within 30 days, rejecting a temporary truce. The plan includes security guarantees against future attacks, withdrawal of US forces from the region, and a rollback of sanctions. Economic demands feature prominently, including release of frozen assets, lifting of trade and naval

restrictions, and compensation for damages linked to sanctions and military pressure.

The proposal also seeks to address wider regional tensions, including conflicts linked to Lebanon. A key element is a new governance mechanism for the Strait of Hormuz to ensure uninterrupted global oil flow.

**US Signals Military Option** Even as talks continue, Trump warned that military action remains an option. "If they do something bad... it's certainly a possibility," he said, without elaborating. Earlier re-

marks suggested a stark choice between diplomacy and escalation, underscoring the fragile state of negotiations.

## Iran Says Ready for All Outcomes

Iranian officials responded firmly. Senior commander Mohammad Jafar Asadi said the country is prepared for any escalation, while Deputy Foreign Minister Kazem Gharibabadi stated that responsibility now lies with Washington. "The ball is in the United States' court," he said, adding Tehran is open to both dialogue and confrontation.

## Ceasefire Fragile, Oil Prices Elevated

The diplomatic push follows a ceasefire in place since April 8 after weeks of conflict involving the US, Israel and Iran.

While fighting has paused, disruptions around the Strait of Hormuz continue to impact global markets, keeping energy prices significantly elevated. With Tehran awaiting Washington's response, the next few days are expected to be critical in determining whether tensions ease—or escalate again.

## Indian Start-up GalaxEye Launches 'Mission Drishti', Sets New Benchmark in Space Innovation

**News Desk:** In a landmark moment for India's private space sector, homegrown start-up GalaxEye has successfully launched its ambitious Earth observation satellite, Mission Drishti. The satellite lifted off aboard Falcon 9, operated by SpaceX, from California in the United States.

Weighing around 190 kilograms, Mission Drishti stands out as the largest Earth observation satellite ever developed by a private Indian company. It also marks a global first as the world's inaugural Opto-



SAR satellite, combining optical and synthetic aperture radar technologies to deliver uninterrupted, all-weather imaging capabilities. "The achievement drew praise from top leadership. C. P.

Radhakrishnan hailed the mission as a transformative step for India's rapidly growing commercial space ecosystem, emphasizing its ability to provide round-the-clock Earth observation.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi also congratulated the team, calling the successful launch a reflection of India's youthful innovation and commitment to nation-building. He noted that such breakthroughs reinforce the country's position as a rising force in global space technology.

With Mission Drishti now in orbit, GalaxEye has not only pushed technological boundaries but also underscored the expanding role of private players in India's space ambitions.

## Great Nicobar Project: India's Strategic Island Push Balances Growth, Security and Ecology

**New Delhi:** India's ambitious Great Nicobar Project is set to transform the southernmost island of the Andaman and Nicobar chain into a key maritime and economic hub, combining strategic intent with infrastructure expansion and environmental safeguards.

Located barely 40 nautical miles from the busy East-West international shipping route, Great Nicobar holds critical geopolitical value. The government's plan aims to reduce dependence on foreign transshipment ports such as Colombo and Singapore, while strengthening India's presence in the Indian Ocean Region.

## Mega Infrastructure at the Core

The project is anchored around four major components: a 14.2 million TEU International Container Transshipment Terminal (ICTT) at Galathea Bay, a greenfield international airport capable of handling 4,000 peak-hour passengers, a

450 MVA gas and solar-based power plant, and a planned township spread over 16,610 hectares.

Officials say the integrated infrastructure will create a self-reliant ecosystem for trade, tourism and urban development, while boosting economic activity in the island territory.

## Strategic and Economic Significance

India currently routes a large share of its cargo through foreign ports due to the lack of deep-draft facilities. The proposed transshipment terminal, with natural water depth exceeding 20 metres, is expected to handle large vessels and retain cargo traffic within the country. The project will be executed in three phases between 2025 and 2047, covering a total area of 166.10 sq. km. Authorities maintain that the phased rollout will ensure calibrated development alongside environmental and social safe-



guards. Beyond commerce, the project is seen as a strategic asset, enhancing India's defence and surveillance capabilities in a region witnessing increasing geopolitical competition.

## Environmental Clearance and Safeguards

The project has received environmental clearance under the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Notification, 2006, subject to 42 specific conditions. These include measures related to pollution control, biodiversity conservation, marine ecology, and dis-

aster management. According to official estimates, about 1.82 per cent of the island's forest cover will be diverted. Tree felling—estimated at up to 7.11 lakh trees—will be carried out in phases, while nearly 65.99 sq. km has been earmarked as green zones with no deforestation. Compensatory afforestation has been planned over 97.30 sq. km, primarily outside the islands, given the already high forest cover in the region. Studies conducted by institutions such as the Zoological Survey of India, Wildlife In-

stitute of India and the Indian Institute for Science have supported the project, subject to adherence to environmental safeguards.

## Focus on Tribal Welfare

Great Nicobar is home to indigenous communities, including the Shompen and Nicobarese tribes. Authorities have stated that no displacement of these communities is proposed under the project. The administration has also initiated measures to protect tribal interests, including the re-notification of tribal reserve areas. While a portion of land will be de-notified for development, officials claim there will be a net increase in the overall tribal reserve area. An independent monitoring mechanism has been put in place to oversee the welfare of indigenous groups during both construction and operational phases.

## Risk and Disaster Preparedness

Given the island's vulnerability to earthquakes, tsunamis and cyclones, a comprehensive disaster management plan has been incorporated into the project design. The hybrid power system is expected to enhance energy resilience while reducing dependence on diesel-based generation.

## Balancing Development and Ecology

The government has positioned the Great Nicobar Project as a model for balancing economic growth with ecological conservation and social inclusion. However, environmental concerns continue to be raised by experts, given the ecological sensitivity of the region. As the project moves into its implementation phase, it is likely to remain under close scrutiny, emerging as a key test of India's ability to pursue large-scale infrastructure development without compromising environmental and indigenous safeguards.

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# Election of rejection: Bengal BJP chief targets TMC day ahead of results

**State BJP president Samik Bhattacharya, speaking to IndiaToday.in ahead of the Assembly results, called it an "election of rejection" of Mamata Banerjee. He projected 200-plus seats and framed the campaign around Bengali pride, identity, and a "Bengal first" sentiment.**



When Samik Bhattacharya took charge of the BJP in West Bengal a year ago, he inherited a house divided -- a party riven by factionalism and competing power centres.

Infighting was no secret; a former state chief, now a candidate, had even told the author in 2024 of internal efforts to undercut his prospects in the Lok Sabha elections.

Yet Bhattacharya's rise had been anything but abrupt. A long-time organisational hand, he climbed silently from the grassroots, earning a reputation as a measured yet sharp communicator as the party's chief spokesperson.

In the months leading up to his elevation as BJP's Bengal chief, the trajectory quickened -- a Rajya Sabha berth in 2024, charged-up patriotic speeches in London as part of the Operation Sindoor delegation in 2025, and a visit to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's residence upon his return. Weeks later, he was handed the reins of the state unit at a moment of peak political stakes. Scepticism followed swiftly. For rivals in the Trinamool Congress, Bhattacharya's appointment was unlikely to resolve the BJP's internal divisions.

anything but calm this time. With clamour over alleged EVM tampering, repolling in some constituencies, and Mamata Banerjee's "do-or-die battle" against alleged rigging showing no signs of ebbing, Bhattacharya remained unfazed. "She will not be able to do anything this time around," he said calmly.

Asked whether his confidence stemmed from a pro-BJP wave or anti-incumbency, the state party chief called it "an election of rejection." "From teacher recruitment seams to unemployment, all factors are contributing to the TMC's decline," he told. In that calm, however, comes after a year of navigating a deeply divided organisation.

**New Delhi.(Agency)**  
On a Saturday night phone call with IndiaToday.in, Bengal BJP president Samik Bhattacharya sounded at ease. After weeks of campaigning in the heat and dust, the mood around him was light -- faint chatter and occasional laughter in the background, with someone, almost in passing, heard discussing the health benefits of boiled chicken soup. It has been a falter-unrest-west-bengal-election-result-may-4-counting-tmc-bjp-2904851-2026-05-02" target="\_self">action-packed few days in Bengal since polling ended. The usually quiet interlude between voting and results has been

# West Bengal Assembly elections result: Mamata asks TMC agents to seek recount if BJP leads by 500-700 votes

**West Bengal Chief Minister and All India Trinamool Congress candidate from Bhabanipur constituency, Mamata Banerjee, on Saturday asked her party's counting agents to promptly seek a recount in booths where the BJP is ahead by a margin of 500 to 700 votes.**



**West Bengal .(Agency)**

West Bengal Chief Minister and All India Trinamool Congress candidate from Bhabanipur constituency, Mamata Banerjee, on Saturday asked her party's counting agents to promptly seek a recount in booths where the BJP is ahead by a margin of 500 to 700 votes. West Bengal CM also advised counting agents to stay overnight near counting centres on Sunday so that they can reach early on Monday. She also issued these directions during a virtual meeting with party leaders and counting agents from all 294 Assembly constituencies ahead of the election results.

During the one-and-a-half-hour meeting, Banerjee emphasised the need for coordination and vigilance, asking party workers to reach counting centres early and function in a united manner. She also briefed them on key aspects to be kept in mind during the counting process. According to Trinamool Congress sources cited by IANS, Mamata Banerjee particularly stressed close monitoring during counting.

She added that in booths where the BJP is ahead by margins ranging from 500-700 votes to even 1,000 votes, a demand for recounting should be raised immediately.

TMC's candidate from Bhabanipur assembly constituency expressed confidence that her party would win more than 200 seats but cautioned that vigilance must not be relaxed during counting. She also instructed that no party agent should leave the counting centre until she addresses the media on May 4.

She further advised that in constituencies where counting centres are located in rural or remote areas, candidates, their agents, and counting agents should reach the location on Sunday itself. Arrangements should be made to stay in nearby hotels or lodges to avoid delays.

Party sources revealed that several TMC candidates from West Midnapore and Bankura districts have already arranged accommodation near the counting centres for Sunday night to ensure they are fully prepared, as per IANS report.

# Analysis: Tamil Nadu Heads For Dravidian Shakeout After Assembly Poll Verdict

**The only word that might connect all these forces competing today but shifting loyalties tomorrow in an uneasy coalition is the adjective "Dravidian".**

**Tamil Nadu.(Agency)**

The entry of a superstar in Tamil Nadu's politics has led to increased attention to politics in the state. The fact that an exit poll after the state assembly elections by a respected opinion poll agency, Axis My India, led by Pradeep Gupta, has given C. Joseph Vijay's Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam, a high chance of storming to power, makes the star-turned-politician even more of a headline grabber. The colourful rallies he leads with thronging crowds and speeches laden with punchlines only make the visual appeal stronger. However, it is time to look beyond all that. As this is being written, we are less than 48 hours away from the final verdict of the state polls that



took place on April 23. What we perhaps missed in the glamour of Vijay's political rain-making are the subterranean realities of Tamil Nadu politics and the likelihood of an overhaul of state politics

after the verdict is out - irrespective of who wins. Here's where I am tempted to borrow a memorable expression from former Prime Minister V.P. Singh, who said at the turn of the 1990s that India was heading for a "realignment of political forces." His broad reference was to the rise of the other backward classes (OBC) in northern India as a politically aspirational community, parallel to the emergence of the Hindutva-infused Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) as a national force that led to the replacement of anti-Congressism with anti-BJPism. In the context of Tamil Nadu, I am tempted to call the condition we are heading for a "Realignment of Dravidian forces" that will see a Kazhagam (organisation) or Katchi (party).

# 'In Assam to protect our candidates': DK Shivakumar says BJP poaching Congress camp

**Rejecting exit poll predictions of 88 to 100 seats for the NDA, Karnataka Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar said that Congress will form government in Assam.**

**GUWAHATI .(Agency)**

Ahead of the Assam Assembly election results on May 4, the Congress has rushed senior leaders to the state, expressing confidence of victory and aiming to safeguard its candidates. Karnataka Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar, former Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel and AICC general secretary Jitendra Singh attended a meeting of the Congress-led six-party Opposition alliance in Guwahati on Saturday.



Addressing the media, Shivakumar said the people of Assam had voted for change. "All of us will be on alert and we will see if we need to protect our candidates. You know that they try to do a lot of mischiefs. They have already tried to approach us. They have a fear of losing this

election, so they are trying to approach our people," he said, referring to the ruling BJP.

"If they were so confident, then they would not have tried to contact any of us. The Congress and its alliance partners are confident that we will have a new government in Assam," he added, rejecting exit poll predictions of 88 to 100 seats for the NDA. Shivakumar said leaders have issued directions to alliance partners for counting day. "We know that the official machinery will be misused. We have guided them what needs to be done. We will have a legal room in Delhi and another in Guwahati."

AICC general secretary Jitendra Singh said the alliance contested the elections as a team and claimed people sought change from the BJP-led government. He termed exit polls exaggerated and said earlier projections in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections had also been inaccurate.

# Congress says Centre rattled after Rahul's Great Nicobar visit; calls for Parliament debate on project concerns

**New Delhi.(Agency)**

On Sunday, the Congress outlined a range of concerns over the Great Nicobar project, including its impact on the environment, tribal rights, transparency, and security, and insisted that these issues should be discussed in Parliament.

The opposition party claimed that the Modi government is "rattled" and in damage control mode after Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi's visit to Great Nicobar last week. In a statement, Congress general secretary in-charge communications Jairam Ramesh said, "The Modi Government, clearly in damage control mode after the hugely impactful visit of the Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi, to Great Nicobar on April 28 2026, issued a press note on the Great Nicobar Island Development Project three days later."

This press note does not address any of the serious concerns that have been raised on it by local affected communities, environmentalists,

anthropologists, academics, civil society experts and other professionals, Ramesh said.

"These concerns had already been conveyed in detail by me to the Union Minister of Environment, Forests & Climate Change on September 10,



2024 and in a follow-up on September 27, 2024," the former environment minister said. During his visit to Great Nicobar, Gandhi last week alleged that the Great Nicobar project at Campbell Bay in Andaman and Nicobar Islands was "one of the biggest scams and gravest crimes against the natural and tribal heritage of the country".

# Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla reconstitutes key Parliamentary panels; KC Venugopal retains PAC chair

**New Delhi.(Agency)**

Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla on Saturday announced the reconstitution of four key Parliamentary committees for 2026-27, with several senior members retaining their positions, including Congress MP KC Venugopal as Chairperson of the Public Accounts Committee (PAC).

The committees — Public Accounts, Estimates, Public Undertakings and the Committee on the Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes — have been reconstituted for a new term from May 1, 2026 to April 30, 2027.

From the BJP, Faggan Singh Kulaste will continue as Chairperson of the Committee on the Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, while Bajiyant Jay Panda and Sanjay Jaiswal have retained leadership of the Committee on Public Undertakings and another parliamentary panel.

These committees oversee government functioning, examine reports, and make policy recommendations. Chairpersons are elected from among members through proportional representation using a single transferable vote.

The Committee on the Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes has 30 members, including 20 from the Lok Sabha and 10 from the Rajya Sabha. The Committee on Public Undertakings has 22 members, with 15 from the Lok Sabha and seven from the Rajya Sabha. The Estimates Committee has 30 members, all from the Lok Sabha. The Public Accounts Committee includes up to 22 members, with 15 from the Lok Sabha and up to seven from the Rajya Sabha.

The PAC functions under Rule 308(1) of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Lok Sabha and examines whether public funds are used as approved by Parliament.

# Kharge slams BJP-RSS over press freedom, says independent journalism punished, compliance rewarded

**New Delhi.(Agency)**

**Kharge alleged that sections of the media have been reduced to echoing the ruling establishment, while those who persist in asking questions are "targeted relentlessly".**

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge on Sunday criticised the BJP-RSS over press freedom, alleging that their stance sends a clear message that independent journalism will face punishment while conformity is rewarded. He alleged that sections of the media have been reduced to echoing the ruling establishment, while those who persist in asking questions are "targeted relentlessly".

In a post on X on World Press Freedom Day, Kharge said India's position in the World Press Freedom Index has steadily declined since 2014 and alleged that the Sangh Parivar has increasingly "weaponised" legal frameworks to silence newsrooms. Kharge said the nation must confront a stark and undeniable reality that since 2014, India's position in the World Press Freedom Index has steadily declined, falling to



157th place, under the BJP regime.

"A free press, in its truest sense, does not exist to amplify the government's narrative or conceal its failures. It exists to question authority, to scrutinise power, and to hold those in office accountable," the Congress chief said on X.

Kharge said the media preserves the democratic balance between power and the

people. "Journalists are the custodians of public truth. As Pandit Nehru had said, 'The freedom of the Press is not just a slogan but an essential attribute of the democratic process.' That essential attribute stands gravely compromised under the present regime," Kharge alleged.

"The Sangh Parivar has increasingly weaponised legal frameworks to silence newsrooms. Defamation laws, national security provisions, and sweeping criminal statutes are deployed not as instruments of justice, but as tools of intimidation," he said.

Between 2014 and 2020, over 135 journalists were arrested, detained, or interrogated, he claimed and added that between 2014 and 2023, 36 journalists were imprisoned.

The scale of persecution has risen sharply, with several journalists booked under draconian laws such as the UAPA, he said.

## Cardio-metabolic diseases: A burden that can't just be sweated off

Richard Doll was a famous British epidemiologist. Along with Richard Peto, a brilliant Oxford statistician, he led a long-term study of thousands of British doctors to identify factors which impacted their health. The study, which started in 1951, carefully documented deaths and analysed them by cause and age. It showed that half of all regular smokers were killed by their tobacco habit. Half of those deaths occurred in middle age. On average, regular smokers lost about 10 years of their life expectancy compared to non-smokers. Deaths occurred mainly from cardiovascular disease and a variety of cancers. Stopping smoking before the age of 30 years averted a majority of these premature deaths.

This study catalysed public policy interventions for tobacco control worldwide. The World Health Organization's Framework Convention on Tobacco Control and India's own tobacco control legislation emerged in 2003. Craving for nicotine, which is as addictive as heroin or cocaine, requires a determined effort for cessation. Such efforts are countered by the tobacco industry, which attempts to retain nicotine addicts in its grasp by luring them with novel products such as e-cigarettes and nicotine pouches. Reducing the risk of avoidable mid-life mortality became a major goal of public health experts, who directed their attention to modifiable risk factors like tobacco consumption (in any form), unhealthy diets, physical inactivity, uncontrolled hypertension and poorly managed diabetes. Doll made the case for impactful public health and clinical interventions which reduce the risk of premature death by succinctly stating, "In old age death is inevitable, but death before old age is not." He lived to be 92, proving his point.

Delaying death should not be the only goal of public health. Death may come late but disease, damage and disability should not come long before. It is, therefore, necessary to adopt a life course approach to promote policies which prevent acquisition of risk at a young age (childhood and adolescence), early detection of risk factors and their effective control in young and middle-aged adults, coupled with clinical care of manifest disease to avert fatal outcomes and reduce disability at all ages.

Cardio-metabolic diseases (CMDs) are presently the leading cause of death, globally and in India. They encompass a cluster of diseases characterised by disordered glucose and lipid metabolism, resulting in damage to blood vessels in different parts of the body and multiple organ dysfunction which can manifest as acute life-threatening emergencies or chronic prolonged deterioration of health. Coronary heart disease (heart attacks) and stroke (paralytic brain attacks) are the most prominent disorders in this group along with diabetes. Peripheral vascular disease (which can lead to gangrene of limbs), fatty-liver disease and vascular dementia are among others now featuring in the expanding cluster of CMDs. For a variety of reasons, Indians are especially vulnerable to such diseases. Physiological adaptation to poor intrauterine and early-childhood malnutrition makes them vulnerable to 'rebound adiposity', as they gain access to more food in later years. Low skeletal muscle mass makes them more insulin resistant and glucose intolerant, leading to many millions affected by diabetes and pre-diabetes. Fat accumulation in and around abdominal organs (visceral adiposity) is especially dangerous, as it stokes rampant inflammation, scorching blood vessels and scarring many organs. Lack of physical activity ensures that the muscles remain insulin resistant. Smoking too increases insulin resistance, as do unhealthy fats in the diet.

## Trinco story travels a long way

Languishing since 1987, the Trinco Energy Hub will be connected with multi-purpose pipelines and power grids between Sri Lanka and India.

The Gulf War has at least had one positive effect -- the creation of larger strategic oil reserves. One of the most significant measures is the Trincomalee (Trinco) Oil Tank Farms project in Sri Lanka. Languishing since 1987, the development of the Trinco Energy Hub is now on the anvil, to be connected with multi-purpose pipelines and power grids between the two countries. In a smart diplomatic move, New Delhi sent Vice-President CP Radhakrishnan, who also happens to be Tamilian, to Sri Lanka recently, in what was the first bilateral visit by any Vice President to Sri Lanka, raising the protocol from the customary contact of Foreign Minister Jaishankar who last visited Colombo in December 2025. The Radhakrishnan call was significant for three reasons: it focused on transforming Trinco as an energy hub; it helped revive the "Tamil question"; and it embedded India's strategic stature as first responder in India's neighbourhood. Like the landslide political victory of the Rashtriya Swatantra Party in Nepal, Sri Lanka's left-wing National People's Power party stormed into power in 2024 decimating traditional parties, including the once-strong Tamil bloc.

President Anura Kumara Dissanayake a former Marxist from the Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna (JVP) party, which in the 1980s had opposed the 1987 India-Sri Lanka Accord, has recognised Delhi's preeminence in the region and highlighted its Neighbourhood First policy by recounting India's crucial interventions: the economic crisis in 2022; the financial lifeline that followed the crisis of debt; and relief during cyclone Ditwah. Radhakrishnan said India will stand with Sri Lanka's "successes and struggles like an affectionate elder brother", a term that rebounded in Nepal. In its election manifesto NPP had said: Trinco oil tank farms will be renovated with support of a friendly foreign country. Last month, with Radhakrishnan and Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri flanking him, Sri Lanka Foreign Minister Vijitha Herath called the Trinco project a permanent solution to the developing energy crisis in the Indian subcontinent, whilst referring to the ongoing war in the Persian Gulf. Misri, earlier Deputy High Commissioner in Colombo, briefed the media in Colombo on several bilateral matters, including the Trinco Energy Hub. It will be instructive to recall the strategic importance of Trinco

Harbour and Port as penned by former Sri Lankan Admiral Ravi Wijegunaratne, who noted that the Dutch, French and British colonial powers contested Trincomalee because it was the gateway to the Bay of Bengal. British admiral Lord Nelson described Trinco as "the finest and deepest harbour in the world". In 1935, the British built 100 oil tanks with impregnable Manchester steel, with the capacity to hold 1 mn tonnes of petroleum, long enough for six months of strategic petroleum reserve. For Sri Lanka, Trincomalee is a 'national asset'. In the past, several trade unions and political parties have protested energy cooperation with

The Tamil question over the years has been relegated to 'Tamil aspirations'; this is true even for those in the political doldrums especially after the political mauling of the fractured Tamil parties in the Northern Province, considered a Tamil stronghold for decades. NPP won three of nine seats in Jaffna districts, topping the vote share for the first time; remarkably, a non-Tamil national alliance had won seats in Jaffna. The Tamil National Alliance, which at one time had 16 seats, is today reduced to 12 seats. (Back In 1977, Tamil United Liberation Front was the main opposition party with 18 seats.) Provincial elections have not been held for seven years but there is no indication they will be held anytime soon. While Dissanayake has been telling Tamils that the new Constitution will address the "Tamil question", Radhakrishnan informed Tamil leaders that he had discussed the issue with his Sri Lankan interlocutors.

Certainly, the Tamils have genuine reasons to be upset with Sinhala majority rulers, whether they belong to the Left or the Right. The Tamils point out that the spirit of the India Sri Lanka accord, which was a treaty between two countries -- which guaranteed under a proposed 13th Amendment equality between Tamil and Sinhala, opening the door to a federal model of power sharing and devolution within a 'united, undivided and indivisible Sri Lanka' -- has not been implemented.

The late Tamil leader, R Sambanthan, had said: "India has special duty in ensuring the resolution of the Tamil question". But no longer do Indian leaders even mention the implementation of the 13th Amendment or talk about reconciliation



that followed military excesses during the Eelam war. Admittedly, Colombo has built a memorial to uphold the sacrifices of 1257 Indian Peace Keeping Force soldiers who facilitated the ultimate defeat of LTTE, back in 1990. Traditionally, Sri Lankan leaders used to say: "We look to India for our security and China for economic growth". After the 2022 economic meltdown and debt crisis, the tables have been turned, especially after India provided the \$4 billion financial lifeline.

Still, the Trinco Energy Hub is breaking news. Colombo's Daily Mirror, a premier newspaper, described it as follows on April 22: "It is no longer a matter of strategic vision but how urgently it can be executed".

India, seeing it as a ceding of sovereignty. That's why, despite several agreements and MoUs, none could fructify. The three decade-long Tamil Eelam war did not help. In 2003, Indian Oil Corporation signed a 35-year lease to develop 15 oil tanks, with an annual payment of \$ 100,000. Sri Lanka Oil Corporation utilises 16 tanks for fuel storage, offshore bunkering and has rented three to Prima Flour Mill Singapore for water storage. Radhakrishnan discussed the renovation of oil tanks and laying of a multi purpose oil transfer pipeline between Karaikal/Chennai to Trincomalee. A solar power project is also under construction in Sampore in Trinco. The iron is hot for the Trinco Energy hub to be finally executed.

## New Zealand trade deal: Positive way forward, address concerns too

The risks of a trade deficit in the face of rising imports call for domestic reforms that incentivise innovation and good practices

MERCHANDISE trade between India and New Zealand stood at a modest \$1.3 billion in 2024-25. India's share in the island country's total import market of \$47.5 billion last year was just 2 per cent. Billed as historic, the free trade agreement (FTA) aims for a dramatic, long-term shift. The push to diversify exports to a high-income market also opens doors for a larger Indian footprint in the Asia-Pacific region. The positives are many. There are concerns too. The deal, once ratified, will cut or remove tariffs on 95 per cent of exports to India. Conversely, since 58 per cent of New Zealand's tariff lines are already duty-free, its offer to fully open up the field for Indian exporters provides an opportunity, but the gains could be limited in a competitive environment. The risks of a trade deficit in the face of rising imports call for domestic reforms that incentivise innovation and good practices. Forestry and



horticulture exporters from New Zealand could gain a foothold in a market that values scale and reliability.

Among fruit growers in Himachal Pradesh as well as Jammu and Kashmir, already reeling under extreme weather patterns, the prospect of cheaper apples or kiwi fruit on sale poses another challenge. New Delhi's quota and time limits may not be enough to assuage apprehensions. A focus on improved crop produce, storage and supply chain strategies is essential. No sweeping liberalisation for milk powder or mass dairy exports comes as a relief, though how it plays out is uncertain. Access across 118 services sectors in New Zealand is an encouraging sign. For Indian students and professionals, more visa pathways and post-study work rights are a huge plus. Even as the possibility of uneven benefits looms, doubling trade by 2031 could just be the momentum the partnership needs.

## Building resilience against Mythos brahmastra

The marriage of IoT and AI is a transition that dwarfs the original Internet's impact

In the 'Sauptika Parva' of the Mahabharata, after the war at Kurukshetra, Ashvatthama and Arjuna each unleash the Brahmashirastra, a weapon of such totality that Vyasa himself must intervene. Arjuna, at Krishna's counsel, withdraws his. Ashvatthama cannot, and in bitterness turns his towards the womb of Uttara. The sequence is instructive. Certain divyastras were withheld because their release would unmake the world, and the danger lay not in the weapon alone but in the asymmetry of those who held it. In 2019, OpenAI announced that a large language model it had trained was too dangerous to release. It was GPT-2. It was released within months. Seven years on, the same warning has returned, and this time the warners are harder to dismiss. On April 7, Anthropic—now valued at roughly \$800 billion—declared its latest model, Claude Mythos, "substantially beyond" anything previously trained. CEO Dario Amodei decided against a general release. The UK's AI Security Institute, the only non-US entity granted access, confirmed that Mythos completed a 32-step simulated cyber intrusion no prior model had accomplished. n.thropic claims Mythos has identified severe 'zero-day' security flaws across every major operating system and web browser, including a flaw that had evaded detection for 27 years, and others in Unix-family systems including FreeBSD. CrowdStrike claimed that AI-enabled cyberattacks were up 89 percent in 2025, and the average time between initial access and malicious action has fallen to 29 minutes, a 65 percent acceleration over the 2024 average.

That is the controversy, shorn of dramatisation. A private American firm has built an autonomous agent capable of chaining multi-step intrusions—privilege escalation, lateral movement, exfiltration—against the commodity software stack on which the world's banks, hospitals, power grids and payment systems rest. It has then

decided, unilaterally, who may use it to patch themselves.

Anthropic's Project Glasswing's 40-odd early-access firms include Apple, Microsoft, Google, J P Morgan, Goldman Sachs, Cisco, CrowdStrike and the Linux Foundation. Eleven of the named partners are American. The only non-US door opened has been to the UK. The European Commission has met Anthropic three times and not been given the model. Germany's BSI has received briefings, not access. Canada's finance minister has compared the threat to a closure of the Strait of Hormuz. The Bank of England's governor has said Anthropic may have "cracked the whole cyber-risk world open". India has no seat at this table. India's scheduled commercial banks, NPCI's UPI rails, the core banking stacks of public-sector lenders, GSTN, DigiLocker, FASTag, state load-despatch centres and CBDT servers run on precisely the commodity operating systems and browser runtimes in which Mythos has identified flaws. It was reported on April 22 that the Reserve Bank is reduced to consulting the Federal Reserve and Bank of England about a model it cannot examine. NPCI is attempting to secure early access and is being told that the servers are American and that local-data testing in foreign jurisdictions is not feasible. Britain's worst-case bank-hack modelling, published before Mythos existed, described direct debits failing, rents and wages unpaid, ATMs frozen, point-of-sale payments rejected at petrol stations and a run beginning on rival lenders. The challenges for the Indian government are of three kinds. First, access. The proposition that a private corporation may decide who is permitted to defend themselves is one no sovereign should accept. Second, regulatory scaffolding. The IT Act of 2000 was drafted when broadband penetration in India was below 1 percent. Section 70A of that Act

constitutes the National Critical Information Infrastructure Protection Centre (NCIIPC), but confers no evaluation power over foreign-trained models. The DPDP Act of 2023 addresses personal data, not frontier-



model dual use. CERT-In's directions of April 2022 mandate 6-hour incident reporting, but are silent on pre-incident model evaluation. MeitY's AI advisories are, well, advisory. Third, time. Anthropic itself expects comparable models to proliferate, including to less safety-conscious open-source labs, within 18 months. What is to be done? Several concrete measures, each of them overdue. One, statutory evaluation access. The IT Act should be amended (whether by a new dedicated provision or by an extension of CERT-In's powers under Section 70B) to require any frontier-model developer offering commercial services in India to submit the model for capability and misuse evaluation by a designated national evaluator, on the AI Safety Institute's template. No evaluation, no licence to operate. The UK, a jurisdiction of almost 70 million, secured such access in under two years. India has 1.4 billion, and a payments system processing over 18

billion transactions a month. Two, an Indian AI Safety Institute, with statutory backing and the technical apparatus to conduct independent capability, jailbreak and agentic-behaviour evaluations. Not another advisory body. An institute with teeth.

Three, live red-team capacity at CERT-In and NCIIPC, running frontier-model-generated exploits against the critical information infrastructure sectors already notified (power, banking, telecom, transport, strategic public enterprises) rather than producing compliance checklists. Four, a mandatory Software Bill of Materials (SBOM) for every critical information infrastructure operator, on the lines of US Executive Order 14028 of May 2021, with machine-readable SBOMs deposited with NCIIPC. Without an SBOM, a bank hearing that Mythos has found a FreeBSD zero-day cannot tell whether it runs FreeBSD, and where. Five, revision of the RBI Cyber Security Framework for Banks of June 2016. Its 30-day patching window for critical vulnerabilities is obsolete. For zero-days of CVSS 9.0 or above (indicating critical severity of vulnerability, the highest risk level), the standard should be 72 hours, with direct regulatory reporting and secondary escalation to CERT-In. The Securities and Exchange Board's parallel framework for market infrastructure institutions requires the same upgrade.

Six, a diplomatic track. The India-US Initiative on Critical and Emerging Technology (iCET) already covers AI cooperation on paper. Frontier-model safety evaluation access should be folded into its operative agenda, not left to the next ministerial communiqué. A parallel mechanism with the UK, given its privileged access, is more urgent. This is a bilateral question ex ante, not a multilateral aspiration ex post. Seven, liability. Section 43A of the IT Act,

### भोजपुरी गजल दिल आबाद हो गईल - श्याम कुंवर भारती



नाम तोहार लेके, दिल अब आबाद हो गईल । कहलू की केवन पागल, हमार आज हो गईल । आसरा लगवली तोहसे, नजर हमसे फेर लिहलु । छुटल न तोहरो आस, जल दिल खाक हो गईल । कहेला लोगवा हमसे, तू खुदा की खिदमत कर । अँखिया बसेलू तू हमरा, भक्ति भस्म राख हो गईल । पत्थर पूजेला लोगवा, मिल जाले सबके राम । पिघलल ना दिल तोहरो, दिल अब बरबाद हो गईल । स्वाती के बूंद पानी, चितवत रहे चकोर । तोहके जोहत मे जिनगी, तन अब आजाद हो गईल । बियावा बोवे किसान, पक फल अनाज बदे । पकल ना हमरो प्यार, अब खराब हो गईल । जइसे पूजेले देवता, हम तोहरे के पुजली । रीझलू ना कबों हमरा, दुपमन सब समाज हो गईल ।

### पितृ परबेर अनुष्ठान: गया फाल्गु नदीचे व्यापक उपस्थिति श्राव्री

गया, वशिष्ठ: आज पितृ पर २०२६-एर द्वितीय मति गयार पदपि फाल्गु नदीचे तीरे उक्ति ३ उत्रशिरे एक गज्जोर प्रदपनी अनुष्ठित ह्य। प्राय ६०,००० एर ७ वरपि उकु पा दान ३ उदण अनुष्ठाने अश्व नति एथाने जडा रन। मझपाठेरे ह्द, धूपरे भ्रुवाभ एवः पूर्याथीदरे भ्रुवधाराथी प्राथितार अश्व पूर्या परवधिषे सुयराति ह्नि। आवगेशन परवधिषे पूर्यो आदरे मातार जन्त पतिपण करनले, कनयारा कौणते कौणते आदरे पतिमातार प्रति वधिषे जानानले, आर एक शन्धि उर प्रयात मायरे उरण अपण करे उपस्थिति प्रवार मनके श्च करे पशिह्ये। एहि अनुष्ठान, या शन्धि उत्रशिरे गज्जोर अश्व, जोवति ३ प्रशातरे मध्ये पदपि श्रम्युकरे प्रतीक, या प्रजान्ते आश्वार शन्धि ३ मुकुटि आश्वप्र द्येव वधिषे प्रका रथ। दौष श्राव्री ३ दाशक ताप प्रत्ये ३ उकु आदरे अश्व नति प्रदपन करनले। वशिष्ठेजावे नमिति पमिथे जल, उलि ३ पतिपण करे नदीचे पदपि स्नान करनले। पूर्याश्वित्यो जावगश्रित्यपूर्ण नधिषे प्रम्यः अनुष्ठान परचालना करे प्रजापतरे आध्यात्मिक परवधिषे आर ३ श्रिष करनले। गया, या गङ्गशयः-एर ज्मि श्रिषे परचिति, पति परबरे प्रमय वधिषे तापय धारण करे। ए प्रमय दन्तरे केणाकुषि शके एवः वधिषे थके ३ शजायरे पूर्याथी एथाने आश्वः श्चनतीय कष्टपर जानधिह्ये, एहि वहररे उपस्थिति प्रत्यापार अनके ३ परे गशिह्ये, या प्राचीन उत्रशिरे प्रति आरुत प्रदपार परचिष्यकः एकरजन उकु वनले, “ एहि श्रौतनिधि थधुमः-प्र एकटि उत्रशि तर, एटि पतिपुत्र-श्वरे प्रति कृउकुटा प्रकाष एवः आमामरे पदपि कृउय पालनरे माधम।” श्रध्वार मतिक यथन आकाश शीरे शीरे अश्वकारायति शते नागन, खल्लर पाउ प्रदपि परे आला नदीचे उत्राते नागन, या चरिष्यत चूत्रपि प्रतीक श्रिषेवे वनमन करह्नि।

## ऋण वसूली तंत्र को सुदृढ़ बनाने को डीआरटी अध्यक्षों, पीठासीन अधिकारियों के सम्मेलन का आयोजन

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वित्तीय सेवा विभाग (डीएफएस) के सचिव एम. नागराजू ने ऋण वसूली तंत्र को सुदृढ़ करने के लिए डीआरटी अध्यक्षों और डीआरटी पीठासीन अधिकारियों का एक सम्मेलन आयोजित किया। इस सम्मेलन का उद्देश्य लंबित मामलों को कम करना और मामलों के निपटार में तेजी लाना था। वित्त मंत्रालय ने एक बयान में बताया कि वित्तीय सेवा विभाग (डीएफएस) ने यहां के विज्ञान भवन में ऋण वसूली अपीलीय न्यायाधिकरणों (डीआरटी) के अध्यक्षों और ऋण वसूली न्यायाधिकरणों (डीआरटी) के पीठासीन अधिकारियों का सम्मेलन आयोजित किया। सम्मेलन को

डीएफएस सचिव एम. नागराजू ने तेजी लाना था। लक्षित प्रशिक्षण कार्यक्रमों के माध्यम से क्षमता



जिनमें डीएफएस के वरिष्ठ अधिकारी, सार्वजनिक और निजी क्षेत्र के बैंकों के प्रतिनिधि और इंडियन बैंक एसोसिएशन शामिल थे। मंत्रालय के मुताबिक चर्चाओं का मुख्य केंद्र लंबित मामलों को कम करना और मामलों के निपटार में

निर्माण और बुनियादी ढांचे को मजबूत करने पर नए सिरे से जोर दिए जाने के कारण, डीआरटी के मासिक निपटार दरों में उसाहजनक वृद्धि देखी गई है। न्यायाधिकरणों से आग्रह किया गया कि वे अच्छे प्रदर्शन करने वाले डीआरटी द्वारा

अपनाई गई सर्वोत्तम कार्यप्रणालियों का अनुकरण करें। मंत्रालय ने कहा कि वित्तीय सेवा विभाग नीतिगत संवाद, सुधार और कामकाज में सुधार के लिए एक महत्वपूर्ण मंच के तौर पर ऋण वसूली अपीलीय न्यायाधिकरणों के अध्यक्षों और ऋण वसूली न्यायाधिकरणों के पीठासीन अधिकारियों की नियमित बैठकें आयोजित करता रहता है। इन प्रयासों ने विचारों के रचनात्मक आदान-प्रदान को बढ़ावा दिया है, जिनमें से कई न्यायाधिकरणों के कामकाज में ठोस सुधारों में परिणत हुए हैं, जिससे न्यायाधिकरणों के बीच सर्वोत्तम प्रथाओं को साझा करना भी संभव हुआ है और उन्हें सफल मांडलों को अपनाने के लिए प्रोत्साहित किया गया है।

### एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। एक्सिस बैंक ने यहां अपनी पहली डिजिटल लॉकर-केद्रित शाखा खोली। बैंक के इस नई सुविधा का मकसद ऑटोमेटेड लॉकर सेवाओं के जरिए बेहतर सुरक्षा और ग्राहक अनुभव देना है। एक्सिस बैंक ने एक बयान में कहा कि ये शाखा सुरक्षित बैंकिंग को नए सिरे से परिभाषित करने की दिशा में एक कदम है। इसमें उन्नत स्वचालन, उच्च स्तरीय सुरक्षा और अत्याधुनिक लॉकर सेवाओं के माध्यम से ग्राहकों को बेहतर अनुभव देने पर जोर दिया गया है। साथ ही बैंक खासकर शहरी इलाकों में सेफ डिपॉजिट लॉकरों की बढ़ती मांग को पूरा कर रहा है। इस नई शाखा में डिजिटल और ऑटोमेटेड लॉकर सिस्टम को दिया गया है, जिससे ग्राहकों को ज्यादा सुरक्षित और आसान एक्सेस मिलेगा। इसमें मरटी-लेयर

स्ट्रेट ऑफ होमजु अमेरिका-इजरायल और ईरान के तनाव के चलते बंद है। ईरान पर मर्यामानी का आरोप लगाते हुए अमेरिका ने भी उसके कई बंदरगाहों पर नाकेबंदी कर दी है। इस बीच एक्सिस बैंक ने कुछ अधिकारियों के हवाले से खबर छापी है, जिसके मुताबिक अमेरिका की सघुद्री नाकाबंदी से ईरान को करीब 4.8 अरब डॉलर यानी लगभग 456 अरब रुपये (करीब 45,600 करोड़ रुपये) के तेल राजस्व का नुकसान हुआ है। एक्सिस बैंक रिपोर्ट के मुताबिक यह आकलन अमेरिकी रक्षा मंत्रालय (पेंटागन) का है। यह बॉर्डर क्रॉसिंग, जिसे इराक में राबिया के नाम से जाना जाता है, 2011 में

## इंडियन इंस्टीट्यूट ऑफ फॉरेन ट्रेड ने अपना 63वां स्थापना दिवस मनाया

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वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्रालय के तहत एक स्वायत्त संस्था, भारतीय विदेश व्यापार संस्थान (आईआईएफटी) ने अपना 63वां स्थापना दिवस मनाया। इस अवसर पर आईआईएफटी ने सेवानिवृत्त कर्मचारियों और इस संस्थान में 25 वर्ष की सेवा पूरी करने वाले स्टाफ सदस्यों को सम्मानित किया। वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्रालय ने जारी एक बयान में कहा कि इस कार्यक्रम का एक मुख्य आकर्षण आईआईएफटी की नई वेबसाइट का लॉन्च था, जिसका उद्देश्य छात्रों, फेकल्टी, शोधकर्ताओं और हितधारकों के लिए उपयोगकर्ता अनुभव, पहुंच और डिजिटल जुड़ाव को बेहतर बनाना है। इस अवसर पर केंद्रीय वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री पीयूष गोयल ने 'एक्स' पोस्ट पर जारी एक संदेश के माध्यम से इस अवसर पर अपनी बधाई दी। केंद्रीय मंत्री ने भारत के अंतरराष्ट्रीय व्यापार और प्रबंधन

परिदृश्य को आकार देने में संस्थान की निरंतर उत्कृष्टता की सराहना की, और वैश्विक व्यापार में नीति, अनुसंधान और क्षमता निर्माण में योगदान देने



वाली एक प्रमुख संस्था के रूप में इसकी भूमिका को रेखांकित किया। पीयूष गोयल ने कहा कि व्यापार शिक्षा में उत्कृष्टता प्रदान करने की नींव पर स्थापित, यह संस्थान युवा मस्तिष्कों को बढ़ाते व्यापार परिदृश्य के लिए तैयार करने और उन्हें वैश्विक व्यापार में भारत की भूमिका को सुदृढ़ करने की दिशा में अपना योगदान बढ़ाने में सक्षम बनाने में

एक महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका निभा रहा है। मंत्रालय के मुताबिक इस कार्यक्रम के दौरान आईआईएफटी ने अपने छत्र लेफ्टिनेंट कर्नल त्रिवेदी परागकुमार को

उन्की अनुकरणीय सेवा और उपलब्धियों के सम्मान में 'विशिष्ट सेवा पदक' से सम्मानित किया। इस समारोह में शास्त्रीय सांस्कृतिक प्रस्तुतियां भी शामिल थीं, जिसके बाद एक सम्मान समारोह आयोजित किया गया, जिसमें सेवानिवृत्त कर्मचारियों और संस्थान में 25 वर्ष की सेवा पूरी करने वाले स्टाफ सदस्यों को सम्मानित किया गया।

## हॉर्मुज स्ट्रेट बंद होने के बीच ओपेक प्लस ने बढ़ाया तेल उत्पादन कोटा, कुवैत का कच्चा तेल निर्यात शून्य

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली।

पश्चिम एशिया में तनाव के बीच ओपेक प्लस देशों ने जून के लिए अपने तेल उत्पादन कोटे को बढ़ाने का फैसला किया है। कई मीडिया रिपोर्ट्स में बताया गया कि सात ओपेक प्लस देशों ने कच्चे तेल के उत्पादन को अपाले महीने के लिए 1.88 लाख बैरल प्रति दिन बढ़ाने पर सहमत जताई है। हालांकि, यह वृद्धि सांकेतिक होगी, क्योंकि मौजूदा समय में अमेरिका-ईरान युद्ध के कारण हॉर्मुज स्ट्रेट बंद है। भू-राजनीतिक संकट और संयुक्त अरब अमीरात (यूएई) के समूह से अलग होने के बावजूद, यह लगातार तीसरी मासिक वृद्धि होगी। यूएई के अलग होने के बाद ओपेक प्लस में ईरान सहित 21 सदस्य देश रह गए हैं। हालांकि, मासिक उत्पादन निर्णयों में केवल सात देशों की ही भागीदारी रही है। नाकाबंदी के कारण

ईरान के निर्यात में भारी गिरावट देखी जा रही है। मार्च में सभी ओपेक प्लस सदस्यों का औसत कच्चा तेल



उत्पादन 35.06 मिलियन बैरल प्रति दिन रहा, जो फरवरी से 7.70 मिलियन बैरल प्रति दिन कम है। पिछले सप्ताह, संयुक्त अरब

अमीरात (यूएई) ने ओपेक और ओपेक प्लस कार्टेल से अलग होने की घोषणा की, जिसे सऊदी अरब

राजनीतिक और आर्थिक दृष्टि और विकास को रहीं उर्जा प्रोफाइल' को दर्शाता है। यूएई के इस बाहर निकलने से तेल कार्टेल के कमजोर होने की आशंका है, ऐसे समय में जब ईरान द्वारा हॉर्मुज स्ट्रेट को बंद करने के कारण फारस की खाड़ी के देशों के निर्यात को भारी नुकसान हुआ है। ओपेक के तेल निर्यात में यूएई की हिस्सेदारी लगभग 15 प्रतिशत है। कई रिपोर्ट्स के मुताबिक, कुवैत ने अप्रैल में कच्चे तेल का शून्य बैरल निर्यात किया, जो 1991 में इराक के कब्जे के बाद से पहली बार हुआ है। यह स्थिति हॉर्मुज स्ट्रेट की नाकाबंदी के कारण उत्पन्न हुई है। कुवैत पेट्रोलियम कॉर्प ने फोर्स मेज्योर घोषित किया, जिससे लगभग 2 मिलियन बैरल प्रतिदिन का उत्पादन प्रभावित हुआ। इस नाकाबंदी के कारण कुवैती निर्यात पूरी तरह से ठप हो गया है।

## इराक ने 14 वर्ष बाद सीरिया के रास्ते शुरू किया तेल निर्यात

एजेंसी बगदाद/दमिश्क।

इराक ने सीरिया के अल-यारुबियाह बॉर्डर क्रॉसिंग के जरिए तेल निर्यात फिर से शुरू कर दिया है। 70 टैंकरों का एक काफिला इस रास्ते से सीरिया में दाखिल हुआ, जो पिछले 14 वर्षों में इस मार्ग से पहला ऐसा शिपमेंट है। सीरिया की सरकारी समाचार एजेंसी एसएएए के अनुसार, काफिले ने भूमध्यसागर तट पर स्थित बानियाज रिफाइनरी का रुख किया। अल-यारुबियाह क्रॉसिंग पर तैनात सीरियाई अधिकारी फेरस रुस्तम ने कहा कि '14 साल बाद इस क्रॉसिंग का फिर से खुलना इराक और सीरिया के बीच आर्थिक संबंधों को मजबूत करने की एक रणनीतिक पहल है।' उन्होंने यह भी जोड़ा कि इससे व्यापार और ऊर्जा आपूर्ति को अधिक प्रभावी ढंग से सुगम बनाया जा सकेगा और दोनों देशों के बीच दीर्घकालिक साझेदारी विकसित होगी। यह कदम ऐसे समय में उठाया गया है जब इराक अपने तेल निर्यात के लिए वैकल्पिक मार्ग तलाश रहा है, क्योंकि

स्ट्रेट ऑफ होमजु अमेरिका-इजरायल और ईरान के तनाव के चलते बंद है। ईरान पर मर्यामानी का आरोप लगाते हुए अमेरिका ने भी उसके कई बंदरगाहों पर नाकेबंदी कर



दी है। इस बीच एक्सिस बैंक ने कुछ अधिकारियों के हवाले से खबर छापी है, जिसके मुताबिक अमेरिका की सघुद्री नाकाबंदी से ईरान को करीब 4.8 अरब डॉलर यानी लगभग 456 अरब रुपये (करीब 45,600 करोड़ रुपये) के तेल राजस्व का नुकसान हुआ है। एक्सिस बैंक रिपोर्ट के मुताबिक यह आकलन अमेरिकी रक्षा मंत्रालय (पेंटागन) का है। यह बॉर्डर क्रॉसिंग, जिसे इराक में राबिया के नाम से जाना जाता है, 2011 में

सीरियाई गृहयुद्ध शुरू होने के बाद बंद कर दी गई थी। बाद में 2014 में इस पर आईएसआईएल का कब्जा हो गया था, जिसे बाद में इराकी कुर्द बलों ने वापस ले लिया। इस बीच,

सीरिया पेट्रोलियम कंपनी ने सोशल मीडिया प्लेटफॉर्म के जरिए परिचालन क्षमता बढ़ाने की बात कही है। उनके मुताबिक आपूर्ति की गति तेज करने के लिए अहम कदम उठाए गए हैं। बानियाज रिफाइनरी पर तकनीकी और इंजीनियरिंग कार्यों के बाद अब रोजाना लगभग 500 इराकी टैंकरों को अनलोड किया जा रहा है। इन सुधारों से रिफाइनरी की परिचालन क्षमता में करीब 30 फीसदी की बढ़ोतरी हुई है।

## टीवीएस मोटर की अप्रैल में कुल बिक्री 7 फीसदी बढ़कर 4,73,970 इकाई

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली।

देश एवं दुनिया की तीसरी सबसे बड़ी मोटरसाइकिल निर्माता कंपनी टीवीएस मोटर की अप्रैल में कुल बिक्री सात फीसदी बढ़कर 4,73,970 इकाई रही, जबकि पिछले वर्ष इसी महीने यह 4,43,716 इकाई रही थी। कंपनी ने एक बयान में कहा कि दोपहिया वाहनों की बिक्री छह फीसदी बढ़कर 4,55,333 इकाई रही, जो अप्रैल 2025 में 4,30,150 इकाई रही थी। वहीं, चार पहियों की दोपहिया वाहनों की बिक्री आठ फीसदी बढ़कर 3,48,545 इकाई रही, जबकि पिछले वर्ष यह 3,23,647 इकाई रही थी। टीवीएस मोटर के अनुसार अप्रैल में मोटरसाइकिल बिक्री घटकर 2,00,039 इकाई रही, जो पिछले वर्ष इसी अवधि में 2,20,347 इकाई रही थी। वहीं, स्कूटर बिक्री 24 फीसदी बढ़कर

2,11,158 इकाई हो गई, जो एक वर्ष पहले 1,69,741 इकाई रही थी। कंपनी के मुताबिक इलेक्ट्रिक वाहनों की बिक्री में 36 फीसदी की वृद्धि दर्ज की गई और यह 37,771 इकाई रही, जबकि पिछले वर्ष यह 27,684 इकाई रही थी।

इस दौरान पहिया-पहिया वाहनों की बिक्री 37 फीसदी बढ़कर 18,637 इकाई रही, जो पिछले वर्ष इसी अवधि में 13,566 इकाई रही थी। कंपनी ने बताया कि उसका कुल अंतरराष्ट्रीय कारोबार 3 फीसदी बढ़कर 1,20,008 इकाई रहा है, जो अप्रैल 2025 में 1,16,700 इकाई रहा था। टीवीएस मोटर भारत में दोपहिया वाहनों की तीसरी सबसे बड़ी निर्माता कंपनी है। कंपनी की वैश्विक स्तर पर उपस्थिति है, जिसमें मध्य पूर्व, अफ्रीका, दक्षिण पूर्व एशिया, भारतीय उपमहाद्वीप, लैटिन और मध्य अमेरिका जैसे क्षेत्र शामिल हैं।

## वित्त मंत्रालय ने बीमा क्षेत्र में 100 फीसदी एफडीआई को किया अधिसूचित

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली।

वित्त मंत्रालय ने स्वचालित मार्ग के तहत बीमा क्षेत्र में 100 फीसदी प्रत्यक्ष विदेशी निवेश (एफडीआई) को अधिसूचित कर दिया है, जो पिछले 74 फीसदी की सीमा को प्रतिस्थापित करती है। वित्त मंत्रालय की ओर से 2 मई 2026 को स्वचालित मार्ग के तहत बीमा क्षेत्र में 100 फीसदी एफडीआई की अधिसूचना जारी की गई है, जो पिछले 74 फीसदी की सीमा को प्रतिस्थापित करती है। यह नियम सबका बीमा सबकी रक्षा (बीमा कानून संशोधन) विधेयक-2025 के तहत आया है, जिसका उद्देश्य विदेशी पूंजी, तकनीक और बेहतर उत्पाद लाना है। हालांकि एलआईसी



विदेशी मुद्रा प्रबंधन (गैर-ऋण लिखत) (द्वितीय संशोधन) नियम-2026 के अनुसार बीमा कंपनियों

और ब्रोकरों सहित बिचौलियों में स्वचालित मार्ग के तहत 100

फीसदी विदेशी निवेश की अनुमति होगी। वहीं, सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र की बीमा कंपनी भारतीय जीवन बीमा निगम

(एलआईसी) के लिए ये सीमा 20 फीसदी तय की गई है। उल्लेखनीय है कि दिसंबर 2025 में सबका बीमा सबकी रक्षा (बीमा कानून संशोधन) विधेयक-2025 को पारित किया था।

इसने बीमा क्षेत्र में एफडीआई की सीमा को पहले के 74 फीसदी से बढ़ाकर स्वचालित मार्ग के तहत 100 प्रतिशत करने का रास्ता साफ किया है। राष्ट्रपति की मंजूरी मिलने के बाद यह विधेयक कानून बन गया था। इसके बाद फरवरी 2026 में वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्रालय के तहत उद्योग और आंतरिक व्यापार संवर्धन विभाग ने बीमा क्षेत्र में 100 फीसदी एफडीआई को अधिसूचित किया था।

## सरकार ने रोहित जैन को आरबीआई का डिप्टी गवर्नर किया नियुक्त

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली।

केंद्र सरकार ने रोहित जैन को रिजर्व बैंक ऑफ इंडिया (आरबीआई) का डिप्टी गवर्नर नियुक्त किया है। उनकी नियुक्ति तीन साल की अवधि के लिए की गई है। जैन वर्तमान डिप्टी गवर्नर टी. रवी शंकर की जगह लेंगे, जिनका कार्यकाल आज समाप्त हो रहा है। कार्मिक एवं प्रशिक्षण विभाग (डीओपीटी) की ओर से जारी एक अधिसूचना में यह जानकारी दी गई है। अधिसूचना में कहा गया है कि कैबिनेट की नियुक्ति समिति (एसीसी) ने रोहित जैन को भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक का डिप्टी गवर्नर नियुक्त करने की मंजूरी दे दी है। एसीसी की ओर से जारी आदेश में कहा गया है कि रोहित जैन को आरबीआई के डिप्टी गवर्नर के पद पर तीन साल के लिए नियुक्त किया गया है। उनका कार्यकाल पद संभालने की तारीख यानी 3 मई, 2026 से शुरू होगा यानी अगले आदेश तक लागू रहेगा, जो भी पहले हो। रोहित जैन इस पद पर टी रवी शंकर का स्थान लेंगे, जिनका विस्तारित कार्यकाल आज को समाप्त हो गया। जैन इससे पहले दिसंबर 2020 से आरबीआई में कार्यकारी

निदेशक (इंडी) के रूप में अपनी सेवाएं दे रहे थे। कार्यकारी निदेशक के तौर पर जैन ने सुपरविजन विभाग (रिस्क, एनालिटिक्स और वलन्टेबिलिटी आसेसमेंट) की जिम्मेदारी संभाली है। उल्लेखनीय है कि केंद्र सरकार ने पिछले महीने



डिप्टी गवर्नर पद के लिए चार कार्यकारी निदेशकों का इंटरव्यू लिया था, जिसमें से रोहित जैन के नाम पर भी मुहर लगी है। जैन के पास रिजर्व बैंक में करीब तीन दशकों का लंबा अनुभव है। उन्होंने अपने करियर के दौरान सुपरविजन, हुमन रिसोर्स मैनेजमेंट और बैंकिंग समेत कई महत्वपूर्ण क्षेत्रों में काम किया है।

## अंतरराष्ट्रीय एयरलाइंस के लिए एट पयूल 5 फीसदी महंगा हुआ, नई दरें प्रभावी

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली।

पश्चिम एशिया संकट के बीच सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र की तेल एवं गैस विपणन कंपनियों ने अंतरराष्ट्रीय विमानन कंपनियों के लिए एट पयूल टिक्केट इंधन (एटीएफ) के दाम 5 फीसदी का इजाफा किया है। हालांकि, चर्ले विमानन कंपनियों के लिए एटीएफ कीमतों में कोई बदलाव नहीं किया गया है। नई दरें लागू हो गई हैं। सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र की तेल विपणन कंपनियों के अनुसार नई दिल्ली में एटीएफ की कीमत 76.55 डॉलर प्रति किलोलिटर यानी 5.33 फीसदी बढ़कर 1,511.86 डॉलर प्रति किलोलिटर हो गई है। विमान इंधन में यह वृद्धि एक अप्रैल को हुई क्रूड ऑयल की कीमतों में भारी बढ़ोतरी के बाद की गई है। तब इसकी दरों में 25 फीसदी की वृद्धि कर इसे 1,04,927.18 रुपये प्रति किलोलिटर कर दिया गया था। जाकारों का कहना है कि विमान इंधन यानी एटीएफ की कीमतों में लगातार दूसरे महीने वृद्धि की गई है, क्योंकि सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र की तेल एवं गैस विपणन कंपनियों अब वैश्विक ऊर्जा कीमतों में उछाल को सुनियोजित तरीके से समझने पर डाल रही है। एटीएफ के दाम में उछाल आने से विमानों का क्रिया बढ़ने का आशंका है। हालांकि, चर्ले विमानों का क्रिया फिलहाल नहीं बढ़ेगा। पश्चिम एशिया संकट के कारण वैश्विक ऊर्जा कीमतों में तेज उछाल को देखते हुए सरकार और सरकारी क्षेत्र के कंपनियों ने ईंधन की कीमतों में वृद्धि को पर्याप्त नहीं तरीके से लागू करने का निर्णय लिया है। उद्योग सृष्टि के अनुसार विदेशी विमानन कंपनियों को बाजार दरों पर इंधन मिलेगा।

## अप्रैल में मारुति ने 33 प्रतिशत वृद्धि के साथ बनाया रिकॉर्ड, हुंडई की इस गाड़ी ने बटोरी सबसे ज्यादा चर्चा

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली।

नए वित्त वर्ष की शुरुआत भारतीय वाहन बाजार के लिए बेहद उसाहजनक साबित हुई है। अप्रैल महीने में देश की प्रमुख वाहन निर्माता कंपनियों ने शानदार प्रदर्शन करते हुए बिक्री के नए कीर्तिमान स्थापित किए हैं। एक ओर मारुति सुजुकी ने कुल बिक्री में बड़ी बढ़त दर्ज की, वहीं दूसरी ओर हुंडई की एक खास गाड़ी ने बाजार में अलग पहचान बनाते हुए ग्राहकों का ध्यान अपनी ओर खींचा है। यह स्थिति साफ संकेत देती है कि देश में वाहनों की मांग लगातार मजबूत बनी हुई है। मारुति की रिकॉर्ड बिक्री, छोटे वाहनों का बड़ा योगदान

मारुति सुजुकी ने अप्रैल 2026 में कुल 2,39,646 वाहनों की बिक्री दर्ज की, जो पिछले वर्ष अप्रैल में हुई 1,79,791 वाहनों की बिक्री के मुकाबले 33.29 प्रतिशत अधिक है। यह कंपनी के इतिहास में सबसे मजबूत शुरुआतों में से एक मानी जा रही है। चर्ले बाजार में भी कंपनी ने नया रिकॉर्ड बनाया और 1,91,122 वाहनों की बिक्री की, जबकि पिछले वर्ष यह आंकड़ा 1,42,053 था। कंपनी के अनुसार इस वृद्धि में छोटे वाहनों की महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका रही है। लंबे समय से यह माना जा रहा था कि छोटे वाहनों की मांग घट रही है, लेकिन अप्रैल के आंकड़ों ने इस धारणा को पूरी तरह बदल दिया है। विशेष रूप से छोटे श्रेणी के वाहनों में 153

प्रतिशत की बढ़त ने यह साबित कर दिया है कि इस वर्ग की मांग अभी भी मजबूत बनी हुई है। विभिन्न श्रेणियों में संतुलित प्रदर्शन छोटी श्रेणी के वाहनों में बिक्री में उल्लेखनीय उछाल देखने को मिला। इसी तरह मध्यम श्रेणी के वाहनों की मांग भी बढ़ी, जिससे कुल बिक्री में मजबूती आई। उपयोगी वाहनों की श्रेणी में भी अच्छी वृद्धि दर्ज की गई, जो यह दर्शाती है कि परिवारों के साथ-साथ बड़े वाहनों की मांग भी लगातार बढ़ रही है। हल्के वाणिज्यिक वाहनों की बिक्री स्थिर रही, जबकि निर्यात के क्षेत्र में भी कंपनी ने अच्छी प्रगति दिखाई और पिछले वर्ष की तुलना में उल्लेखनीय बढ़त दर्ज की। हुंडई की मजबूत शुरुआत, एक

गाड़ी बनी सबसे बड़ी पहचान दूसरी ओर हुंडई मोटर इंडिया ने भी अप्रैल 2026 में शानदार प्रदर्शन करते हुए 51,902 वाहनों की घरेलू बिक्री दर्ज की, जो पिछले वर्ष के मुकाबले 17 प्रतिशत अधिक है। इसके अलावा कंपनी ने 13,708 वाहनों का निर्यात किया, जिससे यह स्पष्ट होता है कि अंतरराष्ट्रीय स्तर पर भी इसकी मांग बनी हुई है। इस महीने सबसे ज्यादा चर्चा हुंडई को वैन्यू गाड़ी की रही, जिसकी 12,420 इकाइयों की बिक्री हुई। यह अब तक का इसका सबसे बड़ा मासिक आंकड़ा है। मजबूत बनावट, आधुनिक सुविधाएं और उच्च सुरक्षा मानकों के कारण यह गाड़ी ग्राहकों की पहली पसंद बनती जा रही है।

खासकर युवा और परिवार दोनों वर्गों में इसकी लोकप्रियता तेजी से बढ़ रही है। नए मांडलों का असर और बदलती ग्राहकों की सोच हुंडई की इस सफलता के पीछे उसके नए और अद्यतन मांडलों की अहम भूमिका बनाए रखी और ग्राहकों को नए विकल्प प्रदान किए। अब ग्राहक केवल कीमत पर ही ध्यान नहीं दे रहे, बल्कि सुरक्षा, सुविधा और आकर्षक रूप पर भी बराबर ध्यान दे रहे हैं। यह वजह है कि आधुनिक तकनीक से लैस गाड़ियों की मांग तेजी से बढ़ रही है। आगे की राह और संभावित चुनौतियां हालांकि बाजार में यह तेजी

सकारात्मक संकेत देती है, लेकिन कुछ चुनौतियां भी सामने हैं। पश्चिम एशिया में जारी तनाव के कारण इंधन की कीमतों में बढ़ोतरी की आशंका है, जिससे आने वाले समय में मांग पर असर पड़ सकता है। इसके बावजूद कंपनियों लगातार नए मांडल और बेहतर सुविधाएं लाकर ग्राहकों को आकर्षित करने की कोशिश में लगी हुई हैं। कुल मिलाकर अप्रैल 2026 का महीना भारतीय वाहन उद्योग के लिए बेहद सफल रहा है। प्रमुख कंपनियों के मजबूत प्रदर्शन ने यह संकेत दिया है कि आने वाले समय में भी बाजार में तेजी बनी रह सकती है और प्रतिस्पर्धा और भी दिलचस्प होने वाली है।



दुनिया में रिश्ते के बिना प्यार का अहसास ही नहीं हो सकता। रिश्ता चाहे कोई भी हो खास होता है। इसे निभाने के लिए शुरुआत भी अलग तरीके की होना चाहिए। फिर चाहे वो दोस्ती हो या फिर रिश्तेदारी।

## अगर रखेंगे इन बातों का ख्याल रिश्ता हो जाएगा मजबूत

खुशियों का अहसास अपने से ही होता है। इसे हमेशा के लिए गहरा करने के लिए कुछ खास बातों की तरफ ध्यान देना बहुत जरूरी है ताकि आने वाला हर पल हसीन रहे। अगर किसी कारण रिश्तों में गलतफहमियां आ भी जाएं तो एक दूसरे पर यकीन इतना गहरा हो कि कोई दूसरा आपमें अपनी जगह बना न सके। लेकिन इसके लिए कुछ बातों का खास ख्याल रखना भी बहुत जरूरी है ताकि प्यार से संजो कर रखा गया यह रिश्ता जिंदगी की जरूरत बन जाए।

### एक दूसरे को जानना जरूरी

आप किसी से प्यार करते हैं तो इसके लिए एक बात को जान लेना बहुत जरूरी है आपको उसकी आदतों के बारे में जानना होगा। इससे आप खुद को और अपने बढ़ते रिश्ते को कुछ समय दे पाएंगे। जो भविष्य में आपके लिए परेशानी नहीं बनेगा।

### रिश्तेनाशिए से बनें पहचान

दोस्ती को आगे बढ़ाने के लिए कुछ बातों को समझना बहुत जरूरी है। जैसे दोस्ती इस तरह की हो जो आपको पहचान बनें। इस बात का ध्यान रखें कि कहीं ऐसा तो नहीं कि आप दोस्ती में खोते जा रहे हैं। यह बदलाव आपके लिए खतरनाक हो सकता है।

### कभी शक भी जायज

जहां यकीन है वहां शक होना भी कभी कभी जायज होता है। पार्टनर पर जरूरत से भी ज्यादा यकीन कर लेने से भी कई बार रिश्ता खराब होने का डर रहता है। थोड़ा बहुत शक करना या फिर पर्सिव होने से पार्टनर को भी पता चलता है कि आप उनके लिए कितने जरूरी हैं।

### एक-दूसरे को दें वक्त

एक-दूसरे के साथ समय बिता कर उसके बारे में बहुत कुछ जानने को मिलता है। कई बार ज्यादा देर तक बनाई गई दूरी भी रिश्ते में खट्टास पैदा कर सकती है। ऐसे में समय की कमी के कारण अगर पार्टनर के साथ नराजगी है तो एक-दूसरे को समय जरूर दें। कहीं न कहीं आपके रिश्ते में

मजबूती आनी शुरू हो जाएगी। कोशिश करें एक-दूसरे के साथ समय बिताएं।



घर में लगे कांच का गंदा होना और उन पर दाग-धब्बे पड़ना आम समस्या है। इनको साफ करना बहुत ही मुश्किल होता है। कई बार दाग इतने जिद्दी होते हैं कि सर्फ, सैपू से साफ करने भी इन पर कोई असर नहीं होता। इन चीजों से कांच साफ करने पर यह धुंधला और गंदा हो जाता है। जो देखने में बहुत ही अजीब सा लगता है। ऐसे में खिड़की, दरवाजों, ड्रेसिंग टेबल और बाथरूम के शिशे की चमक लौटाने के लिए घर में पड़ी कुछ चीजों का उपयोग कर सकते हैं। आज हम आपको गिरर क्लीनिंग प्रॉडक्ट्स और इनके सही इस्तेमाल से कांच साफ करने का तरीका बताएंगे। इससे एक बार फिर से चमक उठेंगे।

## शीशों से नहीं छूट रहे दाग-धब्बे तो अपनाएं ये तरीके



### बेकिंग सोडा

बेकिंग सोडा का इस्तेमाल खाना बनाने के अलावा शीशे को साफ करने में भी किया जाता है। कांच को साफ करने के लिए बेकिंग सोडा को पानी में मिलाकर स्पॉज या किसी मुलायम कपड़े की सहायता से साफ करें। ऐसा करने से इसके दाग-धब्बे साफ हो जाएंगे और कांच चमक उठेगा।

### सिरका

कांच को अच्छे से साफ करने के लिए सिरके का

उपयोग करें। शिशे की गंदगी साफ करने के लिए सिरके को एक स्प्रे की बोतल में डाल लें। आवश्यकता पड़ने पर कांच पर इससे स्प्रे करें और साफ कपड़े से साफ करें।

### अखबार



कांच को साफ करने के लिए अखबार के टुकड़े की बॉल बनाकर पानी में डालकर निकाल लें। अब इसको हल्के हाथों से शीशे पर घुमाएं। आप चाहें तो इसमें विनेगर भी डाल सकते हैं। इन दोनों को मिलाकर लगाने से कांच अच्छे से साफ हो जाएगा।

### नमक

नमक खाने के स्वाद को बढ़ाने के साथ ही घर की साफ सफाई करने के काम भी आता है। इसका इस्तेमाल करके घर के शीशों को आसानी से साफ किया जा सकता है। नमक से शीशे साफ करने के लिए इसको पानी में डालकर घोल बनाएं। इससे शीशा साफ करें, शीशा चमकने लगेगा। इसके अलावा, कपड़े पर लगे कोल्डड्रिंक के दाग आदि को छुड़ाने में भी नमक का प्रयोग किया जाता है।

### वलब सोडा

कांच की गंदगी साफ करना का सबसे आसान और सस्ती चीज है वलब सोडा। इसका इस्तेमाल करने के लिए वलब सोडा को एक स्प्रे बोतल में भर लें। कांच में जहां गंदगी दिखे वहीं इसे स्प्रे करें और साफ कॉटन के कपड़े से पोछ लें। इस तरह से कांच साफ करने से चमक उठेगा।

### ठंडे पानी

शीशे पर पड़े दागों को दूर करने के लिए ठंडा पानी लें। पानी को धीरे-धीरे शीशे पर फेंकें। अब इसको नम कपड़े की सहायता से आराम से

साफ करें। ऐसा करने से कुछ ही समय में दाग मिट जाएंगे।

### अल्कोहल

शीशे के पुराने और जिद्दी दागों को दूर करने के लिए अल्कोहल का इस्तेमाल करें। एक कपड़े पर अल्कोहल डालकर कांच साफ करें। कुछ ही मिनटों में दाग छूंमंतर हो जाएंगे।

### नींबू का रस

नींबू के रस से आसानी से घर के गंदे शीशों को साफ किया जा सकता है। नींबू के रस में थोड़ा सा पानी डालकर मिक्स करें। अब एक सूती कपड़ा लें। इसके बाद उस कपड़े धीरे-धीरे शीशे को साफ करें।



## हर महिला के काम को

## आसान बना देंगे ये स्मार्ट ट्रिक्स

हाउस वाइफ ही नहीं बल्कि वर्किंग वूमन्स का भी किचन के साथ गहरा रिश्ता होता है। वैसे तो गृहणीयां खाना बनाने से लेकर किचन में हर में माहिर होती हैं लेकिन इसके बावजूद भी कई बार उन्हें काम करते समय कुछ परेशानियों का सामना करना पड़ता है, जिसके कारण काम में देरी हो जाती है। किचन से जुड़ी छोटी-मोटी बातों के बारे में हर औरत को पता होना चाहिए, ताकि वो अपने काम को और भी आसान बना सकें। आज हम आपको ऐसे ही कुछ ट्रिक्स बताने जा रहे हैं, जिनकी मदद से आप अपने काम को और भी आसान बना सकते हैं। ये शानदार किचन ट्रिक्स आपका काम आसान करने के साथ-साथ खाने का स्वाद भी बढ़ जाएगा।

### किचन ट्रिक्स

बादाम या टमाटर छिलने के लिए पहले उन्हें 5-10 मिनट तक पानी में उबालें। इससे इनके छिलके आसानी से निकल जाएंगे। प्याज को काटने और लहसुन को छिलने से पहले उसे 10 मिनट के लिए पानी में भिगो दें। इससे प्याज काटते समय आसू नहीं आएंगे और लहसुन के छिलके भी आराम से उतर जाएंगे।

सूखे मेवे या ड्राईफ्रूट्स को काटने से पहले 1 घंटे के लिए फ्रिज में रख दें। इससे यह सॉफ्ट हो जाएंगे और आप इन्हें आसानी से काट सकेंगी। मशरूम को कभी भी पानी से न धाएं। क्योंकि यह पानी को सोख लेते हैं और कपाते समय पानी छोड़

देते हैं, जिससे सब्जी का टेस्ट खराब हो जाता है। इसकी बजाए आप मशरूम को गीले कपड़े से साफ करें। अगर आप पनीर बना रही हैं तो उसमें थोड़ा-सा ऑयल लगा दें। इससे यह बर्तन के साथ चिपकेंगे नहीं।

शहद की शुद्धता पता लगाने के लिए उसकी कुछ बूंदें कांच की बोतल या गिलास में डालें। अगर शहद तले पर बैठ जाए तो शुद्ध है और अगर वो पानी में मिक्स हो जाए तो मिलावटी है। अगर आप बिरयानी या कोई ग्रैवी वाली डिश बना रही हैं तो उसमें दही डालने से पहले अच्छी तरह फेंट लें। इससे खाने का स्वाद बढ़ जाएगा। इसके अलावा सब्जियां उबालने के बाद इसके पानी को दाल बनाने में इस्तेमाल करें। इससे दाल का स्वाद दोगुना हो जाएगा।

चावल पकाने से पहले उससे अच्छी तरह से धो लें। इससे चावल में मौजूद स्टार्च निकाल जाएगा और चावल पकने के बाद चिपचिपा नहीं होगा। इसके अलावा चावल की खीर बनाने समय बर्तन में पहले थोड़ा-सा पानी डाल दें। इससे दूध बर्तन के तले पर नहीं चिपकेगा। फलों को काटने के बाद उसके उपर अच्छी तरह से नींबू छिड़ककर फ्रिज में स्टोर करें। इससे फल पूरा दिन ताजे रहेंगे और इनका रंग भी खराब नहीं होगा।



## पहली डेट के बाद मैसेज कर रहे हैं तो न करें ये बात

जब कोई लड़का या लड़की नए-नए रिश्ते में पड़ते हैं तो वह हर वक्त एक-दूसरे से बात करने का बहाना ढूँढते रहते हैं। हर वक्त मैसेज के जरिए एक-दूसरे से बात करने लगते हैं लेकिन नए रिश्ते में लड़की को अधिक मैसेज करने से आपका बना हुआ रिश्ता टूट भी सकता है क्योंकि कोई भी लड़की शुरुआत में अपनी लाइफ में किसी दूसरे की दखलअंदाजी पसंद नहीं करती। इसलिए ऐसे में लड़कों को थोड़ा सावधानी बरत कर लड़की को मैसेज करने चाहिए, ताकि लड़की को किसी बात का गुस्सा न लगे। कई बार ऐसा होता है कि लड़के बेवकत लड़की को मैसेज करने लगते हैं या फिर ड्रिंक करके मैसेज में कुछ भी बोल देते हैं, जो लड़की को बिल्कुल भी पसंद नहीं आता है और आपका रिश्ता बना-बना टूट जाता है। अगर आप भी अभी नया-नया रिश्ता बना रहे हैं तो लड़की के साथ मैसेज पर बात करते समय कुछ बातों पर जरूर ध्यान रखें।

**अधिक मैसेज न करें**  
पहली डेट के बाद लड़की के साथ बातचीत बढ़ाना अच्छी बात है लेकिन इसका मतलब ये नहीं कि उसके बार-बार मैसेज करके टंग करते रहें। अधिक मैसेज करने से भी रिश्ता जुड़ने से पहले ही टूट सकता है। इसलिए मैसेज करने से पहले इस बात का खास ध्यान रखें।

### देर रात मैसेज न करें

दिन के समय मैसेज करके थोड़ी-बहुत बात करना तो ठीक है लेकिन देर रात तक लड़की को कभी मैसेज न करें। इससे

लड़की नाराज भी हो सकती है और आपसे दूरिया भी बना सकती है।

### शराब पीने के बाद

नया रिश्ता जोड़ रहे हैं तो कोई भी गलती करने से पहले दस बार जरूर सोचें। इसके अलावा अगर आप ड्रिंक भी करते हैं तो शराब पीने के बाद लड़की को कभी मैसेज न करें क्योंकि ड्रिंक करने के बाद कोई भी अपनी भावनाओं पर काबू नहीं रख पाता और कोई न कोई गलती कर बैठता है।

**क्रोधित होने भी न करें मैसेज**  
कहते हैं कि गुस्सा बहुत बुरी चीज है। गुस्सा आने पर इंसान कोई होश नहीं रहता है कि वह किसके क्या बोल रहा है। इसलिए बेहतर होगा कि जब आप गुस्से में हो तो किसी लड़की को मैसेज न करें। क्योंकि उस वक्त आपको खुद नहीं पता होता है कि आप क्या बोल रहे हैं। मैसेज में सवाल-जवाब कम करें पहली डेट के साथ अगर लड़की के साथ मैसेज पर बात कर भी रहे हैं तो उसके साथ ज्यादा सवाल न करें क्योंकि इससे उसे गुस्सा भी आ सकता है और वह आपसे चिड़ भी सकती है।



## प्रेग्नेंसी में रखें खुद का ख्याल

प्रेग्नेंसी में नरहें मेहमान के आने की जितनी ज्यादा खुशी होती है, उससे भी ज्यादा इस बात का फिक्र सताता है कि आने वाला बच्चा हैल्दी हो। इस लिए मां का खास ख्याल रखा जाता है क्योंकि उसी से बच्चे को पूरा पोषण मिलता है। अगर मां में ही पोषक तत्वों की कमी होगी तो भविष्य में इसका असर बच्चे पर भी पड़ेगा। कैल्शियम, आयरन, विटामिन, खनिज पदार्थ, फाइबर, पोटाशियम आदि से भरपूर आहारों का सेवन गर्भावस्था में बहुत जरूरी है। इसी से बच्चे का शारीरिक और मानसिक विकास होगा और बीमारियों से भी उसका बचाव रहेगा। शरीर में इस समय हॉर्मोस का परिवर्तन होने से मां का मूड बदलना स्वभाविक है। इससे उसे बहुत सी परेशानियों से भी गुजरना पड़ता है। ऐसे में प्रेग्नेंसी का समय एंजाय करने के लिए कुछ बातों का खास ख्याल रखना बहुत जरूरी है।

### ऐसे करें स्किन केयर

गर्भावस्था में पेट और स्तन का आकार बढ़ने से स्किन पर खिंचाव के निशान पड़ जाते हैं। जिससे स्किन पर धारियां और गहरे भूरे रंग की लकीरें पड़ने का डर रहता है। इसके लिए अपनी मर्जी से दवाइयों खाने की गलती न करें। खास तरीकों से ही अपनी स्किन की केयर करें। प्रेग्नेंसी में त्वचा खुष्क होने लगती है इसलिए नहाने से पहले सरसों या फिर जैतून के तेल से शरीर की मसाज करें। मसाज हमेशा हल्के हाथों से करें। इससे त्वचा में नमी बरकरार रहेगी और त्वचा पर पड़े दाग-धब्बे भी दूर हो जाएंगे। पर्याप्त मात्रा में पानी का सेवन करना बहुत जरूरी है। इससे स्किन और सेहत दोनों अच्छी रहेंगी। स्ट्रेच मॉस्क पर दवाइयों लगाने की बजाए नारियल

का तेल लगाएं। इससे किसी तरह की एलर्जी भी नहीं होगी और दाग के निशान भी गायब हो जाएंगे।

### कपड़े पहने स्टाइलिश

गर्भावस्था के समय मां जितना खुश रहेगी बच्चा भी उतना ही हैल्दी रहेगा। गर्भवती महिला का स्मार्ट बनकर रहना बहुत जरूरी होता है। ड्रेसिंग स्टाइल भी आपकी खुशी को व्यक्त करने का काम करता है। इस समय टाइट कपड़े पहनने से परहेज करें। इससे बच्चे की ग्रोथ होने में आसानी होगी।

स्टाइलिश मैक्सि ड्रेस पहनने में आरामदायक होती हैं। डार्क रंग के कपड़े इस समय मन को खुशी देते हैं। प्लोरल या फिर कॉर्टन प्रिंट के आउटफिट्स बहुत अच्छे लगते हैं।

### सेहत के रखें ख्याल

संतुलित आहार खाना इस समय बहुत महत्वपूर्ण होता है। फल, सब्जियां, दूध, सूप आदि समय-समय खाना बहुत जरूरी है। एक बार खाने की बजाए 2-3 घंटे में कुछ न कुछ खाना चाहिए।

रोटी, ब्रेड, चावल, साबुत अनाज को अपनी डाइट का हिस्सा बनाएं। इन चीजों से आपको प्रोटीन मिलता है। इस समय प्रोटीन का सेवन बहुत जरूरी होता है।

दूध, पनीर, अंडे, छाछ को भी आहार में शामिल करें। दूध से एलर्जी है तो छोलें, राजमा, जई, बादाम, सोया दूध और सोयाबीन पनीर का भी खा सकते हैं।

फलों का जूस पीने से साथ-साथ फल चबाकर खाने से ज्यादा फायदा मिलता है। यह शरीर में ऊर्जा का स्तर बनाए रख सकते हैं।

NEWS BOX

### The Vibhuti Effect: Why do India's chess prodigies swear by the sacred ash?

New Delhi. (Agency)

The silence in an elite chess hall is thick, almost tactile. Under the clinical hum of the air conditioning and the unforgiving glare of broadcast lights, the world's finest minds sit frozen in a state of hyper-focus. Their eyes dart across sixty-four squares of impending mayhem, calculating permutations that would leave even the most sophisticated computer grinding for time. Yet, amidst this landscape of cold logic and high-tech tension, a small, organic detail has begun to pull the gaze of the curious spectator: a smudge of white ash on the brow of a Grandmaster.

Whether it is a single, contemplative stroke or the traditional marking of the forehead, the presence of vibhuti is a subtle visual that has largely escaped deeper exploration. From the historic rise of Rameshbabu Pragnanandhaa and D Gukesh to the steady brilliance of R Vaishali, a generation of Indian prodigies, predominantly from the country's southern heartlands, is conquering the world while wearing their culture with an unselfconscious pride.

This is a sight that travels. When Bodhana Sivanandan, a British-Indian prodigy of just 11 years old, appeared at a tournament in North London bearing the mark, it served as a quiet reminder of how deeply ingrained this practice is — a visual bridge between the ancient traditions of an Indian household and the sharp, secular world of international chess.

EGO'S END GAME

For the players themselves, the practice is less about outward display and more about an internal grounding. In the stratospheric world of elite chess, where a single blunder can ruin months of preparation and shatter a carefully constructed reputation, the ego is a dangerous passenger.

Pragnanandhaa, who has become the face of a new generation of Indian chess — calm, collected, almost preternatural in his composure — once explained the philosophy plainly to podcaster Raj Shamani: "This is basically the ash. We come from ash and go back to it. So, this is basically [to remind us] that whatever we do is not something to be arrogant about. It's something that I have been doing from a young age, and I have been doing it ever since."

### Max Verstappen sees light at the end of tunnel

Miami. (Agency)

Four-time world champion Max Verstappen said he could "see light at the end of the tunnel" after claiming an impressive second place in Saturday's qualifying for Sunday's Miami Grand Prix. The 28-year-old Dutchman, frustrated by progress at Red Bull and the driving experience of racing in the new hybrid era of F1 cars, said his team's upgrades had made his car far more comfortable and pleasing to drive.

"For sure, the car has not been great in the previous races," said Verstappen, whose previous best grid position this year was eighth.

On Sunday, he will start alongside championship-leading Italian teenager Kimi Antonelli of Mercedes, who claimed his third consecutive pole on Saturday.

"From my side, I never felt comfortable with the layout of the car," said Verstappen. "I think over these last few weeks the team has been pushing flat-out to try and bring upgrades to the car and make me feel more comfortable with a lot of things and it really paid off."

"I feel more in control of the car again and then I can push a bit more. The upgrades are working and to be on the front row is way better than I expected heading into this weekend." Now, let's start with a good start. I've not had a lot of them this year. We'll try to have a look at that, for sure, and see what the weather will do tomorrow, but I'm already very happy with where we are. "From here there's like light at the end of the tunnel, and we can just push on and try to close the gap further."

Red Bull, in common with most leading teams, made use of F1's enforced five-week hiatus due to the conflict in the Middle East to deliver major upgrade packages for their cars.

While Verstappen purred with satisfaction, his friend and rival -- defending world champion Lando Norris of McLaren, who won Saturday morning's sprint race in convincing style from pole -- was unhappy at qualifying only fourth.

"I think we did a good job but I think the others just did a really bad job yesterday and did what they should have done today... so I have no complaints."

"It was trickier today with the wind and the high temperatures and I was struggling a big more for whatever reason. We didn't change anything. It was just the conditions."

# Has Hardik Pandya lost MI dressing room? EX-IND batter's big claim after CSK defeat

**Manoj Tiwary said Hardik Pandya appears to have lost the Mumbai Indians dressing room after the defeat to Chennai Super Kings. He said the side looked fundamentally unsettled, with limited backing for the captain and inconsistent performances damaging the campaign.**

New Delhi. (Agency)

Former India batter and IPL winner Manoj Tiwary claimed that Hardik Pandya has lost the MI dressing room after their latest loss to Chennai Super Kings on Saturday, May 2. Mumbai were beaten by their arch-rivals by eight wickets in another one-sided derby. The loss meant that Mumbai are ninth on the points table.

Hardik's captaincy has been questioned by pundits, with fans also observing some

unrest within the squad. During the loss to PBKS, Jasprit Bumrah was seen to be unhappy with the MI skipper's calls and showed his displeasure on the field.

Speaking to Cricbuzz after the match, Tiwary said that MI's campaign is well and truly over and feels that there seems to be something fundamentally wrong with the team.

"For me, it certainly is over; in fact, for me, it was over a long time ago. As you know, whenever we sit down for a discussion, we speak quite openly and frankly with one another. I base my observations and comments strictly on what is visible on the field. And, in my opinion—judging by the brand of cricket we've witnessed—it appears that something is fundamentally amiss," said Tiwary.

Coming to Hardik and his captaincy, Tiwary felt that none of the players are standing behind the all-rounder. While the former India batter admitted that Hardik hasn't lived up to the hype of being MI skipper, he also blamed the rest of the squad for not stepping

up during the season. "Look, a captain is supposed to win the confidence of every single player in the squad; you have to step up and be a true leader. Right? However, observing the



situation, it seems as though no one is truly standing by Hardik. It feels like no one is rallying behind him; the kind of support he ought to be receiving simply isn't materializing."

"Yes, the captain certainly has a specific role to play—and perhaps, he isn't fulfilling that role as effectively as he could be. From my

perspective, he isn't quite living up to the task. But beyond that, the players themselves need to shoulder their share of the responsibility," said Tiwary.

The former KKR man pointed out the examples of Suryakumar Yadav and Tilak Varma, who remained inconsistent throughout the campaign.

"Take Suryakumar, for instance: he hasn't been delivering performances on a consistent, match-to-match basis. Similarly, Tilak had one standout match, but he hasn't been scoring runs since then. If this kind of inconsistency persists among the rest of the squad, how can you possibly expect to achieve positive results? It is, quite frankly, deeply disappointing," said Tiwary.

**'REMOVE EL CLASICO NAME'**

Chennai's win on Saturday meant that CSK have now won six out of the last seven matches against MI. Chennai also closed the gap to Mumbai in their head-to-head record, which now stands at 24-21, still in favour of MI.

## IPL 2026: Punjab's bowling in focus as Gujarat look to spice up playoffs race

New Delhi. (Agency)

The IPL playoff race is heating up as the Punjab Kings and the Gujarat Titans battle it out in Ahmedabad. Earlier in the day, in-form Sunrisers Hyderabad look to strengthen their position on the points table against a resurgent Kolkata Knight Riders, who have shown some signs of life in them at the Uppal.

However, the firm focus will be on the evening game, which will be a proper clash of ideologies. When you look at Punjab and Gujarat, the difference is almost like attending a rock band's concert and a ghazal session. One is all about giving you that adrenaline rush with the big hits, and the other is about being simple, soothing, and at times, just old school cricket.

The current PBKS can be considered the



most attacking batting lineup in the history of the IPL, and the numbers back it up. Across four metrics. They lead the all-time charts across the board — boasting a staggering average of 43.1, a strike rate of 186, striking a boundary every 3.6 balls, and clearing the ropes every 7.9 deliveries. But the gulf between their batting and bowling was exposed during the loss to RR when the Royals chased down 223 with

ease. GT, on the other hand, are once again dependent on their top three, who have shown signs of being more aggressive. Their bowling seem to be in top form with the likes of Kagiso Rabada, Arshad Khan, Rashid Khan, and Mohammed Siraj stepping up this season.

A win for GT will spice up the playoff race as they will enter the top four. For Punjab, they need two more wins to reach the magical 16 points mark to secure a playoff spot.

For SRH, another win will be their sixth on the trot and push them ever so close to a playoff spot themselves. For KKR, it is all about survival and another victory will keep them just about alive in the competition for now. With so much at stake, Sunday promises.

### From T20 World Cup heroes to IPL 2026 flops: Will MI rest their Indian core?



New Delhi. (Agency)

If you're Jasprit Bumrah, Hardik Pandya, Tilak Varma or Suryakumar Yadav, you would probably be wondering how things have unraveled so dramatically in a matter of weeks. On March 8, all four were being hailed as heroes as India clinched their third T20 World Cup title — the faces of a triumphant campaign, carrying the weight of a nation with ease.

Fast-forward to May 2, and the mood has shifted sharply. The same names are now being scrutinised as some of the biggest underperformers of IPL 2026. Bumrah, long regarded as a T20 master, has just three wickets from nine matches at an average of 94.67 — numbers that feel almost surreal for a bowler of his calibre.

Tilak has 193 runs this season, including a hundred, but the southpaw has struggled to leave a consistent mark. Suryakumar's poor run continued at Chepauk, where he looked set before falling for 21 — another start that slipped away. The former World No.1 T20I batter now has 183 runs from nine matches.

Hardik, meanwhile, cut a dejected figure after the game, admitting the season simply hasn't gone their way. His returns — 183 runs and four wickets from eight matches — reflect a campaign that has lacked rhythm and control.

So has the T20 World Cup high turned into a lingering hangover? Has the toll of back-to-back cricket finally caught up with MI's Indian core?

Well, Mumbai coach Mahela Jayawardene isn't ready to go there just yet. Despite the mounting pressure, MI still retains a mathematical chance of qualification — and for him, that keeps the fight alive and the belief in the famed Indian core still intact. "I think it's too early for me to say anything. I think we've still got 5 more games. I mean, anything can happen for us."

## Thomas Cup: No Lakshya, no party, as India get blown away by France 0-3 in semi-finals

Horsens. (Agency)

It felt more like a rowdy football match and less of a badminton competition when India took on France in the semi-finals of the Thomas Cup 2026 on Saturday, May 2.

Despite hosts Denmark taking on China on the other court at the Forum Horsens Arena, Indian and French fans dominated the decibel meters, turning the semi-final into an electric, high-voltage clash. The 0-3 scoreline, which saw India getting knocked out of the competition, does not do justice to the way the tie ebbed and flowed through the evening. There were many moments when the French camp fell silent, and many phases when their players looked under pressure and even a little shaken, but they somehow managed to pull off a victory. In doing so, they helped their nation register their first-ever final appearance in the tournament. The French, led by Toma Junior Popov and



Christo Popov, beat India in straight matches, helping France become only the second European nation, besides Denmark, to reach the finals of the competition. It was a historic moment for the Popov brothers, who carried the weight of the nation on their shoulders and produced exceptional badminton to beat a strong Indian side in straight games.

Without the services of Lakshya Sen, India's calculations were thrown out of the window, as they were forced to play

young Ayush Shetty in the first singles of the match, and then a 33-year-old Kidambi Srikanth in the second singles against world No. 10 Alex Lanier.

Lakshya, who had pulled off a sensational victory against world No. 6 Chou Tien-chen in the quarter-finals, was ruled out of the tie due to a swollen elbow and blisters on his feet. He watched on painfully as India were beaten in three straight matches in little more than two hours.

One can argue that India were put on the back foot even before the tie began, as the side could not field their strongest players against France's best combination. Because Christo Popov and Toma Junior Popov play both singles and doubles for the French team, the tie was not lined up in the usual manner. Instead of the traditional order, the matches were arranged as follows to ensure adequate rest for the French players:

# No longer CSK's Rs. 14.2 Crore gamble, Kartik Sharma spreads his wings in yellow

**Kartik Sharma finally proved that he wasn't just a big-money gamble for CSK, repaying the faith of the management by scoring a well-composed fifty to get his side the win in the El Clasico against Mumbai.**

New Delhi. (Agency)

When Kartik Sharma reached his fifty against Mumbai Indians on Saturday, May 2, there was a visible release — a weight finally lifted off his shoulders. Bought for Rs. 14.2 crore after being pursued by five teams, expectations were sky-high. But the returns

hadn't matched the hype. Just 58 runs from five matches isn't what you expect from a big-money signing.

Yet, the Chennai Super Kings management didn't waver. They doubled down on their belief in the youngster and handed him a role that demanded both composure and courage. Against Mumbai, he was asked to walk in at No. 4, steady the innings, and guide the chase alongside the captain.

The trust ran deeper — he was picked as the impact player ahead of the more experienced Sarfaraz Khan.

What followed wasn't fireworks or a highlight-reel blitz. Instead, it was something far more valuable — a composed, no-frills 54 off 40 balls that quietly did the job. Well, maybe not entirely without flair, considering the Dhoni-esque celebration at the end. But more importantly, it was the



innings that introduced the world to the real Kartik — the player CSK had backed all along. And finally, that faith began to pay off. "Today was the perfect platform on a difficult wicket where they knew that the spinner was going to operate in the middle over phase, and they wanted one Indian player to bat with Ruturaj, and he came, and he took that responsibility really well, and so happy for

him because he was not getting runs, and people are talking so highly about him. Finally, that trust has paid off for CSK," said Piyush Chawla after the game to JioStar.

The praise didn't stop there. CSK head coach Stephen Fleming also lauded the knock, calling it a reward for Kartik's temperament through a challenging start to the season.

"You have the young players, there's two parts to it," said Fleming. "One is how you introduce them. It is a big stage no matter what they've been doing at domestic level. So understanding their mentality is really important and it is a big step-up. They can have all the talent in the world but the temperament is what we're looking for, and his [Kartik's] introduction was tough at the start and then he had a little bit of time out. He worked hard and today was a good reward for that," said Fleming.



'Shooting Has Just Started': Anurag Basu Reveals Kartik Aaryan And

# Sreeleela's

Film Still In Early Phase

Anurag Basu has addressed ongoing speculation surrounding his upcoming project starring Kartik Aaryan and Sreeleela, firmly debunking reports that suggested the film is already in production. The filmmaker revealed that the shoot is still in its early stages and far from completion.

In a conversation with Variety India, Anurag Basu opened up about the shoot and revealed that it is still in the early stages. He confirmed, "I've not shot more than 45 days for this film. The shooting has just started." The film is getting delayed because of various reasons too.

**Kartik Aaryan And Sreeleela Shoot For Anurag Basu's Film In Srinagar**

Kartik Aaryan and Sreeleela are currently in Srinagar, Jammu and Kashmir, busy shooting for their upcoming film directed by Anurag Basu. The project has generated a lot of buzz ever since it was officially announced in February last year. It is reportedly titled 'Tu Meri Zindagi Hai'. Recently, several pictures from the Kashmir schedule were recently leaked online. In one viral picture from the shoot, Kartik Aaryan, Sreeleela and Anurag Basu are seen having a conversation between takes. In another photo, the actress is seen wearing a blue top with matching ripped jeans and a red beanie. Kartik is also seen standing nearby with his hands in his pockets. He is seen sporting a rugged look with long hair and a full beard.



**First Look Of Kartik Aaryan and Sreeleela's Film**

The first look video of Anurag Basu's romantic musical was shared by Kartik Aaryan in February 2025. It opens with the crowd cheering, while the actor plays guitar and performs on stage. He is seen singing 'Tu Meri Zindagi Hai', sporting a brooding lover's look with a heavy beard and rugged long hair.

**Aryan Khan Fights To Keep Groom's Shoes, Nearly Falls In Viral Clip From BFF's Wedding**



Aryan Khan was recently seen at a friend's wedding, where a video of him taking part in the traditional joota churai ritual has gone viral. The clip is being widely shared for the way the playful custom turned into a spirited moment during the ceremony. The video shows Aryan holding on to the groom's shoe and refusing to give it up, even as guests try to take it from him.

**What is joota churai?**

Joota churai is a common wedding tradition in many North Indian ceremonies. During the ritual, the bride's side tries to steal the groom's shoes while he is busy with wedding rituals. The groom's friends and family, on the other hand, try to protect the shoes. The game usually ends with a negotiation, where the groom's side pays money to get the shoes back. It is meant to be light-hearted and adds a playful break during the wedding.

**What happened at the wedding**

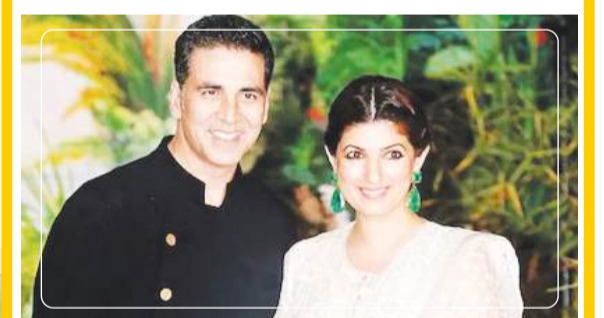
The video was shared by Zesst Events from the wedding of Rhea Nadkarni and Maahir Mehta. The planners mentioned that Maahir is Aryan Khan's best friend. They wrote, "When the Groom's best friend is the BA\*\*\*\*S of Bollywood. Between sneaky steals, dramatic negotiations, and laughter echoing through every corner — this wasn't just joota churai, it was a total dhamaal."

Text on the video read: "Joota churai turned into a full-blown mini war!" In the clip, Aryan is seen in a casual outfit, holding the groom's shoe as others try to take it from him. At one point, he almost loses balance but still doesn't let go. He pulls back when people try to grab it and eventually runs off with the shoe.

**Aryan Khan's recent work**

Aryan Khan recently made his debut as a director with the Netflix series The Ba\*\*\*\*s of Bollywood. He served as the creator, writer, director, and showrunner for the project. The series starred a bouquet of stars including, Bobby Deol, Lakshya, Raghav Juyal, Mona Singh, and Sahher Bambha. It also included star cameo appearances by Shah Rukh Khan, Salman Khan, Aamir Khan, Ranbir Kapoor, Ranveer Singh, and Diljit Dosanjh.

**'Mat Kar': Twinkle Khanna Jokes About Akshay Kumar's 'Biggest' Contribution To Her writing Career**



Twinkle Khanna spoke about her writing process and reading habits on the occasion of World Book Day. The actress-turned-author reflected on how her ideas take shape and how her personal experiences influence what she writes.

During the interaction, she also mentioned how her husband Akshay Kumar reacts to her work. She recalled, "This morning, I was discussing the topics I plan to touch upon in my next column, and he told me, 'Mat karna...do not get into that issue'. Mat kar is basically his only and biggest contribution to my writing career," she said.

Twinkle added that while her work may sometimes make people uncomfortable, her intention is not to provoke but to explore ideas. "My job is to make people reflect on the things that are visible. But our own conditioning blinds us to those factors. It might make people uncomfortable and they might call it offensive... (But) I think about how I will unravel the layers of conditioning not just around them but also around me because I also find my way through life as I write." She also spoke about her shift from acting to writing, noting that books have always been a constant in her life. "It is what I was able to give that medium, and books have always been my life and actually so has cinema," she said, adding that her experiences as a young actor also shaped her perspective.

Talking about her interest in language and literature, she said, "It comes a little bit from perhaps, my father (late veteran actor Rajesh Khanna), because I have a distinct memory when I was very young and I said, 'Will you pick me up from school?' And he said, 'Are you a pickup? I will fetch you from school.'

That kind of just set my parameters of what language can do. And I grew up in a family of readers. My sister (Rinkle Khanna) reads more than I do."

Khanna also shared that she used to read more in her younger years. "Just keep doing what you're doing and finish the book you started when you were 18. I'm 52, and that one book I haven't been able to finish yet," she said, speaking about what she would tell her younger self.

# Yami Gautam

Learnt Quran For Haq, Reveals Director; Avinash Tiwary Says Marriage Deadline Is 2026-End

Filmmaker Suparn Verma has opened up about the preparation they did for his movie, Haq. Released in November 2025, the film stars Yami Gautam and Emraan Hashmi in the lead. It follows the story of Shazia Bano (played by Yami), the wife of a lawyer in 1970s India whose husband marries another woman. When he refuses to pay her maintenance, she drags him to court. After O'Romeo, Avinash Tiwary is gearing up for the release of Ginny Wedss Sunny 2 co-starring Medha Shankr. The film revolves around two individuals – a peppy Delhi girl and a shy small-town simpleton – and their families navigating the complexities of an arranged marriage. But is Avinash open to an arranged marriage?



Lokesh Kanagaraj's much-anticipated collaboration with Allu Arjun, tentatively titled AA23, is gaining momentum. Offering a fresh update on the project, the film's co-writer Rathna Kumar shared an update. He revealed that the groundwork for the film is progressing, with the team

gearing up to begin shooting soon. Anurag Basu has put all delay rumours to rest, confirming that his upcoming untitled film starring Kartik Aaryan and Sreeleela is progressing smoothly and remains on schedule for a theatrical release later this year.

Anne Hathaway is in the spotlight again after a new video from The Devil Wears Prada 2 promotions surfaced online. The clip is being discussed as it shows the actor accepting a Quran from a fan shortly after her recent "Inshallah" remark. This comes days after her use of the phrase during an interview had already sparked conversation.



## कोडरमा में स्कूल से गायब छात्र का शव मिला, मिड डे मील के बाद लापता हुआ था

कोडरमा, एप्रैल 4। कोडरमा थाना क्षेत्र के पाण्डेयडीह स्थित उच्चमिड मध्य विद्यालय में शनिवार को एक 10 वर्षीय छात्र की विद्यालय के पीछे खेत में बने गड्ढे में डूबने से मौत हो गई। मृतक छात्र की पहचान पाण्डेयडीह निवासी विकास साव के पुत्र विनय कुमार उर्फ सागर कुमार के रूप में हुई है, जो कक्षा 4 का छात्र था। मिली जानकारी के अनुसार, सागर रोज की तरह शनिवार सुबह गांव स्थित उच्चमिड विद्यालय पहुंचे गया था। दोपहर के भोजन (मिड डे मील) के बाद वह अचानक स्कूल से गायब हो गया। इसके बाद उसके मित्रों और विद्यालय के शिक्षकों ने उसकी काफी खोजबीन की।



परिजन और ग्रामीण बच्चे की खोज में जुट गए: काफी देर तक जब विनय का कुछ पता नहीं चला, तो विद्यालय की ओर से उसके परिजनों को इसकी सूचना दी गई। इसके बाद परिजन और ग्रामीण बच्चे की खोज में जुट गए। आसपास के तालाबों, कुओं और अन्य जगहों पर विनय की तलाश की गई। इसी दौरान, विद्यालय के पीछे खेती के लिए खोदे गए एक गड्ढे में पानी के बीच सागर का शव उभरता मिला। ग्रामीणों और परिजनों ने तुरंत बच्चे को बाहर निकाला और घटना की सूचना पुलिस को दी। घटना के बाद परिजनों ने विद्यालय प्रबंधन पर गंभीर लापरवाही का आरोप लगाया है। परिजनों का आरोप है कि विद्यालय के शिक्षकों की लापरवाही के कारण बच्चे की जान गई है। बच्चे के पिता ने कहा कि यदि शिक्षक बच्चों पर ध्यान देते, तो यह घटना नहीं होती।

## स्वास्थ्य शिविर में मिले सर्वाइकल कैंसर के दो सदिग्ध मरीज



रांची, एप्रैल 3। सोना सोबरन मेमोरियल सोसायटी की ओर से शनिवार को रांची के मोहलबादी मे निःशुल्क स्वास्थ्य जांच शिविर का आयोजन किया गया। शिविर में डॉक्टरों ने ओरल कैंसर स्क्रीनिंग, सर्वाइकल कैंसर स्क्रीनिंग, ब्रेस्ट कैंसर स्क्रीनिंग, हाइपरटेंशन (उच्च रक्तचाप) जांच, डायबिटीज (मधुमेह) सहित अन्य की जांच की। इसमें सर्वाइकल कैंसर के दो और ब्रेस्ट कैंसर के एक सदिग्ध मरीज पाए गए। 50 लोगों का हीमोग्लोबिन 10 से कम पाया गया, जबकि ट्यूबरकुलोसिस के छह सदिग्ध मरीज पाए गए, सभी को चिकित्सकों ने उचित सलाह दी। इस अवसर पर बतौर मुख्य अतिथि उपायुक्त मंजुनाथ भर्जंत्री ने कहा कि शिविर का उद्देश्य समाज के लोगों विशेषकर 30 वर्ष से अधिक आयु के नारिकों को समय पर स्वास्थ्य जांच की सुविधा उपलब्ध कराना और गंभीर बीमारियों के प्रति जागरूकता फैलाना है। उन्होंने कहा कि इस प्रकार के स्वास्थ्य जांच शिविर समाज के स्वास्थ्य स्तर को बेहतर बनाने में महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका निभाते हैं। शिविर में रांची कैंसर को फाउंडेशन (टाटा ट्रस्ट समर्थित) और राज्य एनसीडी कार्यक्रम (एनएचएम, झारखंड) का विशेष योगदान रहा। इस दौरान सिविल सर्जन प्रभात कुमार, जिला नज्दत उपा समाहर्ता सुदेश कुमार, जिला परिवहन पदाधिकारी अखिलेश कुमार, जिला जनसंपर्क पदाधिकारी उर्वशी पांडेय, सोना सोबरन मेमोरियल सोसायटी के रंजीत पाठक सहित अन्य मौजूद थे।

## गांजा के साथ दो तस्कर गिरफ्तार



रांची, एप्रैल 3। रांची के कोतवाली थाना क्षेत्र में पुलिस ने अवैध मादक पदार्थ के खिलाफ बड़ी कार्रवाई की है। गांजा सप्लाई के एक नेटवर्क का खुलासा करते हुए दो तस्करों को शनिवार को जेल मोड़ तालाब के पास छापेमारी कर गिरफ्तार किया गया। गिरफ्तार आरोपियों की पहचान रवि वर्मा (28) और जनार्दन दास (32) के रूप में हुई है। इनके पास से एक किलो 31 ग्राम गांजा, दो मोबाइल फोन, एक वेट मशीन, 1650 रुपये नकद और एक स्कूटी बरामद की गई। कोतवाली थाना के सहायक पुलिस अधीक्षक निखिल राय ने शनिवार को प्रेस वार्ता में बताया कि वरीय पुलिस अधीक्षक को गुप्त सूचना मिली थी कि जेल मोड़ इलाके में दो व्यक्ति अवैध गांजा की खरीद-बिक्री कर रहे हैं। सूचना पाकर वरीय पुलिस अधीक्षक के निर्देश पर एक विशेष छापेमारी दल का गठन किया गया। टीम ने मौके पर पहुंचकर दोनों सदिग्धों को खड़े-डूबकर पकड़ लिया। पूछताछ में जनार्दन दास ने पुलिस को बताया कि वह गांजा गांवों और बाहरी क्षेत्रों से लाकर रांची में अलग-अलग लोगों को सप्लाई करता था। पुलिस ने बताया कि इस कार्रवाई से शहर में सक्रिय एक बड़े गांजा सप्लाई नेटवर्क को ध्वस्त किया गया है।

## बाइक सवार किशोरों ने महिला को मारी टक्कर, हालत गंभीर

धालभूमगढ़, एप्रैल 3। रील बनाने का जुनून अब जानलेवा साबित होने लगा है। एनएच-18 पर शुक्रवार को ऐसा ही एक खौफनाक मामला सामने आया, जहां तेज रफ्तार बाइक पर रील बना रहे चार किशोरों ने सड़क किनारे चल रही एक महिला को जोरदार टक्कर मार दी। हादसे में महिला गंभीर रूप से घायल हो गई, जबकि बाइक सवार चारों किशोर भी सड़क किनारे गिरकर चोटिल हो गए। घायल महिला की पहचान नरसिंहगढ़ निवासी मुना गोरई (50) के रूप में हुई है। प्रत्यक्षदर्शियों के मुताबिक, वह जलावन लकड़ी लेकर सड़क किनारे जा रही थीं, तभी तेज रफ्तार बाइक ने उन्हें टक्कर मार दी। टक्कर इतनी जोरदार थी कि महिला उछलकर सड़क किनारे झाड़ियों में जा गिरीं। एयरपोर्ट से लौटते वक्त कारा रहे थे रील, उसी दौरान हुआ हादसा : जानकारी के अनुसार, घाटशिला क्षेत्र के पावड़, प्रेमनगर निवासी सूरज सिंह (17), आनंद हांसला (15), दुबराज मुर्मू (13) और गौरव दास (15) एक ही बाइक (हॉंडा, जेएच 05 सीआर 1394) पर सवार होकर धालभूमगढ़ एयरपोर्ट रील बनाने गए थे। वापसी के दौरान वे एनएच-18 पर तेज रफ्तार में बाइक चलाते हुए वीडियो बना रहे थे। इसी दौरान संतुलन बिगड़ और बाइक महिला से जा टकराई।



# हजारीबाग में पारिवारिक कलह में पत्नी की हत्या, पति ने रची लूट की झूठी कहानी

शक ना हो इसलिए खुद पर भी चलवाई गोली, 3 गिरफ्तार

हजारीबाग, एप्रैल 3। हजारीबाग जिले के कंरेखारी थाना क्षेत्र में हुई महिला की हत्या की गुल्थी पुलिस ने सुलझा ली है। इस मामले में पुलिस ने चौकाने वाला खुलासा किया है।



महिला के पति ने अज्ञात अपराधियों पर फायरिंग और लूट का आरोप लगाया था, वहीं अपनी पत्नी का हत्यारा निकला। पुलिस ने हत्याकांड के मुख्य आरोपी पति समेत तीन लोगों को गिरफ्तार किया है।

एसपी अमन कुमार ने बताया कि घटना 26 अप्रैल की रात करीब 09:15 बजे कोले स्टेशन के पास हुई थी। मोटरसाइकिल पर सवार दंपती पर अज्ञात हमलावरों द्वारा गोलीबारी की खबर मिली थी।

पति ने बताया था लूटपाट की कोशिश की थी: इस हमले में मंजू देवी की मौके पर ही मौत हो गई थी, जबकि उनके पति

विकास प्रजापति के हाथ में गोली लगी थी। विकास ने पुलिस को बताया था कि लूटपट्टों ने उन्हें रोककर लूटपाट की कोशिश की और विरोध करने पर फायरिंग कर दी।

मामले की गंभीरता को देखते हुए एक विशेष जांच दल (स्टूड) का गठन किया। जांच के दौरान पुलिस को शुरुआत से ही विकास

के बयानों में विरोधाभास दिखा। तकनीकी साक्ष्यों और घटनास्थल के निरीक्षण के आधार पर जब विकास से कड़ाई से पूछताछ की गई, तो उसने अपना जुर्म कबूल कर लिया।

पिता के साथ मिलकर हत्या की योजना बनाई: विकास ने पुलिस को बताया कि वह लंबे समय से चल रही

पारिवारिक कलह से परेशान था और अपनी पत्नी को रास्ते से हटाना चाहता था।

उसने अपने पिता नरेश प्रजापति और साथियों सुनील व लालेश्वर गंजू के साथ मिलकर हत्या की पूरी योजना बनाई। खुद पर शक न हो, इसके लिए विकास ने अपने हाथ में भी गोली मरवा ली थी, ताकि यह मामला लूट और हमले का लगे।

पुलिस ने इस मामले में मुख्य आरोपी विकास प्रजापति (30), उसके पिता नरेश प्रजापति (56) और सहयोगी लालेश्वर गंजू (22) को गिरफ्तार किया है। इनके पास से वारदात में इस्तेमाल की गई बिना नंबर की काली यामहा मोटरसाइकिल और मृतका का पर्स बरामद किया गया है। हत्याकांड में शामिल एक अन्य आरोपी सुनील गंजू अभी फरार है, जिसकी गिरफ्तारी के लिए छापेमारी की जा रही है।

## गढ़वा में युवती की दूसरे युवक से शादी तय होने पर प्रेमी हुआ नाराज, जान देने की दी धमकी



गढ़वा, एप्रैल 3। गढ़वा में शनिवार को एक युवक अपनी प्रेमिका कर दूसरे युवक से शादी तय होने के बाद 100 फीट ऊंचे मोबाइल टावर पर चढ़ गया। वहां से वो जान देने की धमकी देने लगा। मामला रंका थाना क्षेत्र के खपरो मानपुर गांव की है। दरअसल, खपरो गांव के असदुल्ला अंसारी का मानपुर की एक लड़की से पिछले दो साल से प्रेम प्रसंग चल रहा था।

जब लड़की के घरवालों ने उसकी शादी दूसरी जगह तय कर दी, तो इससे नाराज होकर

असदुल्ला मोबाइल टावर पर चढ़ गया और जान देने की धमकी देने लगा।

प्रेमी और प्रेमिका की शादी कराने पर सहमत बनी थी: असदुल्ला के पिता खुशींद अंसारी ने बताया कि लड़की भी उन्हीं के समुदाय की है। एक सप्ताह पहले रंका थाना में दोनों परिवारों के बीच समझौता भी हुआ था, जिसमें प्रेमी और प्रेमिका की शादी कराने पर सहमत बनी थी। हालांकि, लड़की के घरवालों ने बाद में उसकी शादी दूसरी जगह तय कर दी।

## गोड्डा में महिला से दिनदहाड़े चेन छिन्नतई बाइक सवार बदमाशों ने वारदात को दिया अंजाम



गोड्डा, एप्रैल 3। गोड्डा जिले के मेहरमा थाना क्षेत्र में दिनदहाड़े एक महिला से चेन छिन्नतई की घटना सामने आई है। यह वारदात पत्तिका-पैरोजपुर मार्ग पर शिव मंदिर के पास हुई, जहां दो अज्ञात बाइक सवार बदमाशों ने महिला के गले से चेन की चेन छीन ली और फरार हो गए।

घटना की सूचना मिलते ही

मेहरमा थाना प्रभारी सौरभ कुमार ठाकुर, एसआई सत्यदीप, सुधीर टोपा और सहदेव प्रसाद अपनी टीम के साथ मौके पर पहुंचे। उन्होंने पीड़ित महिला से पूछताछ कर घटना की विस्तृत जानकारी ली।

पीड़ित रुचि कुमारी ने बताया कि वह अपनी मां के साथ शंकरपुर स्थित मायके से बाराहाट

बाजार जा रही थीं, तभी रास्ते में बाइक सवार दो युवकों ने अचानक उनके गले से चेन छीन ली।

पुलिस ने इस मामले में आगे की कार्रवाई शुरू कर दी है। आरोपियों की पहचान और गिरफ्तारी के लिए आसपास के क्षेत्रों में जांच और छापेमारी की जा रही है। पुलिस सीसीटीवी फुटेज भी खंगाल रही है ताकि बदमाशों का सुराग मिल सके।

हाल ही में, 17 अप्रैल को इसी थाना क्षेत्र में रांदावी, हत्याकांड और छिन्नतई के मामलों में पुलिस ने चार आरोपियों को गिरफ्तार कर जेल भेजा था। इस नई घटना ने पुलिस के लिए एक बार फिर चुनौती खड़ी कर दी है। मेहरमा थाना प्रभारी सौरभ कुमार ठाकुर ने पुष्टि की कि एक महिला से चेन छिन्नतई हुई है।

उन्होंने बताया कि बाइक सवार बदमाशों ने इस घटना को अंजाम दिया है और मामला दर्ज कर आगे की कार्रवाई की जा रही है।

## आदित्यपुर में नवनिर्मित कंपनी में गिरे दो मजदूर



सरायकेला, एप्रैल 3। सरायकेला जिले के आदित्यपुर स्थित एक नवनिर्मित कंपनी में शनिवार को एक हादसे में दो मजदूरों की मौत हो गई। घटना आरआईटी थाना क्षेत्र में हुई, जहां ऊंचाई पर काम करते समय संतुलन बिगड़ने से वे नीचे गिर गए।

इस हादसे में नीचे काम कर रहे दो अन्य मजदूर ठाकुर बेसरा और रंजीत जेना भी गंभीर रूप से घायल हो गए। उनका इलाज स्थानीय नर्सिंग होम में जारी है।

मृतकों की पहचान रामू मुर्मू (30) और लखींद हांसदा (28) के रूप में की गई। दोनों गम्हरिया के नीलडूंगरी निवासी थे।

जानकारी के अनुसार, रामू मुर्मू और लखींद हांसदा लगभग 20 फीट की ऊंचाई पर निर्माण कार्य कर रहे थे। संतुलन बिगड़ने के कारण वे नीचे गिरे और सीधे नीचे काम कर रहे अन्य मजदूरों पर जा गिरे। इससे चारों मजदूर गंभीर रूप से घायल हो गए।

सभी घायलों को तत्काल एमजीएम अस्पताल लाया गया। साथी मजदूरों और स्थानीय लोगों की मदद से सभी घायलों को तत्काल एमजीएम अस्पताल लाया गया। वहां चिकित्सकों ने रामू मुर्मू और लखींद हांसदा को मृत घोषित कर दिया।

मृतकों के परिजनों और अन्य मजदूरों ने आरोप लगाया है कि निर्माण स्थल पर सुरक्षा मानकों का पालन नहीं किया जा रहा था। उनका कहना है कि ऊंचाई पर काम करने के बावजूद मजदूरों को सेफ्टी बेल्ट, हेलमेट और अन्य आवश्यक सुरक्षा उपकरण उपलब्ध नहीं कराए गए थे।

ठेकेदार के लोग अस्पताल में शव छोड़कर हुए फरार: यह भी सामने आया है कि दोनों मृतक ठेका श्रमिक थे। हादसे के बाद ठेकेदार के लोग अस्पताल में शव छोड़कर फरार हो गए, जिससे मजदूरों और परिजनों में गहरा आक्रोश है।

घटना की सूचना मिलते ही पुलिस मौके पर पहुंची और मामले की जांच शुरू कर दी है। परिजनों ने कंपनी से उचित मुआवजे और दक्षिणों के खिलाफ सख्त कार्रवाई की मांग की है।

## मई के पहले सप्ताह में 35 डिग्री तक रहेगा पारा, इसके बाद बढ़ेगा तापमान

बोकारो, एप्रैल 3। मई की शुरुआत में बोकारो समेत आसपास के क्षेत्रों में लोगों को भीषण गर्मी से फिलहाल राहत मिलने के आसार हैं। मौसम विभाग के अनुसार मई के पहले सप्ताह में अधिकतम तापमान लगभग 35 डिग्री सेल्सियस के आसपास बना रहेगा। हालांकि इसके बाद तापमान में धीरे-धीरे बढ़ोतरी होने की संभावना है। राज्य के गोड्डा, साहेबगंज, पाकुर, दुमुका, देवघर, गिरीडीह, धनबाद व बोकारो में कहीं-कहीं पर ओलावृष्टि के साथ गर्जन, वज्रपात व आंधी (अधिकतम 50-60 किमी प्रतिघंटे) चलने की संभावना है।



दूसरे सप्ताह 40 डिग्री तक चढ़ेगा तापमान: मौसम विभाग ने अगले पांच दिनों तक जिले में हल्की से मध्यम बारिश की संभावना जताई है। इस दौरान कई स्थानों पर तेज हवा चलने और वज्रपात होने की भी आशंका व्यक्त की गई है। मौसम में बदलाव के कारण दिन के तापमान में अधिक वृद्धि नहीं होगी, जिससे लोगों को उमस और तेज धूप से कुछ राहत मिलेगी। विशेषज्ञों के अनुसार बंगाल की खाड़ी से नमी आने और पश्चिमी विक्षोभ के प्रभाव से मौसम में यह बदलाव देखा जा रहा है। हालांकि मई के दूसरे सप्ताह से गर्मी का असर तेज होने लगेगा और तापमान 40 डिग्री के करीब पहुंच सकता है। मौसम विभाग ने लोगों को खराब मौसम के दौरान सतर्क रहने की सलाह दी है। विशेष रूप से वज्रपात के समय खुले मैदान, पेड़ के नीचे या बिजली के खंभों के पास खड़े नहीं होने की अपील की गई है।

## आयुक्त ने किया खूंटी का दौरा कर की योजनाओं की समीक्षा

खूंटी, एप्रैल 3। दक्षिणी छोटानागपुर प्रमंडलीय आयुक्त मनोज कुमार ने शनिवार को खूंटी जिला का दौरा किया। परिषद आगमन पर उपायुक्त सौरभ कुमार भुवानीय और पुलिस अधीक्षक ऋषभ गर्ग ने पुष्प गुच्छ भेंट कर उनका स्वागत किया। इस अवसर पर जिला प्रशासन की ओर से आयुक्त को गाई ऑफ ऑनर भी दिया गया। अपने इस दौरे में उन्होंने उच्च एवं तकनीकी शिक्षा विभाग, झारखंड अंतर्गत राष्ट्रीय विज्ञान संग्रहालय परिषद, कोलकाता की ओर से उपलब्ध कराई गई भ्रमणशील विज्ञान प्रदर्शनी के तहत मोबाइल साइंस एग्जिबिशन वैन को समाहरणालय परिसर से ही झंडी दिखाकर रवाना किया। यह प्रदर्शनी 02 मई से 21 मई तक जिले के चयनित 09 विद्यालयों में भ्रमण करेगी। वैन में केमिस्ट्री एंड लाइफ विथ



फोकस ऑन वॉटर विषय पर आधारित प्रदर्शनी के माध्यम से विद्यार्थियों को वैज्ञानिक जानकारी दी जाएगी। इसके बाद आयुक्त ने समाहरणालय सभागार में विभिन्न विभागों की समीक्षा बैठक कर योजनाओं की प्रगति की जानकारी

ली। मनरेगा की समीक्षा करते हुए उन्होंने 100 कार्य दिवस रोजगार सृजन सुनिश्चित करने, बिरसा हरित ग्राम योजना, बिरसा सिंचाई कृषि निर्माण, वीर शहीद पोदो हो खेल योजना और मुख्यमंत्री पशुधन विकास योजना का बेहतर संचालन करने का निर्देश दिया।

साथ ही लंबित प्रधानमंत्री आवास और अनुआ आवास योजनाओं को जल्द पूरा कराने को कहा। उन्होंने अन्य जय विभागों के कार्यों की समीक्षा की और अधिकारियों को निर्देश दिया। आयुक्त ने खूंटी प्रखंड अंतर्गत डुगडुगीया स्थित सख्योग विलेज का निरीक्षण किया। उन्होंने बाल गृह परिसर के रसोई घर, भंडार गृह, भोजनालय, मनोरंजन कक्ष और स्पेशल केयर कक्ष सहित विभिन्न व्यवस्थाओं का जायजा लिया। बच्चों को समय पर पौष्टिक एवं संतुलित भोजन उपलब्ध कराने तथा खाद्य सामग्री का उचित भंडारण सुनिश्चित करने के निर्देश दिए। मौके पर उप विकास आयुक्त, अनुमंडल पदाधिकारी, अरुण समहर्ता, जिला शिक्षा पदाधिकारी, जिला शिक्षा अधीक्षक सहित अन्य पदाधिकारी उपस्थित थे।

## मां मिली 20 साल बाद, पति ने ठुकराया

धनबाद, एप्रैल 3। रिश्तों की कड़वाहट और प्रशासनिक संवेदना की एक ऐसी कहानी झारखंड के धनबाद से सामने आई है, जो किसी फिल्मी पटकथा से कम नहीं है। 20 साल पहले जो मां घर से लापता हो गई थी, आज वह केरल के एक सरकारी आश्रय गृह में मिलती है। एक तरफ जहां पति ने उसे अपनाने से इनकार कर दिया, वहीं बेटे ने मां को वापस लाने की गुहार लगाई है। पूर्वी टुंडी के अंचल अधिकारी की पहल अब चर्चा का विषय बनी हुई है। धनबाद जिले के पूर्वी टुंडी प्रखंड के चुरूरिया पंचायत स्थित कांशीटोड आदिवासी टोला की रहने वाली कबली देवी करीब 20 साल पहले अचानक लापता हो गई थीं। परिवार में काफी खोजबीन की, लेकिन कोई सुराग



नहीं मिला। समय बीतता गया और पति राजू मुर्मू उर्फ बुधु मुर्मू ने यह मान लिया कि अब वह वापस नहीं आएंगीं। उन्होंने दूसरी शादी कर नई जिंदगी शुरू कर दी। लेकिन किस्मत को कुछ और ही मंजूर था। करीब दो साल पहले जानकारी मिली कि कबली देवी केरल के एक सरकारी आश्रय गृह 'आशा भवन' में सुरक्षित हैं और पिछले 10 वर्षों से वहीं रह रही हैं।

संवेदनशीलता दिखाते हुए खुद पहल की। स्थानीय मुखिया कन्हई चार के साथ वे राजू मुर्मू के घर पहुंचे और उन्हें समझाने की कोशिश की, लेकिन पति का मन नहीं बदला।

इस कहानी का सबसे भावुक पहलू तब सामने आया जब कबली देवी का बेटा समर मुर्मू सामने आया। बचपन में मां से बिछड़ा बेटा आज जवान हो चुका है, लेकिन मां के लिए उसकी तड़प अब भी जिया है। उसने प्रशासन से अपील की है- 'मेरी मां को वापस ले आइए, मैं उन्हें अपने साथ रखूंगा।' अब देवना होगा कि प्रशासन इस भावुक अपील पर क्या कदम उठाता है और क्या 20 साल बाद मां-बेटे का मिलन हो पाता है या नहीं।

## पलामू में बोलेरो-बाइक की टक्कर, एक की मौत :फोरलेन पर हुआ हादसा

पलामू, एप्रैल 3। पलामू जिले के पड़वा थाना क्षेत्र में शनिवार दोपहर एक सड़क हादसे में एक व्यक्ति की मौत हो गई। मेदिनीनगर-पड़वा मुख्य पथ पर गाड़ीगांव में फोरलेन सड़क पर बोलेरो और बाइक की आमने-सामने टक्कर हो गई। इस हादसे में बाइक पर पीछे बैठे व्यक्ति की जान चली गई, जबकि बाइक चालक घायल हो गया। मृतक की पहचान करूअशना गांव निवासी 40 वर्षीय विजय ठाकुर के रूप में हुई है। घायल मुनेश ठाकुर भी इसी गांव का रहने वाला है। मुनेश ठाकुर का इलाज मेदनीनगर मेडिकल कॉलेज अस्पताल में चल रहा है, जहां उसकी हालत गंभीर बताई जा रही है।



सिर में आई गंभीर चोटें: परिजनों के अनुसार, दोनों युवक एक ही बाइक पर सवार होकर कहीं जा रहे थे। गाड़ीगांव फोरलेन के पास एक तेज रफ्तार और अनियंत्रित बोलेरो ने उनकी बाइक को टक्कर मार दी। टक्कर इतनी भीषण थी कि दोनों सड़क पर गिर गए, जिससे उन्हें सिर में गंभीर चोटें आईं। घटना की सूचना मिलते ही पड़वा थाना पुलिस मौके पर पहुंची। स्थानीय लोगों की मदद से दोनों घायलों को मेदनीनगर मेडिकल कॉलेज अस्पताल ले जाया गया। डॉक्टरों ने विजय ठाकुर को मृत घोषित कर दिया। पुलिस ने दोनों वाहनों को जब्त कर लिया है और मामले की जांच जारी है।



## The Researchers'

## 46 years after going missing, soldier presumed dead by AFT; widow to get pension, arrears from 1993

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The Tribunal's Chandigarh Bench comprising Justice Umesh Chandra Sharma and Lt Gen Ranbir Singh held that there is no evidence that the Army or, on their directions, the civil authorities ever tried to search the individual as to whether he is alive or not and whether he was seen by anyone just before his disappearance. There is also no evidence that the individual is alive and is living or working somewhere else or he voluntarily abandoned his service.



### 4 cops die during op to dispose of Maoist ammo

**New Delhi, Agency:** Four police personnel were killed in an explosion while trying to dispose of a gunpowder dump of Maoists in Chhattisgarh's Kanker district on Saturday. This was the first explosion incident linked to Naxalites in the state since it was declared free from armed Maoism on March 31. It was also the first instance this year in which security personnel engaged in anti-Naxal operations lost their lives. The police earlier said an improvised explosive device (IED) went off while being neutralised, but later a senior official stated that it was a gunpowder dump, hidden by Maoists when they were active in the area. The tragic incident took place at 11.30 am in a forest area of Aadnar village under the Chhotabethiya police station limits, near the Narayanpur district border, when a joint team of security personnel was conducting a demining operation to locate and defuse IEDs planted earlier by Naxalites, Inspector General of Police (Bastar Range) Sundarraj Pattingam said.

### 'I'm 41, get me married': Prayagraj woman seeks police help, claims family trying to avoid expenses

**New Delhi, Agency:** A 41-year-old woman in Sarai Inayat area of Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh, has appealed to the police for help, levelling serious allegations against her family. She alleged that her family is deliberately preventing her from getting married and has been harassing her for years.

According to media reports, Madhuri Patel, a resident of Manapur village, said in her police complaint that she wants to get married, but her brother and sister-in-law reject every proposal. She claims the family is doing this to avoid wedding expenses. The woman also alleged that her brother had transferred the family land to his name, but was not taking any responsibility for her marriage. She named her father, mother, brother, sister-in-law and sister in the complaint.

### 'Free press under attack': Congress slams Centre over India's 157 rank in press freedom index

**New Delhi, Agency:** The Congress on Sunday launched a sharp attack over the state of press freedom in India, citing the country's rank of 157 in the World Press Freedom Index 2026, which places it in the "very serious" category. On World Press Freedom Day, the Congress said that a free press is the voice of democracy, but alleged that it is under attack. In a post on X, it expressed solidarity with journalists and voices that "speak truth to power" and strive to protect democratic values. "A free press is the voice of democracy, but today that voice is under attack. India ranks 157 in the World Press Freedom Index 2026, falling into the "very serious" category.



## Indian firms mobilise against US push to curb offshore call centres

**New Delhi, Agency:** Indian IT majors and industry bodies are growing increasingly worried about a proposed rule by the US Federal Communications Commission (FCC) that would restrict the use of offshore call centres by certain American companies - a move that could reshape one of the most significant sources of outsourcing revenue for companies that have made India the world's back office for American consumer businesses.

The FCC proposed the rule on March 26, releasing it the following day, with a public comment period opening after its publication in the Federal Register. Comments are due by May 26, with reply comments due by



June 22. The rule, framed by the FCC as a consumer protection and national security measure, floats three broad interventions: capping the share of customer service calls that US providers may route to foreign call centres; requiring workers at those centres to demonstrate proficiency in spoken and written

American Standard English; and mandating that providers inform customers at the start of each call whether it is being handled outside the US - and offer to transfer it to a US-based representative on request. The FCC has floated 30% as one benchmark for the call volume cap, but has left the figure open for comment; the proposed rule text carries a placeholder rather than a fixed percentage. The agency has also proposed that calls involving sensitive information - passwords, social security numbers, bank account or credit card details - be handled exclusively by US-based representatives, regardless of any cap applied to general call volumes.

## Tamil Nadu: Over a lakh security personnel to guard 62 counting centres

**New Delhi, Agency:** As votes for the Tamil Nadu assembly elections will be counted on Monday, the Election Commission (EC) said on Saturday that a three-tier security system will be in place at counting centres, with around 100,000 security personnel deployed for election security duties. In Chennai alone, police said nearly 20,000 security staff have been deployed.

Chief electoral officer (CEO) Archana Patnaik, said that the first tier security perimeter extending 100 metres around each counting centre has been established. "Entry within this zone will be strictly restricted to authorised personnel. Adequate police personnel will be deployed



at entry points," she added. The second tier, comprising the entry gates of the counting premises will be secured by the State Armed Police Personnel, who would regulate access and prevent unauthorised movement within the premises. "Use of mobile phones and other communication devices will be permitted only in designated areas," she said.

The third-tier, the inner-

most security layer in the counting halls and the electronic voting machine (EVM) strong rooms will be managed by the Central Armed Police Force (CAPF) personnel. The EC, as a first-time initiative introduced a QR code-based photo identity card system through its mobile application ECINET to prevent any unauthorised entry into the counting centres.

## India's island territories provide military deterrence against expansionist China

**New Delhi, Agency:** Even though the tri-service Andamans and Nicobar Command was set-up by the Vajpayee government quarter of century ago, India's military doctrine has been land centric with primacy to the Indian Army with other two services unfortunately being seen as force multipliers.

While India's main adversary China changed its military doctrine from land to sea-centric in early 2000s, New Delhi started seriously looking at its maritime security post-2014 with PLA Navy surveillance ships, ballistic missile trackers, warships and submarines making forays into Indian Ocean Region (IOR) with logistics facilities in Cambodia, Sri Lanka, Maldives, Iran and the eastern seaboard of Africa. Today, an average of six-to-seven PLA ships are in the IOR each month with aircraft carrier based task forces entering the region within this decade.

Given that the PLA is making one ship every seven days, India has no options but to develop long range capabilities in its island territories of Lakshadweep and Andamans and Nicobar Island. It is only then



that India can enforce sea-denial, sea-access deterrence as well as build leverages in the IOR against any potential rival. Apart from maritime security,

India's island territories hold huge economic potential for the country with world class transshipment hubs on the eastern as well as western seaboard of the country. It was India's first Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) Gen Bipin Rawat who along with national security planners, who envisioned turning Campbell Bay in Great Nicobar into a transshipment hub as well as a military base for India in order to provide first strike capability against any rival as well as protect the hinterland away from home.

## Just Like That: Are gyms creating health or causing harm?

**New Delhi, Agency:** I have a serviceable gym at home, with basic machines, equipment, and weights. But more importantly, I have Jai Rathee, a good trainer who is able to discern the difference between required exercise and undesirable excess. To have this trained balance is necessary, especially when, across India's metropolitan skylines-and increasingly in smaller towns too-glittering gyms



rise where once there were modest parks,

Priyanka Chopra stepped out last night for a special advance screening of the new season of Citadel at AGBO Studios in Los Angeles, California. Stanley Tucci, who stars in the recently released The Devil Wears Prada 2, and Ashleigh Cummings were also present at the occasion.

"The counting of votes recorded in all 75,064 polling stations and postal ballots received will be conducted at 62 designated counting centres," she said. Counting will start at 8am with the postal ballots, followed by EVM counting in 234 halls at 8.30am, and 3,324 counting tables will be used.

"A total of 10,545 personnel have been deployed for counting duty, supported by 4,624 micro-observers to ensure transparency and integrity of the process," she said. Round-wise results of all assembly constituencies will be announced by the concerned returning officer (RO), using the public address system at the respective centre, and the same will be reflected in the

ECINET app.

The Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) which leads the Secular Progressive Alliance comprising Congress and Left parties, is seeking to retain power, while the AIADMK-led National Democratic Alliance is aiming to return to power with its allies, including the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Pattali Makkal Katchi (PMK), and Amma Makkal Munnetra Kazhagam (AMMK) among others. Actor-politician Vijay 's Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam has made its poll debut in this election.

A committee blames former TTD executive officer AV Dharma Reddy for major procurement lapses, allowing adulterated ghee in sacred laddu prasadam.

# Kidney care for diabetics: Things you should start doing today



Diabetes is no longer just about managing sugar levels. Doctors now view it as a condition that quietly affects multiple organs over time, with the kidneys being among the most vulnerable. What makes this risk more serious is that the damage can build silently, often without clear symptoms in the early stages.

Dr Ameet Soni, Associate Vice President and Head of Medical Affairs, CORONA Remedies, shared his expert take on the subject. In India, where diabetes cases continue to rise, protecting kidney health has become a daily responsibility rather than a medical afterthought. The good news is that small, consistent habits can make a real difference long before complications appear.

Why does kidney damage in diabetes often go unnoticed?

One of the biggest challenges with diabetic kidney dis-

ease is that it does not show early warning signs. There is no sudden pain or dramatic signal. Many people feel completely fine while gradual damage is already underway. High blood sugar affects the tiny blood vessels in the kidneys over time. This reduces their ability to filter waste effectively. By the time symptoms appear, the damage is often advanced, which is why early awareness matters.

Keep blood sugar within range, not just occasionally

Managing blood sugar is not about getting it right once in a while. It is about staying consistent over time. Frequent spikes and drops put continuous stress on the kidneys and weaken their filtering function. Even if fluctuations seem minor, long-term instability is what leads to complications. A steady routine is far more protective than occasional strict

control.

Monitor blood pressure as seriously as sugar levels

Both high blood pressure and diabetes can contribute to

kidney damage. High blood pressure adds stress to delicate kidney blood vessels and accelerates the damage process. Even slightly high readings can

have an impact over time. Regular monitoring and early correction can help reduce long-term risk.

Do not skip kidney function

tests

Kidney damage usually does not have any symptoms until later stages, making regular screening tests important. Screening is easy and can be done through urine albumin and blood creatinine levels. These tests are a core part of diabetes management. Early detection gives you a better chance to slow or prevent progression.

Be careful with everyday medications

It is easy to overlook how common painkillers and over-the-counter medicines affect the body. Some medications, especially when used frequently, can reduce blood flow to the kidneys and increase existing strain.

This does not imply refraining from taking any medications at all. What it implies is that one must be conscious while taking medication regularly and consult a doctor.

## Blue baby syndrome: Signs every parent should watch for



a child that develops while they are still inside their mother, is the most frequent cause of this condition.

How common is it  
Congenital heart disease is among the most frequent congenital malformations. In India, it occurs in about 8 to 10 infants per 1,000 live births. From these, a considerable proportion consists of cyanotic congenital heart diseases leading to cyanosis.

Warning signs parents should not ignore

Early detection can save lives. Symptoms to look out for include: Blueness in the lips, tongue, or fingers  
Fast or difficult breathing

Feeding problems or profuse sweating while eating  
Weight loss

• **Excessive sleeping or lethargy:** Sometimes, infants have periods when they suddenly turn very blue, breathe rapidly, or go limp. This is an emergency situation that demands urgent medical care.

• **Symptoms may not appear immediately:** Not all babies show signs right after birth. In some cases, symptoms may develop days or even weeks later. This makes it important for parents to stay observant even after leaving the hospital.



## Haemophilia warning signs you should never ignore

Most people perceive haemophilia as being related to injuries only. The truth of the matter is that the real danger is presented by those things which one cannot see at first glance. Delayed manifestation of haemophilia through hidden bleeding, pain and reduced physical activity should be considered carefully.

Dr Neema Bhat, Haemato Oncologist, Apollo Hospitals Bengaluru, shed light on the subject. Why is it especially important to detect early signs of the disease? The reason why recognising early signs plays an especially important role in detecting the disease is the fact that haemophilia leads to the lack of proper coagulation of the blood. As a result, even small injuries cause continuous bleeding, and internal bleeding occurs without any specific cause.

It would be wise not to delay seeking medical advice because it would make the treatment complicated. Knowing what to look for can make all the difference.

### Joint pain or tingling before swelling

One of the earliest signs of internal bleeding is discomfort in the joints. It can start with a feeling of tingling or warmth, or slight pain without any visible swelling.

Neglecting this phase will make you suffer from joint problems for many years to come. Timely action will help avoid serious consequences.

### Joint swelling and stiffness

The next phase of bleeding causes swelling and stiffness in your joints. Movement becomes uncomfortable, and the range of motion decreases.

This symptom frequently occurs in the joints of your knees, elbows, and ankles. If it repeats regularly, it will seriously impair your ability to move.

## What happens to bone density in women after 35 that nobody talks about early

Bone health does not become an important issue for women in their 30s. Nothing really seems to go wrong, and there are no symptoms or discomfort experienced by women that would make them worried about their bones. However, things that happen within the body are different and even unexpected.

After turning 35, bone resorption can occur at a faster rate than the body's ability to form new bones. As orthopaedic expert Dr Lalit Nemichand Bafna explains, early aware-

ness is key to protecting long-term bone health.

### Why does bone density start declining after 35

Bone is a living tissue that is constantly breaking down and rebuilding. Up to your early 30s, the body can maintain a healthy balance. After that, this balance begins to shift.

The body starts losing bone slightly faster than it can replace it. This process takes place gradually but steadily, resulting in bone weakening and an increased likelihood of osteoporosis developing.



Those initial few seconds after birth are full of happiness and excitement, especially when the baby cries for the first cry. However, imagine that the baby has blue-looking skin rather than pink.

It can be quite scary, but it may mean that the baby has blue baby syndrome. Knowing what that entails and understanding some early indicators can make all the difference. According to Dr Vikram Kudumula, a pediatric cardiologist, the early identification of this disease can be important.

What is blue baby syndrome?

Blue Baby Syndrome is an illness in which the skin, lips, or nails of a baby are blue because there isn't enough oxygen in their blood. Congenital heart disease, which is a defect in the heart of



## One year of regular drinking What it really does to your liver

An evening drink slips easily into social plans, stress relief or daily habit. But inside the body, the story is very different. Alcohol does not switch off once the glass is empty. It continues to affect your system in ways that are often slow, silent and easy to ignore.

Dr Amish Vora, Director-Medical Oncology, H.O.P.E Oncology, New Delhi, shared his expert take on the

subject. The liver, which works as the body's natural filter, carries the biggest burden. It processes everything you consume, including alcohol, without complaint. The problem is that it also absorbs the damage quietly. By the time symptoms appear, the impact is often already significant.

Why is the liver most affected?

The liver assumes an important function in

metabolising alcohol, whereby a toxic byproduct known as acetaldehyde is formed.

This compound damages liver cells and triggers inflammation.

Over time, repeated exposure weakens the liver's ability to function properly. Since the organ does not send clear early warning signals, this damage can build up without you realising it.