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Turkish Airlines jet catches fire while landing at Nepal airport; all passengers evacuated safely

KATHMANDU. (Agency)
A Turkish Airlines jet caught fire while landing at Nepal's main airport on Monday, causing no reported injuries but forcing the airport to shut down. The flight from Istanbul landed at Kathmandu's Tribhuvan International Airport with fire and smoke on the right landing gear. Emergency crew responded and controlled the fire and passengers were safely evacuated, according to airport officials. The airport was shut down on Monday morning. There were 277 passengers on board the Airbus 330 jet. Several planes bound for Kathmandu were put on hold while officials were investigating and attempting to clear the only runway available at the airport. Nepal experiences relatively frequent plane crashes as its mountainous terrain and variable weather make flying conditions difficult. In 2015, a Turkish Airlines jet landing in dense fog in Kathmandu skidded off a slippery runway, shutting down the airport for several days. No injuries were reported, and the plane was later towed out of the airport and converted into a museum.

6 people found dead in train's boxcar near US-Mexico border: Police

World. (Agency)
Six bodies were found on Sunday in a train boxcar in Laredo, Texas, according to police. A Union Pacific worker discovered them in a train yard at a remote location near the Mexican border, and police and firefighters later confirmed they had died, said Laredo Police Investigator Joe Baeza. Police have not determined how they died, Baeza said. The investigation is ongoing, he said. There were no survivors, he said. Police did not say where the individuals were from. Past instances of multiple deaths in trains and tractor trailers not far from the U.S.-Mexico border have involved migrants, including a 2022 incident in which 53 were found dead in an abandoned truck with malfunctioning air conditioning on the outskirts of San Antonio.

"Totally Unacceptable": Trump Rejects Iran's Peace Plan, Tehran Responds



World. (Agency)
US President Donald Trump has rejected Iran's proposal to end the over two-month-long war in the Middle East, claiming Tehran's terms were "totally unacceptable" and raising the likelihood of renewed conflict after weeks of negotiations. The American commander-in-chief, who is under increasing domestic pressure to end the Iran war, claimed the Islamic republic was "militarily defeated", as he insisted that Tehran's nuclear programme -- one of the main reasons why Trump started the war -- has been contained. The 79-year-old Republican himself provided no details on Tehran's counterproposal but, in a brief post on his Truth Social platform, said he was rejecting it. What Trump said "I have just read the response from Iran's so-called 'Representatives.' I don't like it -- TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE!" he said. The Wall Street Journal, citing people familiar with the matter, reported that Iran has laid out its own demands to Washington and proposed to have some of its highly enriched uranium diluted, and the rest transferred to a third country. In its response, delivered through mediator Pakistan, Iran sought guarantees that the transferred uranium will be returned if negotiations fail or Washington quits the agreement later, sources told the Journal. Trump made no mention of such details in rejecting Iran's response. Later, talking to journalist Sharyl Attkisson, Trump also claimed the US was "closely monitoring" Iran's stockpile of enriched uranium and claimed Washington would know if anyone approached the site and would "blow them up". "We'll get that at some point. Whenever we want. We have it surveilled. I did a thing called Space Force, and they are watching that... If anybody got near the place, we will know about it -- and we'll blow them up," the US leader said. Referring to American surveillance capabilities, Trump said that Washington would know if anyone went near the enriched uranium. "If somebody walked in, they (Space Force) can tell you his name, address, his badge number," Trump said. Iran's Response Iran responded by warning it would not hold back from retaliating against any new US strikes or permit more foreign warships in the Strait of Hormuz. Iranian state television reported that Tehran has also rejected the American counterproposal as amounting to surrender, insisting instead on "war reparations by the US, full Iranian sovereignty over the Strait of Hormuz, an end to sanctions, and the release of seized Iranian assets."

Iran war disruptions spark higher costs and lost income in Bangladesh

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DHAKA. (Agency)
Tariqul Islam lost his savings after setbacks in his clothing business about a year and a half ago and turned to ride-sharing on his motorbike to make ends meet. Until recently, he spent hours in fuel lines as supply disruptions linked to the war in Iran ripple into Bangladesh. The 53-year-old father of four fears the strain will worsen if the war drags on, saying long hours waiting for fuel have sharply cut his income and made it increasingly difficult to support his

family in Dhaka, the nation's capital, including a daughter at university and a son in college. "My family was managing fairly well through ride-sharing," he said. "But after the fuel shortage began, I would buy fuel one day and run the bike for two days. As a result, I had to sit idle for one day, which reduced my income." The strain in Islam's household reflects a broader squeeze in Bangladesh, heavily dependent on imported fuel, where energy shortages have disrupted daily life, slowed industrial output and raised concerns about economic growth as global tensions push up costs and strain supplies. Conditions have eased slightly in recent days, with shorter queues at fuel stations after the government increased supplies, but concerns persist across sectors. Across Asia, governments are facing similar strains as the war-driven surge in energy prices rattles economies dependent on imported oil and gas. The continent is exposed because it relies on imported fuel, much of it passing through the Strait of Hormuz -- a chokepoint for about a fifth of global oil and natural gas

trade. Higher fuel costs are leading to inflation and squeezing household budgets, while industries from manufacturing to transport are facing rising operating costs and supply disruptions.



The Asian Development Bank in late April cut growth forecasts for developing Asia and the Pacific, warning that war-driven energy disruptions would slow economies and fuel inflation. It now expects growth of 4.7% in 2026, with inflation rising to 5.2% as oil prices climb and financial conditions tighten. Many are hoping for a quick end to

the conflict and a return to normal. "If this situation continues, we will have to move back to our village and find some other way to earn a living," Islam, the struggling father said. It is not possible to survive in Dhaka by doing ride-sharing under these conditions. "Energy crunch weighs on Bangladesh's economy. Rising energy prices are also expected to strain Bangladesh's finances, with the government likely to spend an additional \$1.07 billion on LNG subsidies in the April-June quarter alone if global prices remain high. Bangladesh has sought supplies from its big neighbor India, which has responded positively as it has diversified sources, including Russia, of fuel. Already, authorities have imposed austerity measures to manage the crisis as global lenders warn of slower growth in the nation of more than 170 million people. Gas and diesel shortages have triggered more frequent power cuts in industrial zones. The government has also shut fertilizer factories to divert gas to power plants.

'Without strategic goal, plan or timeline': US Senator slams Trump over Iran War

PESHAWAR. (Agency)
Arizona Democratic Senator Mark Kelly has criticised US President Donald Trump over Washington's involvement in the Iran conflict, accusing the administration of entering the war without a "strategic goal, plan or timeline" and rapidly depleting key US military stockpiles. Speaking to CBS on Sunday, Kelly said briefings from the Pentagon on munitions inventories, including Tomahawk missiles, ATACMS, SM-3 interceptors, THAAD rounds and Patriot missiles, revealed alarming levels of expenditure triggered by the conflict. "It's shocking the how deep we have gone into these magazines, because this president got our country into this without a strategic goal, without a plan, without a timeline, and because of that, we've expended a lot of munitions, and that means the American people are less safe, whether it's a conflict in the western

Pacific with China or somewhere else in the world, the munitions are depleted. You may have seen me ask the Secretary of Defence this question about how long it's going to take to



replenish. We're talking about years," he said. Kelly also questioned the broader benefits of the conflict for Americans, accusing Trump of failing to deliver on campaign promises related to peace and lowering costs. "What are the American people

getting out of this? This president said he wasn't going to start any new wars. He was going to bring down costs. He's done exactly the opposite. War against Iran. Costs on everything are up,"

Senator Kelly said. Meanwhile, Iranian state broadcaster Press TV reported comments from IRGC commander Brigadier General Ahmad Zolghadr, who claimed the United States could no longer "instill panic" by deploying aircraft carriers in international waters. Later on Sunday, United States Central Command (CENTCOM) said its forces had redirected 61 commercial vessels amid the continuing maritime blockade in the Strait of Hormuz. As tensions escalated across West Asia and the Gulf region, Trump also lashed out at Iran over Tehran's response to efforts aimed at ending hostilities and restoring peace, calling the reaction "completely unacceptable."

One evacuated passenger tests positive for hantavirus, another develops symptoms on flight home

TENERIFE. (Agency)
Passengers evacuated from the hantavirus-hit cruise ship began flying home aboard military and government planes Sunday after the vessel anchored in the Canary Islands, with one American testing positive and a French traveler developing symptoms for the pathogen aboard their separate aircraft. One of the 17 American passengers evacuated from the MV Hondius tested positive for the hantavirus but is not showing any symptoms, U.S. health officials said late Sunday. Earlier, one of the five French passengers developed symptoms on their flight home, French Prime Minister Sebastien Lecornu said in a statement, and all were put into strict isolation with plans to be tested. Passengers were evacuated from the MV Hondius following its arrival in Tenerife, the largest island in the Spanish archipelago off the West African coast. Earlier, officials from the Spanish Health Ministry, the World Health Organization and the cruise company Oceanwide Expeditions had said none of the more than 140 people who were then on the Hondius had shown symptoms of the virus. The aircraft carrying the Americans was due to arrive in Omaha, Nebraska, early Monday. The Americans would first be taken to the University of Nebraska Medical Center, which has a federally funded quarantine facility, to assess whether they have been in close contact with any symptomatic people and their risk levels for spreading the virus. The medical school also has a special unit for treating people with highly infectious diseases that was used early in the pandemic for COVID-19 patients and previously for Ebola patients. "One passenger will be transported to the Nebraska Biocontainment Unit upon arrival, while other passengers will go to the National Quarantine Unit for assessment and monitoring. The passenger who is going to the Biocontainment Unit tested positive for the virus but does not have symptoms," said Kayla Thomas, a spokesperson for the Nebraska Medicine hospital that will help care for the passengers. From the ship, all of the passengers were escorted to shore by personnel in full-body protective gear and breathing masks. Spanish passengers were the first to leave, flown to Madrid and taken to a military hospital. Hours later, a plane that evacuated French passengers landed in Paris, where it was met by emergency vehicles.

Nobel laureate Narges Mohammadi is transferred to a Tehran hospital

BEIRUT. (Agency)
Nobel Peace laureate and activist Narges Mohammadi has been transferred to a Tehran hospital more than a week after collapsing in prison, her foundation said Sunday. Her transfer comes after days of pleading by her family and others who described her condition as critical. Her foundation said she has been granted a prison sentence suspension on bail. It was not clear for how long her sentence is suspended, the foundation said. Mohammadi had been imprisoned since December in Zanjani prison. She lost consciousness twice and was transferred to a local hospital on May 1. A statement from her foundation, shared with The Associated Press, said the suspended sentence is not enough and that Mohammadi needs "permanent, specialized care." The statement added that "we must ensure she never returns to prison to face the 18 years remaining on her sentence. Now is the

time to demand her unconditional freedom and the dismissal of all charges." Mohammadi's Iran-based lawyer Mostafa Nili said on social media the transfer order was issued following the decision of the Legal Medicine Organization -- government-appointed medical examiners -- "which stated that, due to her multiple illnesses, she needs to continue treatment outside prison and under the supervision of her own medical team. There was no immediate comment from Iranian authorities. Mohammadi's brother Hamidreza Mohammadi, who is based in Oslo, Norway, had said medical examiners previously recommended her transfer to Tehran but the decision was blocked. He blamed Iran's intelligence agency. "I'm relieved now. I can breathe lightly," her brother told the AP in a message. The 53-year-old rights activist and champion of women's rights was awarded the Nobel in 2023 while in

prison and has been jailed repeatedly throughout her career. Her current imprisonment began when she was arrested in the northeastern Iranian city of Mashhad. Mohammadi's family said her health had been deteriorating in prison, in part because she was heavily beaten during her arrest. She had a heart attack in March and has a blood clot in her lung since before her imprisonment that needs blood thinners and monitoring to manage it. Since being taken to the Zanjani hospital's cardiac care unit, Mohammadi's blood pressure had been swinging between extremely low and extremely high, and she was receiving oxygen to breathe and can't talk, according to her brother. The Nobel committee had called on Iranian authorities to immediately transfer Mohammadi to her dedicated medical team in Tehran, saying that "without such treatment, her life remains at risk."

Thailand's ex-PM Thaksin released from prison after serving eight months for abuse of power

BANGKOK. (Agency)
Thailand's former Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra, whose 21st-century political odyssey sharply divided Thai society for decades, was released from a Bangkok prison on Monday after serving eight months of a one-year sentence for a corruption-related charge. A crowd of about 300 supporters and political allies gathered outside the Klong Prem Central Prison to greet the 76-year-old billionaire populist. Thaksin was a telecommunications magnate who founded his own political party in 1998 and served as prime minister from 2001 until a military coup ousted him in 2006 while he was abroad. His ouster triggered nearly two decades of deep and sometimes violent political polarization, while his political machine staged several comebacks even as Thaksin himself stayed in self-imposed exile to escape what he said was political persecution through the courts. His three children, including former prime minister Paetongtarn Shinawatra, and other family members also arrived early to welcome him.

Thaksin emerged from the prison gate in a white polo shirt and blue pants and was embraced by his family. He smiled brightly as he walked around to greet his supporters who chanted "we love Thaksin," and gave red roses to him. He then left without speaking to reporters. He arrived at his residence in western Bangkok about an hour later. In a video streamed by Thairath News, Thaksin was seen rolling down the car window to greet a small group of supporters waiting at his home, responding to reporters' shouted questions that "I was in hibernation, I can't remember anything now." Thaksin was the first elected prime minister in Thai history to serve a full four-year term. Policies like a national healthcare scheme and projects to build roads in less developed parts of the country drew devoted support from the poorer segments of society, particularly in the rural north and northeast, but his popularity and sometimes high-handed style created deep fractures between his base and the country's urban elites, royalists, and military. He was charged with abuse of

power over allegations including using his position to benefit his own business interests and illegally approving a state lottery project that caused losses to the government.



Thaksin was convicted in absentia, but returned to Thailand to be sentenced in 2023 as the Pheu Thai Party, his most recent political vehicle, formed a government. He was widely believed to have reached a secret accommodation with the traditional royalist establishment. He was originally sentenced to eight years in prison, but it was commuted to one year by

King Maha Vajiralongkorn, which he was granted permission to serve from a suite in Bangkok's Police Hospital on medical grounds. After protests that he had received unwarranted special treatment, the Supreme Court in September 2025 ordered Thaksin to serve his sentence in prison. A Justice Ministry panel agreed last month to grant him parole as part of a review of more than 900 eligible prisoners' cases, citing his good behavior in prison, his age and the low risk that he would repeat his offense. After his release, Thaksin will be on probation for four months, during which he must reside at his declared home in Bangkok, wear an electronic monitoring bracelet, and report regularly to probation officials. Thaksin's daughter Paetongtarn became the country's youngest prime minister in 2024 but was removed from office by the Constitutional Court in August 2025 after a recording was released of a compromising phone call with former Cambodian leader Hun Sen.

BJP's Bengal Sweep May Pave Way for Modi's Historic Fourth Term: Bloomberg

News Desk: Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the BJP may have gained a decisive political advantage ahead of the 2029 Lok Sabha elections after the party's sweeping victory in West Bengal, according to a fresh analysis by Bloomberg. The report said the BJP's dramatic rise in Bengal, along with setbacks for ruling parties in Tamil Nadu and Kerala, has reinforced Modi's position as India's dominant political leader and strengthened the party's long-term national expansion strategy. Political observers quoted in the analysis believe the BJP now enters the next electoral cycle as the strongest force in Indian politics, with Modi remaining the central figure around whom the party's national campaign is likely to revolve. If the BJP regains a full ma-

ajority on its own in the 2029 general elections, Modi could surpass Jawaharlal Nehru as India's longest-serving Prime Minister. **Bengal Victory Changes BJP's Political Geography** The BJP's victory in West Bengal is being viewed as one of the most significant breakthroughs in the party's electoral history. Winning 207 seats in the 294-member Assembly, the saffron party ended Mamata Banerjee's 15-year rule and formed its first government in the state. The result is politically important because it signals the BJP's growing ability to penetrate regions once considered resistant to its brand of politics. Analysts say the Bengal mandate has expanded the BJP's footprint far beyond its traditional Hindi heartland base.

South Asia analyst Michael Kugelman told Bloomberg that the BJP is now the clear favourite heading into the 2029 Lok Sabha battle and appears better positioned than the opposition alliance. **Hindu Consolidation Continues to Benefit BJP** The analysis noted that the BJP's electoral success still rests heavily on its ability to mobilise a broad Hindu voter base cutting across caste, class and regional divisions. Even though the party lost its standalone majority in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections and relied on NDA allies to form the government, recent Assembly victories indicate that its larger political strategy remains intact. The BJP has consistently focused its campaigns on nationalism, welfare delivery, religious identity and strong



leadership, while attacking rivals over corruption, minority politics and governance issues. **Bengal Voting Patterns Favoured BJP Expansion** Citing constituency-level voting data and research by Raphael Cohen-Almagor Susewind of the London School of Economics and Political Science, the report said the BJP registered stronger gains in constituencies with larger Hindu populations. At the same time, opposition votes in several Muslim-dominated seats remained divided among multiple parties, limiting the emergence of a united anti-BJP challenge. The report clarified that the findings were based on constituency trends rather than individual voter data. **Opposition Faces Tough Road Ahead** The Bengal outcome has added to the BJP's growing momentum after victories in Maharashtra, Haryana and

Delhi following the 2024 parliamentary polls. During the Bengal campaign, Modi aggressively targeted the Trinamool Congress government on issues ranging from corruption and law and order to illegal migration and political violence. The defeat has weakened one of the opposition bloc's most influential regional leaders and once again exposed the lack of unity among anti-BJP parties. CPI(M) leader Hannan Mollah told Bloomberg that opposition parties have still not been able to create a credible nationwide alternative to Modi and the BJP. **Reform Agenda May Accelerate** The stronger political position could also give the Modi government greater confidence to push difficult economic re-

forms over the next year and a half. According to the analysis, the Centre may now move more aggressively on manufacturing expansion, land reforms and policies aimed at attracting global investment into India. **Global companies including Apple Inc.** have steadily expanded manufacturing operations in India as businesses diversify supply chains away from China. Economist Sonal Varma told Bloomberg that the coming months may provide the best political window for the government to implement major reforms before electoral calculations begin dominating policy decisions again. **BJP May Push Core Ideological Goals** The report also suggested that the BJP could revive key ide-

logical priorities, including simultaneous national and state elections and the implementation of a Uniform Civil Code. However, the party still lacks the numbers required in the Rajya Sabha to independently pass major constitutional amendments. Political scientist Sandeep Shastri observed that, in the long run, the BJP's biggest challenge may eventually come from internal factional competition within a dominant political organisation rather than from external rivals. Despite the BJP's growing momentum, the analysis said upcoming elections in states such as Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat, Punjab and Goa could still offer opposition parties opportunities to regain political ground before 2029.

ED Arrests Former Bengal TMC Minister Sujit Bose in Recruitment Scam



Kolkata: The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Monday arrested former West Bengal Fire Services Minister Sujit Bose in connection with the alleged South Dum Dum Municipality recruitment scam. Bose and his son Samudra Bose were questioned earlier in the day by ED officials. The agency is probing alleged irregular appointments made during Bose's tenure as Vice-Chairman of the municipality between 2010 and 2021. The ED had earlier conducted raids at locations linked to Bose and reportedly recovered documents related to the case. Bose had also received multiple summons during the recent Assembly election period and later appeared before investigators at the CGO Complex on May 1. A senior Trinamool Congress leader, Bose began his political career with the CPI(M) before joining the TMC in the late 1990s. He won the Bidhannagar Assembly seat in 2011. His arrest is likely to intensify the political battle in West Bengal over corruption allegations and central agency investigations.

Kanpur's Narayana Hospital Honoured for Free Healthcare Initiative

by Sunil Bajpai

Kanpur: Narayana Hospital, Kanpur has been honoured by the Indian Red Cross Society for its initiative to provide free medical treatment to mentally and economically vulnerable patients. On the occasion of World Red Cross Day, Narayana Group of Institutes Chairman and noted social worker Amit Narayana Trivedi received the honour from Kanpur District Magistrate Jitendra Pratap Singh for the hospital's contribution to affordable and accessible healthcare. Speaking at the event, Amit Narayana Trivedi said the recognition belonged to the entire Narayana Group team, doctors, and staff associated with the mission of social service. He described healthcare for the poor and needy as a humanitarian duty rather than merely a service. Narayana Hospital, located in Panki Gangaganj, has also been operating a modern HDU and ICU facility since last year to support treatment for underprivileged patients. The facility was inaugurated by JCI World Vice President Hiroki Timori from Japan, who praised the hospital's efforts as an inspiring example of humanitarian service. Several dignitaries, including Managing Director Udit Narayan, Dr. A.S. Prasad, Dr. Angad, Dr. I.M. Rohatgi, Dr. S.K. Singh, R.K. Sabarwal, and Indian Red Cross Society Chairman Dr. Umesh, were present at the programme.

Suwendu Govt Clears BSF Border Fencing, BNS Implementation, Ayushman Bharat Rollout in Bengal

Kolkata: In a strong signal of the new administration's priorities, the first Cabinet meeting chaired by Suwendu Adhikari on Monday cleared a series of major decisions, including land transfer to the Border Security Force (BSF) for border fencing, immediate rollout of the Census exercise, and implementation of key Central welfare schemes such as Ayushman Bharat in West Bengal. The meeting, held just two days after Adhikari took oath as West Bengal's first BJP chief minister, was attended by five newly inducted ministers along with senior state officials. Addressing reporters after the meeting, the chief minister said the new dispensation would end the culture of "government for the party" and work on the principle of "government for the people, by the people." **BSF Land Transfer Cleared for Border Fencing** One of the key decisions taken by the Cabinet was the approval of land transfer to the BSF for fencing along the India-Bangladesh border. Adhikari directed the Chief Secretary and the Land and Land Reforms Department to complete



the process within 45 days. West Bengal shares a long and porous border with Bangladesh, and border fencing has remained a sensitive issue in several districts for years. The chief minister also announced support measures for 321 families of BJP workers whom he described as "martyrs." **Ayushman Bharat, PM Schemes to Be Rolled Out** The Cabinet approved the rapid implementation of several Central government schemes that had remained pending in the state. These include Ayushman Bharat, PM Vishwakarma Yojana, PM SHRI, Ujjwala Yojana, Beti Bachao Beti Padhao, and Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana. District officials have been instructed to immediately forward all pending applications related to these schemes to the Centre. Adhikari said the state government was committed to implementing every welfare programme that had earlier not been adopted in West Bengal. Ayushman Bharat provides eligible poor and vulnerable families with annual cashless health coverage of up to Rs 5 lakh. **Census Exercise to Begin in Bengal** The Cabinet also authorised the immediate commencement of the Census process in the state. According to Adhikari, the Union Home Ministry had

sent communication regarding the Census exercise in June 2025, but the previous administration allegedly delayed action on the matter. The chief minister said his government had now cleared the file and directed officials to begin the process without delay. **Five-Year Age Relaxation for Govt Jobs** In another significant move, the Cabinet approved a five-year relaxation in the upper age limit for candidates applying for state government jobs. The decision is expected to benefit thousands of aspirants who crossed the age threshold due to prolonged recruitment delays in recent years. **Bengal to Implement Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita** The state government also formally approved implementation of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita in West Bengal. The new criminal law framework replaces major provisions of the Indian Penal Code and Code of Criminal Procedure as part of the Centre's wider judicial reforms. Adhikari claimed the earlier government had not issued the required state-level notification to operationalise the law.

UPI Toll Payment Cracks Suwendu PA Murder Case; Three Arrested



Kolkata: Police have arrested three suspects in connection with the murder of Chandranath Rath, a close aide of West Bengal Chief Minister Suwendu Adhikari, in a major breakthrough that reportedly came through tracking a UPI payment trail. The accused — identified as Vishal Srivastava, Raj Singh and Mayank Mishra — were arrested during raids conducted in Bihar and Uttar Pradesh, according to media reports. **Digital Payment Trail Cracks the Case** Investigators reportedly traced one of the suspects after a UPI transaction was made at a toll plaza in Bally shortly after the attack. The digital payment trail helped police identify and track the movement of the accused across state borders. The development marks a significant breakthrough in the high-profile murder case that had triggered political shockwaves in West Bengal. **Chandranath Rath Shot Dead in Madhyamgram** Rath was gunned down in Madhyamgram on Wednesday night after allegedly being followed by the attackers for some distance. According to reports, the assailants opened fire at close range before fleeing the spot on a motorcycle. Rath sustained multiple bullet injuries, including two in the chest and one in the abdomen. He was rushed to a hospital but was declared dead on arrival. The driver of Rath's vehicle was also reportedly injured in the attack. **Fake Number Plate Used by Attackers** Police investigations revealed that the motorcycle used in the crime carried a fake number plate. Reports said the original registration number belonged to a resident of Siliguri, who later informed investigators that the vehicle had earlier been listed for sale on OLX. Police are continuing their investigation to determine the motive behind the killing and to identify whether more individuals were involved in the conspiracy. **Manoj Agarwal Appointed West Bengal Chief Secretary** **Kolkata:** Senior IAS officer Manoj Agarwal has been appointed as the new Chief Secretary of West Bengal, according to an order issued by the Governor. Agarwal, who recently supervised the West Bengal Assembly elections and the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls as the state's Chief Election Officer, will now head the state bureaucracy. Prior to his appointment, he served as the Chief Election Officer of West Bengal and ex-officio Additional Chief Secretary of the Home and Hill Affairs Department (Election).

Arpita Mahila Mandal Honors JAC Meritorious Students with Samsung Tablets

Ranchi: Arpita Mahila Mandal honored 16 meritorious students who excelled in the Jharkhand Academic Council (JAC) Class 10 Board examinations by presenting them with Samsung tablets to support their higher studies and digital learning. The programme was organized under the leadership of Arpita Mahila Mandal President Preeti Singh. Students and their



parents were felicitated during the event. Female students and their mothers received chunni, while male students and their fathers were presented with shawls and sweets. The students were also awarded medals and extended best wishes for their future. Addressing the gathering, Preeti Singh said access to digital resources is essential in today's education system and finan-

cial difficulties should not become a barrier for talented students. The organization noted that most beneficiaries belong to economically weaker families dependent on daily wage labour. Vice Presidents Rita Mishra, Rupa Rani, Rita Tiwari and Neeru Hanjura, along with other members of the organization, were present on the occasion.

PM Modi Performs Mahapuja at Somnath Temple, Marks 75 Years of Sacred Restoration

Gujrat: Prime Minister Narendra Modi performed a grand Mahapuja at the revered Somnath Temple during the Somnath Amrut Parv celebrations, commemorating 75 years since the restoration and reopening of the historic temple. The sacred rituals included Mahapuja, Kumbhabhishek, and the ceremonial flag-hoisting at the Jyotirlinga shrine, as thousands of devotees gathered to witness the spiritual occasion. Describing the moment as deeply emotional, the Prime Minister said the overwhelming devotion and energy around Somnath had touched his heart. He remarked that the atmosphere made him relive the historic moment experienced by India's first President, Rajendra Prasad, dur-



ing the inauguration of the rebuilt temple decades ago. Modi said the Somnath Amrut Parv carried extraordinary spiritual energy and reflected the timeless faith of the people. He added that devotion to Lord Shiva could be felt in every corner of Somnath. Calling the occasion a landmark in Bharat's civilisational journey, the Prime Minister said the reopening of the reconstructed Som-

nath Temple 75 years ago symbolised India's cultural resurgence and unbreakable spirit. Highlighting the historical significance of the temple's restoration, Modi said, "If India gained independence in 1947, then the Prana Pratishtha of Somnath in 1951 proclaimed India's independent consciousness." He described the reconstruction of Somnath as a powerful assertion of na-



tional self-respect and civilisational pride. In a message shared on X, Modi described the opportunity to perform Mahapuja and seek blessings at Somnath as one of the most unforgettable moments of his life. He said the darshan and worship of Mahadev filled him with immense spiritual energy and devotion. Addressing devotees, the Prime Minister said the Somnath Temple stands as a

symbol of unwavering faith, divinity, and the eternal soul of India. He stated that the Somnath Amrut Parv was not only a celebration of the past but also an inspiration for the next thousand years. Emphasising the importance of cultural roots, Modi said a nation remains strong only when it stays connected to its heritage and traditions. He asserted that no force in the world

could make India bow before anyone. Referring to National Technology Day, the Prime Minister also recalled India's historic nuclear tests, saying they demonstrated the nation's scientific capability and strong political resolve before the world. Earlier, Modi held a roadshow from Prabhas Patan to Hamirji Gohil Circle, where large crowds welcomed him with chants, traditional music, and drumbeats. Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel and Deputy Chief Minister Harsh Sanghavi accompanied him during the procession. The Prime Minister also paid floral tributes to Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel before leaving for Vadodra, where he is scheduled to inaugurate the Sardardham Hostel.

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Proofs of failure: Rahul Gandhi attacks government over PM's WFH appeal

Reacting to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's "Nation First, Duty Above Comfort" message to the nation, the senior Rahul Gandhi called him "compromised" amid mounting economic pressure, saying the public was being asked "to sacrifice due to government failures."

New Delhi.(Agency)

Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi on Monday echoed the concerns raised by his party and sounded the alarm over Prime Minister Narendra Modi urging Indians to work from home, avoid foreign travel, and refrain from purchasing gold as part of a list of austerity measures amid the Gulf crisis. Reacting to the Prime Minister's "Nation First, Duty Above Comfort" message to the nation, the senior Congress leader called Modi "compromised" amid mounting economic pressure, saying the public was being asked "to sacrifice due to government failures." "Yesterday, Modi ji asked the public to

make sacrifices -- don't buy gold, don't travel abroad, use less petrol, cut down on fertiliser and edible oil, use the metro, and work from home. These are not advisories -- they are proof of failure," he tweeted.

Earlier in the day, Rahul's party MP Karti Chidambaram also questioned what the "triggers" were for the alert and called on the Modi government to convene an immediate



session of Parliament to apprise the Opposition and the rest of the country about the "true state of affairs."

"These are very serious 'directives' from the @PMOIndia. What are the triggers for this? The

government must convene Parliament immediately, take the nation into confidence, and inform us about the true state of affairs that has necessitated these 'appeals'," he tweeted.

Just after Prime Minister Narendra Modi appealed to citizens to use petroleum products carefully, the Congress lashed out at the Centre, saying that even three months into the US-Iran war, he remained unable to ensure India's energy security. The opposition party said it was "shameless, reckless and downright immoral" for the Prime Minister to ask people to face inconvenience instead of putting contingency measures in place to keep the economy insulated from the global crisis. In a post on X, Congress general secretary KC Venugopal wrote, "3 months into the Iran-US war and PM Modi is still clueless about ensuring India's energy security." He added, "It is shameless, reckless and downright immoral that the PM is pushing the common citizen into inconvenience, instead of building contingencies to ensure our economy is unaffected by this global crisis." Venugopal also said, "When elections and petty politics are the sole priority of the PM, the end result is an impending economic catastrophe."

'Greatest setback for workers' rights since Independence': Cong slams Centre over new labour codes

Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge said that the Modi government, in its typical cowardly fashion, waited for the assembly elections to conclude before notifying the four "anti-worker" labour codes.



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The Congress on Monday attacked the Central government, which has notified the final rules to fully implement the four labour codes, calling them the greatest setback for workers' rights since Independence. Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge said in a statement that the Modi government, in its typical cowardly fashion, waited for the assembly elections to conclude before notifying the four "anti-worker" labour codes through a series of gazette notifications on May 8 and 9, 2026.

"For crores of India's workers, these codes promise a future of hire-and-fire policies, contract employment, and limited space for unionisation," Kharge said in a statement.

It is important to note that the Modi government drafted and implemented these "anti-worker" codes without any consultation, he said. "It has not even convened the Indian Labour Conference since 2015. These codes, which benefit only the prime minister's industrialist friends, are the greatest setback for workers' rights since Independence," Kharge alleged. He said the Indian National Congress remains resolute in its vision for India's workers.

"We are committed to our five-point Shramik Nyay agenda: restoration of MGNREGA and its extension to urban areas, and national minimum wage at Rs 400 per day, including for MGNREGA; Right to Health law that will provide universal health coverage of Rs 25 lakh; comprehensive social security for all unorganised workers, including life insurance and accident insurance; a commitment to stop contractualisation of employment in core government functions; and to review the Modi government's dilution of labour laws," he said.

After a long wait of over five years, the Central government has fully operationalised the four labour codes by publishing the final rules, ensuring minimum wage and universal social security for all workers.

The four codes -- namely the Code on Wages, 2019; the Industrial Relations Code, 2020; the Code on Social Security, 2020; and the Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions Code, 2020 -- came into effect from November 21, 2025. The four codes were introduced to modernise and consolidate 29 labour laws into a simplified and contemporary framework.

Punjab tops NITI Aayog school education rankings, surpasses Kerala and Delhi

Punjab has topped the latest NITI Aayog rankings for primary and middle school education, surpassing Kerala, Maharashtra and Delhi. Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann credited sustained investment in smart classrooms, teacher training and digital infrastructure for the achievement, calling it the result of four years of focused education reforms.

Chandigarh.(Agency)

Punjab has overtaken Kerala, Maharashtra and Delhi to emerge as the country's top performing state in primary and middle school education, with the latest NITI (National Institution for Transforming India) Aayog report placing Bhagwant Mann Government's education reforms at the top of national rankings.

The report showed Punjab leading in foundational learning, digital infrastructure and school facilities, with the state recording higher scores than Kerala in language and mathematics while dramatically expanding smart classrooms, internet access and computer availability in government schools. Congratulating in a video



message, CM Bhagwant Mann said, "In consonance with the dictum 'You reap what you sow', the state has invested sincerely in education. The state government upgraded primary and

middle school education, strengthened the system, introduced smart classrooms and provided advanced training to teachers. Today, the results of those efforts have started showing. The state government sowed well, so now it is reaping excellent results." Highlighting Punjab's achievement in the NITI Aayog rankings, the Punjab CM stated, "NITI Aayog, one of the Government of India's premier institutions, has released new figures showing that Punjab has surpassed Kerala, Maharashtra and Delhi to secure the number one position in primary and middle school education. In Class 3 language performance, Punjab scored 82% while Kerala scored 75%.

Karnataka CM Siddaramaiah off to Delhi again; cabinet reshuffle or big change likely

With GBA elections looming, the Congress leadership is aware that internal discontent, if left unaddressed, could result in electoral setbacks in its urban strongholds.

BENGALURU (Agency)

With the Congress government in Karnataka set to cross the crucial three-year mark, CM Siddaramaiah is heading to New Delhi, setting off speculation of a political reset within the state administration. What appears to be routine consultation with the party high command could be more significant -- the big question is whether a reshuffle or leadership change is on the cards.

The priority is likely to be a long-anticipated cabinet reshuffle, which is no longer just about filling vacancies, but about political loyalties and electoral strategy ahead of the Greater Bengaluru Authority elections.

Sources indicate that Siddaramaiah is expected to hold detailed discussions with Congress



president Mallikarjun Kharge, Sonia Gandhi, Rahul Gandhi and others. The immediate trigger is the void left by the death of minister D Sudhakar, and two other existing vacancies.

However, within party circles, there is a growing consensus that a stopgap arrangement may not suffice. Pressure is mounting for a full-scale cabinet overhaul that accommodates regional, caste and factional balances, while rewarding political loyalty.

Timing is critical. With GBA elections looming up, the Congress leadership is aware that internal discontent, if left unaddressed, could result in electoral setbacks in its urban strongholds. Sources say a leadership change too cannot be ruled out.

Bengal govt orders crackdown on cattle smuggling, unauthorised markets to be shut

New Delhi.(Agency)

Nearly two days after swearing in, the BJP government took strong measures to put an end to cattle smuggling in West Bengal. The state administration issued major directives on Monday, asking police officials to shut down all unauthorised cattle markets with immediate effect. In addition, the West Bengal Police has been asked to increase surveillance in sensitive areas, especially along the border, to dismantle the smuggling networks and their operations. State-based enforcement agencies have been asked to monitor illegal transport and trade networks. Further, the police have been told to take strict action against people found to be associated with smuggling networks or operations. Ending the alleged cattle smuggling network had long been on the BJP's poll agenda. The party often accused several leaders of the Trinamool Congress of being associated with the alleged smuggling networks. TMC leaders like Anubrata Mondal (the district president of the

Trinamool Congress in Birbhum) came under the radar of central investigative agencies for their association with smuggling networks. He was first arrested and then granted bail in the Supreme Court.



CATTLE SMUGGLING IMPOSSIBLE IN BENGAL NOW, AMIT SHAH SAID

The latest direction by the administration can be seen as the first concrete measure by the BJP government in line with its poll promise, something that the Union Home Minister Amit Shah had vouched for a few days ago.

Kerala CM suspense drags into day 7 amid Congress factional war, poster fights

New Delhi.(Agency)

All other states that went to the polls along with Kerala have already installed their chief ministers. However, seven days after the Assembly election results were announced, the suspense over the Congress's choice for Kerala Chief Minister continues, with the party high command yet to announce its nominee.

The Congress high command is engaged in intense deliberations to finalise a name from among the top contenders -- KC Venugopal, Ramesh Chennithala and VD Satheesan -- amid a fierce factional war, poster campaigns and shows of strength by supporters of each leader over the past few days. According to party sources, an announcement is likely soon.

On Saturday, the Congress leadership convened in Delhi to discuss the matter after observers sent to Kerala sought the preferences of elected MLAs. The three-hour meeting at Mallikarjun Kharge's residence was attended by senior leader Rahul Gandhi, All India Congress Committee general secretary in-charge of Kerala Deepa Dasmunshi, AICC general secretary KC Venugopal, senior state leaders Ramesh Chennithala and VD Satheesan, Kerala Congress chief Sunny Joseph, and senior observers Ajay Maken and Mukul Wasnik.

There was no major development from the Congress high command on Sunday, but Monday is expected to be crucial for the state, which has voted the Congress-led alliance to power with 102 seats in the 140-member Assembly.

Sources said a majority of Congress MLAs favoured Venugopal for the top post, while Satheesan was widely seen as the public's preferred choice. The delay in the party's decision is understood to have arisen from a debate over whether the chief ministerial pick should be based on legislative backing or popular appeal.

Akhilesh Yadav calls PM's austerity appeal an 'admission of failure'

New Delhi.(Agency)

He alleged that the restrictions and appeals were meant only for the common people while those in power continued to enjoy privileges.

Samajwadi Party president Akhilesh Yadav on Monday alleged that the BJP government had failed in handling both the economy and foreign policy. He was reacting to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's appeal regarding an austerity drive amid the West Asia conflict. Akhilesh called the appeal, made a day ago, an "admission of failure."

In a post on X, Yadav said, "As soon as elections are over, the government suddenly remembered the 'crisis'. In reality, there is only one crisis for the country and its name is BJP."

The former Uttar Pradesh chief minister questioned how the country would achieve the goal of becoming a "five trillion dollar economy" if the government was forced to impose several restrictions. "So many restrictions are being imposed, then how will the

much-publicised 'five trillion dollar economy' become a reality? It appears the BJP government has completely lost control," he said.



Claiming that the rupee was weakening sharply against the dollar, Yadav alleged that the BJP

government's economic management had collapsed.

"The dollar is touching the sky while the Indian rupee is sinking deeper," he said.

Referring to the government's appeal to avoid unnecessary purchases, including gold, the Samajwadi Party (SP) chief said such advice should be directed at BJP leaders instead of common people.

"An appeal not to buy gold should be made to corrupt BJP leaders, not to the public, because ordinary people are anyway unable to buy even a small quantity of gold," he said. He further alleged that BJP leaders were engaged in converting "black money into gold", adding, "If anyone doubts this, they should enquire from Lucknow to Gorakhpur or from Ahmedabad to Guwahati." Yadav also questioned why such appeals and restrictions surfaced only after the elections.

Layers within Telangana's caste pyramid

The Union government gives special grants only for those states or regions that are deemed 'backward' for their development to bring them on par with others. But what determines if a state is backward? Economic metrics such as gross domestic product and per-capita income are used to measure the relative backwardness of states. Sounds logical, right? Similarly, shouldn't social justice schemes also focus more on castes that are more backward than others? If yes, how does one measure the relative backwardness of a caste?

For the first time in India, a composite backwardness index (CBI) has been constructed in Telangana to objectively measure the relative backwardness of a caste. The analytical framework is methodologically modest in description and conceptually radical in implication: it produces a single, comparable number for the relative backwardness of each of 242 caste groups, derived from the responses of 3.55 crore people across 75 fields of information.

The CBI is built on 42 equally-weighted parameters spanning education, occupation, income, land and assets, living conditions, access to finance, gender and social discrimination. Each caste is scored on a scale of 0 to 126, where a higher score denotes greater backwardness. The least backward caste in Telangana, the Kapu community, scores 12. The most backward, the scheduled caste Dakkal, scores 116. The state average is 81. Above that line lie 135 of the 242 castes, accounting for two-thirds of the population. Below it lie 107, including all 18 general castes. The numbers, for the first time, settle questions that have so far been the province of assertion. The Mandal Commission, whose 1980 report shaped four decades of reservation policy, used 11 parameters and relied largely on field visits and judgement to classify social and educational backwardness. It was a serious effort with the tools then available. The CBI uses 42 parameters and 3.55 crore observations, distinguishes rural and urban living standards within each parameter, and produces a continuous score rather than a binary classification. The CBI provides empirical evidence of the established ugly truth of Indian society—people belonging to SC and ST communities are three times and the backward classes 2.7 times more backward than the general castes. A whopping two-thirds of Telangana's population belong to really oppressed castes that badly need help.

The index also changes the paradigm of welfare design, which has so far been built around broad clusters such as BC, SC and ST. The data shows that even within these groups, inequality is sharp. The SC Madiga community is more than double the population of SC Malas and 15 percent more backward. Shaik Muslims are five times more numerous than general-caste Muslims and 40 percent more backward. People from the Padmasali BC are actually less backward than the state average. Aggregating these communities into a single category obscures more than it reveals. Nearly a third of the beneficiaries of Telangana's flagship welfare schemes belong to castes less backward than the state average. The CBI reframes the welfare question itself: instead of filling a common well from which marginalised groups draw in proportion to their population, the state can now deliver resources in proportion to each caste's backwardness. The CBI also reveals the specific drivers of backwardness. Contrary to popular belief, it is not land ownership but access to English-medium education that is the strongest predictor of where a caste sits on the scale. People from the Lambadi tribe and Mudiraj backward group rank well on irrigated land ownership, but remain among the more backward groups. Meanwhile, the Gouds, goldsmiths and BC Christians score better than the average because of school access.

The gloves are off in Punjab

THE GREAT GAME: The BJP is certainly sharpening its metaphorical knives in the AAP-ruled state

THE Punjab BJP celebrated the victory in the West Bengal elections in a five-star hotel in Chandigarh on Friday evening, barely a day after the Enforcement Directorate cracked down on three Punjabi real-estate developers in Mohali, just outside the garden city. The two incidents are separate but everyone also knows they are connected. The newfound confidence in the BJP stems from what once was an oft-repeated adage: What Bengal does today, the rest of the country does tomorrow. And so, in the air, hangs the question, "Is Punjab next?" It's a question not just Punjab, but all the country is asking. Certainly, the gloves are off.

Let's start with the map of India that has turned mostly saffron in the last 12 years since PM Modi took power. Except for Himachal Pradesh and Punjab in the north, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Telangana and Karnataka in the south and Jharkhand in eastern India, the rest of the country today belongs to the BJP. No need to repeat how the dominoes have fallen. We also know the BJP likes to detail. In Bengal, the Special Intensive Revision was thrown into the "poriborton" mix of caste and gender and religion; alongside these pages, senior journalist Jayanta Ghosal writes how the BJP decided to subdue the "Jai Shri Ram" narrative it has favoured elsewhere to focus, instead, on the anti-incumbency ills associated with Mamata Banerjee. Even Bangladesh was not spared in this "no stone to be left unturned" strategy — Dinesh Trivedi, former Trinamool Congress MP who moved to the BJP five years ago, was sent to Dhaka as High Commissioner (a story broken by my colleague Ujwal Jalali) — to showcase its pro-Bengal intent. The focus on Punjab has been a long time coming. PM Modi visited Gurdwara Sachkhand Ballan in February to mark the anniversary of Sant Ravidas, revered by the Sikh Ravidassia sect, while the sect head was given a Padma Shri in January — about 22 per cent of the state's Sikhs are Dalits. Haryana CM Nayab Singh Saini's forays into Punjab in a turban are well-known.

It seems the seven defector AAP MPs who recently joined the BJP will soon set up camp in Chandigarh — their staffers are already here. Even the banquet for

Vietnamese President To Lam in Rashtrapati Bhavan earlier this week was designed by Punjab celebrity chef Harpal Singh Sokhi (check out his interview and food stories-cum-recipes in The Tribune) — the menu featured Bathinda vaale aloo, Dal Amritsari, and with a nod to Haryana, Hisar bajra khichdi. With speculation gaining ground that elections in Punjab will be held towards the end of the year — Census operations are likely to start by middle-January 2027, which means they can't overlap with the conduct of polls — the state BJP is certainly sharpening its metaphorical knives. It hasn't escaped anybody's notice that the ED named the president of AAP Punjab, Aman Arora, as being linked with one of the realtors raided on Thursday morning. Oh yes, the gloves are off. The BJP is targeting the ruling



AAP. CM Bhagwant Mann is hitting back at the Akali Dal — and implicitly, the BJP — by upping the ante against the 2015 sacrilege incidents that took place when the Akalis-BJP were in power. AAP will certainly fight to keep Punjab, keenly aware it is the only way it will still be taken seriously as the third pole in Indian politics. The recent passage of the Jaagat Jot Sri Guru Granth Sahib Satkar (Amendment) Act, 2026, is also intended to whittle down the incredible influence of the SGPC (and therefore the Akali Dal), which issues AAP-critical statements every day.

Winning Bengal has certainly pumped up the BJP. And yet,

as Delhi's Lt Governor Taranjit Sandhu — grandson of Teja Singh Samundri, a blue-blooded reformer of the 1920s Gurdwara reform movement and a founder member of the SGPC — discovered, as the BJP candidate for the Amritsar Lok Sabha seat in mid-2024, that the powerful Sikh peasantry wasn't ready to let him into their villages, even to campaign. (He had much better luck with the Hindu communities.)

That big question remains, even if much else has changed these past two years. Are Punjab's Sikhs prepared to let the BJP in today? Or, perhaps, that's not the right question, because it would be folly to think the Sikhs are an undifferentiated, holistic group of people. The right question, perhaps, should be: How will the different Sikh communities, or castes, vote? And will some Sikh castes/communities let BJP candidates in, more than others? Certainly the BJP will attempt to fragment the Sikh vote, in the hope that it can wear some people away. Talk of a BJP-Akali Dal alliance, before or after the poll, refuses to go away, despite Home Minister Amit Shah's announcement the BJP will fight alone. It's clear the two parties need each other — the Akalis can provide the Hindu vote the BJP can provide and the BJP needs the Akali vote.

The big difference between 2024, when BJP-Akali Dal talks fractured over which party would get more seats in the Lok Sabha polls, and now is that most of the country today, including big Bengal, has been coloured saffron. In this scenario, will Shah still be willing to play second fiddle to Akali Dal's Sukhbir Badal?

Where, you might ask, is the grand old party in this political melee? The interesting thing about the Congress, which has just dumped its old partner, the DMK, in Tamil Nadu, and won back Kerala on an anti-incumbency Left vote, is that it has a good chance of retaking Punjab — if its various factions can still come together and hang together and woo the citizenry in its favour. (At the moment, though, that seems like a really tough ask.) It may well, then, be time for Punjab to (tunelessly) hum the Satinder Sartaaj two-liner: Saanu saariyaan visar gaiyaan raavan ve/Kehe paase jaiye sajana. All our paths seem to have disappeared/What direction should I take now?

Hung mandate: Let Tamil Nadu Assembly floor decide

The Governor is expected to determine which formation is most likely to command the confidence of the Assembly

TAMIL Nadu's unfolding post-election uncertainty has once again brought the constitutional role of the Governor under scrutiny. With Vijay's Tamilaga Vetri Kazhagam emerging as the single largest party but falling short of the halfway mark, the question before Raj Bhavan is politically explosive yet constitutionally settled: who should be invited to form the government? The Constitution does not automatically grant the single largest party the right to govern. The Governor is expected to determine which formation is most likely to command the confidence of the Assembly. However, decades of political controversies have shown how this discretionary power can become a source of suspicion, allegations of bias and charges of partisan intervention. The Supreme Court has repeatedly clarified the constitutional position, emphasising that majority must be tested on the floor of the House, not in the

Governor's subjective satisfaction. The Karnataka 2018 episode is the clearest precedent, when the BJP emerged as the single largest party but lacked a



majority. The Governor invited it to form the government and granted 15 days to prove numbers.

The SC intervened, ordered an immediate floor test to prevent prolonged political manoeuvring and possible defections. Unable to gather support, BJP's Yediyurappa resigned before the trust vote, after which HD Kumaraswamy formed the government with Congress support. In 2017, in Goa, the Governor invited a post-poll coalition because it demonstrated majority support earlier than the Congress, despite the latter being the largest party. These cases establish a crucial principle: numbers on the Assembly floor matter more than claims outside it.

If Vijay can demonstrate a workable majority, he should be allowed to take oath and face a floor test within days. Equally, if another coalition reaches the majority mark first, it too has a legitimate constitutional claim. Hung verdicts are part of democracy. Constitutional ambiguity should not be.

UAE-Israel ties have deeper historical roots

It is shortsighted for India to give primacy to one Arab peninsula state, as it is doing today

RESPONSIBLE sections of the western media have reported that Israel has deployed its Iron Dome and Iron Beam anti-missile defences in the UAE during this period of intense armed hostilities, currently paused, in the Gulf. Along with the equipment, military personnel have also been sent to the Arab Gulf country. These systems have been sent, for the first time, by Israel outside its territories. Neither Israel nor the UAE have denied the reports; hence, there is no reason to doubt their veracity. The US, under the Trump 1 administration, brokered the normalisation of UAE-Israeli ties in 2020. This was under the rubric of the Abraham Accords. Under their agreement, Israel and the UAE established diplomatic, commercial and security ties. Observers are tracing the deployment of the Iron Dome and the Iron Beam systems to the normalisation of Israel-UAE ties. However, the reasons lie deeper in history. The implacable enmity between Israel and Iran goes back to the beginning of the Khomeini Revolution in 1979. In the past 47 years, Iran has refused to recognise Israel's right to exist. That was a position taken by all the Arab states until Egypt recognised Israel in 1978, under Anwar-us-Sadat, in the Camp David Accords. The Arab states considered it a sellout, as did Khomeini. This was different from the Shah of Iran's approach to Israel; the Shah fled Iran in January 1979. Khomeini returned to the country in February that year and soon took it in his iron grip. That system has continued under the Vilayat-e-Faqih framework.

The UAE's animosity towards Iran has historical roots. It arose from the traditional cultural superciliousness of Persians towards the Arab bedouin and the disdain with which the Shah treated them. This was exhibited when he occupied the Greater and the Lesser Tunbs and Abu Musa just days before the UAE was formed in December 1971. The Tunbs were disputed between Iran and Ras al



Khaimah and Abu Musa between Sharjah and Iran. The Iranian action further embittered relations, but the extent and persistence of negativity became clear when in early 1997, the UAE's Minister of State for Foreign Affairs (and now Foreign Minister) Abdullah bin Zayed conveyed an astonishing position to India's then External Affairs Minister I.K. Gujral. I know this personally and it would be timely to disclose it in more detail than he has done earlier. Gujral visited Tehran and decided to spend a few hours in Abu Dhabi to meet his counterpart on his

way back to Delhi. In Tehran, apart from bilateral ties, he focussed on the situation in Afghanistan, where the Taliban had captured Kabul some five months before his visit. Both Iran and India along with Russia were assisting the anti-Taliban alliance. While an exchange of views on Palestine took place, the situation in the Gulf and Iran-Gulf relations were not on the agenda; there was no need for them to be so. After the Abdullah-Gujral meeting had gone on for some time, after discussions on bilateral ties, the former asked to meet the latter alone.

All officials present, including me, left the chamber. Gujral and Abdullah were together for around 20 minutes. Gujral came out and looked troubled. When some of the accompanying officials were alone with him and could talk to him in confidence, they asked what had happened. His words are embedded in my memory. He said that Abdullah had cautioned him on Iran and then had added these words: "We can imagine ourselves to be in the same trenches with Israel against Iran"! In the context of the times, this was a bombshell.

While it was known that Sheikh Zayed, UAE President and Abu Dhabi ruler, as well as some rulers of the six other UAE sheikhdoms did not have positive feelings for Iran, the possibility of their making common cause with Israel against Iran had never been contemplated in Delhi. A little under three decades later, Israel and the UAE have made common cause against Iran and how! The UAE has moved away in its approaches to society and diplomacy from other Arab Gulf states in recent years. A substantial degree of antipathy has emerged between Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman (MBS) and Mohammed bin Zayed (MBZ), the current Abu Dhabi ruler. UAE senior officials have openly complained that none of the other Arab Gulf states came to their country's support when it was facing a far higher degree of missile and drone attacks by Iran since the beginning of the present conflict.

This is not far from the facts. In a kind of response, the UAE left OPEC and OPEC+. Having the sixth largest oil reserves and producing over 3 million barrels per day of oil, the UAE is a significant factor in the hydrocarbons world. It will try to chart its own path, but OPEC+ countries will continue to dominate the oil markets. It is likely that the UAE will get more elbow room for taking independent decisions on its oil production, but it will have to align itself on other issues with OPEC+.

परफैक्ट फिगर के लिए आसन



आज महिलाएं अपने सौंदर्य के प्रति जागरूक हो गई हैं और खूबसूरती के लिए आकर्षक फिगर होनी जरूरी है अर्थात् छरहरे दिखना और 36-24-36 का कर्वी फिगर पाना। पतला दिखने के चक्कर में वे डाइटिंग का सहारा लेती हैं जिससे आकर्षक दिखने की अपेक्षा बीमार नजर आने लगती है।

त्वचा आभाहीन हो जाती है और आंखों के नीचे काले घेरे नजर आने लगते हैं। आकर्षक फिगर का अर्थ है कि आपके शरीर पर अधिक चर्बी न हो। अधिक चर्बी न होने पर आप छरहरी नजर आती हैं और सब के आकर्षण का केन्द्र बन जाती हैं। इसलिए डाइटिंग के जरिए पतली कमर और कर्वी फिगर के सपने को पूरा करने की अपेक्षा योगासनों को अपनाना, जिनकी मदद से न सिर्फ आप अपने शरीर की अतिरिक्त चर्बी को कम कर सकती हैं, बल्कि इससे आपका शरीर अधिक लचीला और मजबूत होगा। कर्वी फिगर बनाने के लिए शरीर के तीन हिस्सों की टोनिंग पर ध्यान दें-चौड़े कंधे, पतली कमर और कमर के सुडौल निचले हिस्से। इसके लिए आप ऐसे आसनों को रूटीन में करें जो आपके शरीर को परफैक्ट शेप देने में मददगार हो सकते हैं।

भुजंगासन

इस आसन से पेट की चर्बी कम होती है, कमर पतली होती है और कंधे चौड़े व बाजू मजबूत होते हैं। शरीर को लचीला और सुडौल बनाने में इसका बहुत महत्व है।

- पहले पेट के बल सीधा लेट जाएं और दोनों हाथों को माथे के नीचे रखें।
- दोनों पैरों के पंजों को साथ रखें।
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- अब शरीर के ऊपरी हिस्से को बाजूओं के सहारे उठाएं।
- शरीर को स्ट्रेच करें और लंबी सांस लें।
- कुछ पल इसी अवस्था में रहने के बाद वापस पेट के बल लेट जाएं।

सेहत के लिए अनमोल नुस्खे



- सोयाबीन के अधिक सेवन से स्तन कैंसर नहीं होता अतः अपने दैनिक आहार में सोयाबीन के बने पदार्थों का अधिक सेवन करना चाहिए।
- नियमित रूप से जुकाम की शिकायत रहने पर दूब की कोंपलों को तोड़कर उसे चटनी के समान पीस लीजिए और शहद के साथ प्रतिदिन रात्रि में लीजिए। जुकाम एकदम गायब हो जाएगा।
- पेट की किसी भी तरह की शिकायत होने पर गाढ़ा दूध का दलिया, कच्चा नारियल, पेठा व रसगुल्ला खाइए। पेट की बीमारी आपके कब्जे में होगी।
- स्तन पर अनचाहे बालों के होने को गंभीरता से लीजिए। उन्हें काटिए नहीं बल्कि मूंग दाल के उबटन से हल्का-हल्का मसाज करते हुए नियमित प्रयोग से हटा लें। यह ग्रंथि रोग के कारणों से होता है।
- बेंर के पत्तों को पीसकर पानी में मथने से जो झाग उठता है, उस झाग को सिर में लगाने से बाल झड़ने बंद हो जाते हैं।
- अदरक के एक किलो रस में 500 ग्राम तिल का तेल मिलाकर गर्म करिए और जब केवल तेल बचा रहे, उतार कर छान कर बोतल में रखकर बंद कर रख दीजिए। इस तेल से उस अंग पर मालिश कीजिए जहां कहीं भी दर्द होता है।



रिंग फिंगर से करें वजन कम

सूर्य और यूरेनस ग्रह ऐसे हैं, जिन्हें स्वास्थ्य प्रभावित होता है। यूरेनस अंतःज्ञान और बदलाव का प्रतीक है। ऐसे में सूर्य मुद्रा हमारे भीतर के अग्नि तत्व को संचालित करती है। अनामिका सूर्य की अंगुली है, जिसे हम रिंग फिंगर भी कहते हैं। इससे वजन कम होता है।

सूर्य मुद्रा की विधि

सूर्य की अंगुली को हथेली की ओर मोड़कर उसे अंगुठे से दबाएं। बाकी बची तीनों अंगुलियों को सीधा रखें। इसे सूर्य मुद्रा कहते हैं।

मुद्रा के लाभ

- ▶ इस मुद्रा का रोज दो बार 5 से 15 मिनट के लिए अभ्यास करने से शरीर का कोलेस्ट्रॉल घटता है।
- ▶ वजन कम करने के लिए यह आसन क्रिया चमत्कारी रूप से कारगर पाई गई है।
- ▶ पेट संबंधी रोगों में भी यह मुद्रा बहुत लाभदायक है।
- ▶ यह जटराग्नि को संतुलित करके पाचन संबंधी तमाम समस्याओं से छुटकारा दिलाती है।
- ▶ इसे नियमित करने से बेचैनी और चिंता कम होकर दिमाग शांत बना रहता है।
- ▶ यह मुद्रा शरीर की सूजन मिटाकर उसे हल्का और चुस्त-दुरुस्त बनाती है।

ओमेगा-थ्री

से बच्चे रहेंगे स्वस्थ

व्या आप बच्चों को ओमेगा-थ्री देते हैं। अगर नहीं तो आज से ही देना प्रारंभ कर दें। इससे बच्चे न केवल हेल्दी होंगे वरन् उनका संपूर्ण स्वास्थ्य बेहतर रहेगा।

हम जानते हैं कि हमारे शरीर की जरूरत है अच्छे विटामिन की। पर्याप्त दोस आहार लेने से हमारे शरीर में आवश्यक पोषण पहुंचता है। बच्चों के अच्छे पोषण के लिए मछली के तेल ओमेगा का सेवन बहुत अच्छा रहता है। मछली के तेल की खुराक के लिए अवसर उनके रक्त में ट्राइग्लिसराइड्स को कम करने और अन्य स्वास्थ्य लाभ अच्छे कोलेस्ट्रॉल के स्तर में वृद्धि होती है।

बच्चों के लिए मछली तेल

बच्चों को माता-पिता मछली से उत्पादित कोई भी दवा या अन्य चीज नहीं देते, जिससे उनको संपूर्ण आहार मिल सके। मछली तेल ओमेगा-थ्री से बहुत सारे लाभ हैं।

एकाग्रता और याददाश्त में सुधार

मछली तेल के उपयोग से बच्चों में एकाग्रता में सुधार होता है। यह तेल बच्चों की स्मृति समस्याओं को दूर हटाने में एक वरदान है। मछली के तेल में ओमेगा-3 एसिड अत्यधिक स्मृति हानि के जोखिम को कम करता है।

सीखने की क्षमता बेहतर: मछली के तेल के सेवन से बच्चों की शिक्षा पर उच्च प्रभाव पड़ता है। उनकी याददाश्त क्षमता तेजी से बढ़ती है।

रहता है दिमाग स्वस्थ

देश में मछली का तेल बहुतायत मात्रा में आता है। कई नामी गिरामी कंपनियां यह प्रॉडक्ट बेचती हैं। आप डॉक्टर से परामर्श लेकर बच्चों को रोजाना एक से दो चम्मच तेल नाश्ते या खाने में दे सकते हैं। जिससे बच्चे का दिमाग स्वस्थ रहेगा।

करता है आहार पूर्ति

मछली का तेल पूरे आहार की पूर्ति करता है। विकित्सकों के अनुसार एडीएचडी-ओमेगा-थ्री स्वास्थ्य की दृष्टि से बेहतर है।

कोकीन को दूर हटाता है

जानवरों पर किए गए प्रयोग से यह साबित होता दिख रहा है कि उच्च रक्तचाप और अवसाद के मरीजों को दी जाने वाली प्रचलित दवा प्रोप्रानोलॉल कोकीन की लत छुड़ाने में मददगार हो सकती है।

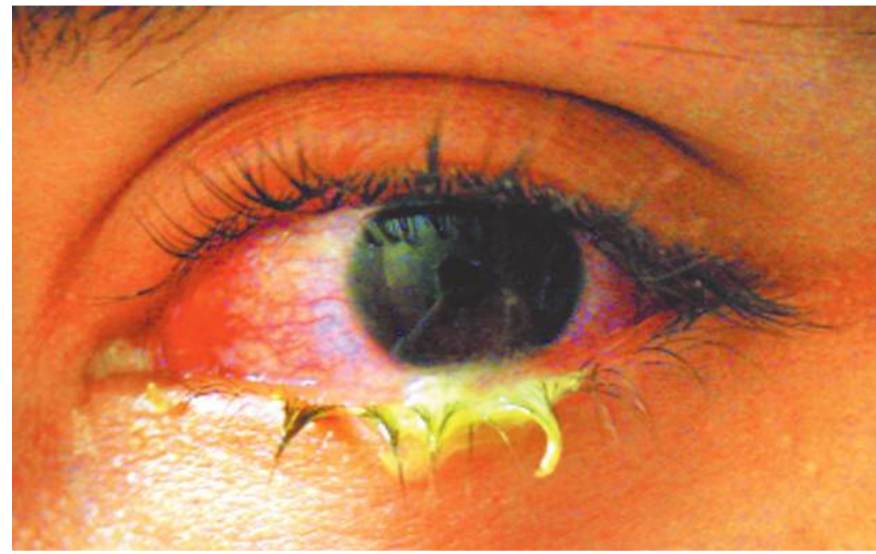
प्रोप्रानोलॉल

मालूम हो कि कोकीन दुनिया के सबसे खराब नशीले पदार्थों में एक है। इसकी गिरफ्त में आए व्यक्ति को इससे निजात पाने में सालों लग जाते हैं और 80 फीसदी लोग ऐसे होते हैं, जो इसे छोड़ने का प्रयास करने के दौरान छह महीने के भीतर बहुत बुरी स्थिति में पहुंच जाते हैं।

चिकित्सा विज्ञान के मशहूर जर्नल न्यूरोसाइकोफार्माकोलॉजी में प्रकाशित एक रिपोर्ट में कहा गया है कि ऐसा पहली बार साबित हुआ है



कि कोकीन के सेवन की आदत से जुड़ी याददाश्तों को विकित्सकीय उपचार के माध्यम से खत्म किया जा सकता है। इस आदत की याददाश्तों के जेहन में लौटने के कारण ही इसके आदी हो चुके व्यक्ति को इसकी लत की याद आती है और ऐसे वक्त कोकीन नहीं मिलने से उसकी दशा बेहद खराब हो जाती है। इस संबंध में जारी शोध में शामिल डेविन म्युलर ने कहा, एफडीए द्वारा मंजूरी प्राप्त दवा कोकीन की लत छुड़ाने के लिए लोगों को दी जाती रही है। यह दवा इस लत को छुड़ाने के लिए तो प्रभावी रही है, लेकिन इससे इस लत को छेड़ने के प्रयास के दौरान जब इसके आदी व्यक्ति की हालत खराब होती है, तब यह दवा बेअसर साबित होती है। दूसरी ओर म्युलर बताते हैं कि प्रोप्रानोलॉल का सकारात्मक प्रभाव कोकीन छेड़ने का प्रयास कर रहे व्यक्ति के शरीर पर दीर्घकाल तक दिखता है। कई मामलों में यह स्थायी भी हो सकता है, क्योंकि इस दवा के नियमित सेवन के बगैरे भी मरीज कोकीन के दुष्प्रभावों से निजात पा सकता है।



पलकों को प्रभावित करता है

ब्लेफेरायटिस



आपकी त्वचा पर रोससेया या तेल वाली त्वचा पर डेडफ और सूखी आंख से ग्रस्त होते हैं उन्हें इस समस्या होने की ज्यादा संभावना रहती है। पलकों की ग्रंथि जो की बहुत सारा तेल नहीं बना रही हो उनमें ब्लेफेरायटिस जीवाणु का संक्रमण शुरू हो सकता है। यह दशा अत्यधिक संक्रामक नहीं होती है।

बीमारी का पूर्वानुमान

ब्लेफेरायटिस की ज्यादातर दशा में सुधार तुरंत चालू हो जाता है, अगर एक बार उपचार चालू हो जाए। प्रायः उपचार लंबे समय के लिए चलना चाहिए या समय-समय पर दोहराते रहना चाहिए। ब्लेफेरायटिस दृष्टि में स्थाई नुकसान नहीं करता है।

सम्भावित अवधि

ब्लेफेरायटिस एक चिरकालिक दशा है, जो स्थाई रूप से इलाज करना मुश्किल है, लेकिन ज्यादातर दशा में सही उपचार लक्षण को नियंत्रित कर देता है और दशा को नियंत्रण में रखता

ब्लेफेरायटिस पलकों के किनारे और बरोनियों की केश पुटिका को प्रभावित करता है। ब्लेफेरायटिस एक आम और कभी-कभी लंबा चलने वाला विकार है, जो प्रायः वयस्क व बच्चों को भी प्रभावित कर सकता है। शिकायत होने पर आप तुरंत डॉक्टर से संपर्क कर सकते हैं।

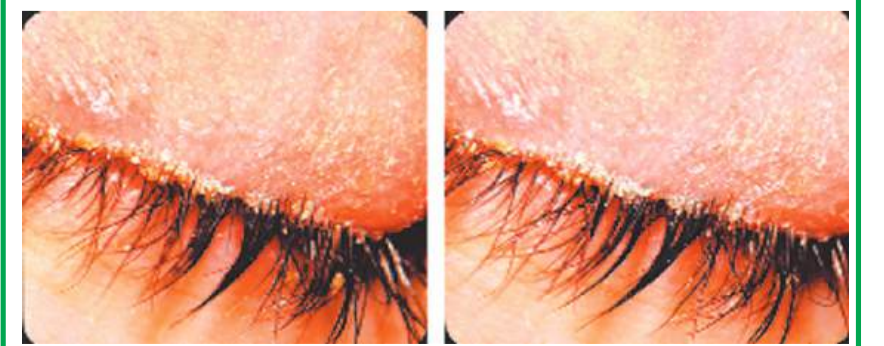
है। साथ ही लक्षण समय के साथ बदलते रहते हैं। लंबे समय के लिए गायब हो सकते हैं, वह भी लौटने से पहले महीनों या सालों लग सकते हैं।

ऐसे करें बीमारी से बचाव

पलकों की साफ-सफाई ब्लेफेरायटिस के निर्माण में मदद कर सकता है और प्रायः दशा को नियंत्रित कर सकता है। अगर आपको यह शिकायत है तो आप डॉक्टर के परामर्श पर इलाज शुरू कर सकते हैं।

डॉक्टर से कब सम्पर्क करें

- ▶ पलकों या आंख के आसपास की त्वचा में उतेजना होने लगे।
- ▶ लाल खुजली वाली आंख।
- ▶ पलकों के आस पास पपड़ी बन जाए।
- ▶ आंखें खुजली करती रहने पर।
- ▶ आंखों में लगातार जलन होने पर।
- ▶ ऐसा मेहसूस करना कि आपकी आंख में कुछ है, जब आप पलक झपकते हैं।
- ▶ लाल सूजी सी आंखें होने पर।
- ▶ बरोनिया का न होना या बरोनिया का अंदर की तरफ मुड़ना।
- ▶ पलकों के किनारे में खुजली होना या किनारे की त्वचा का टूटना।
- ▶ अत्यधिक आंसू निकलना।



NEWS BOX

IPL 2026: Did Mumbai Indians bring back the wrong Pandya?

New Delhi. (Agency)

The engine room. Krunal Pandya spoke about Mumbai Indians' engine room. Kieron Pollard paired with two boys from Baroda – a legendary all-rounder flanked by a fast-bowling all-rounder and a spin-bowling all-rounder. It felt, more than anything else, like family. If you got past Rohit Sharma, there was Suryakumar Yadav. If you got past Suryakumar, there was the engine room, driving Mumbai Indians home, more often than not.

When Pollard and the Pandya brothers formed the backbone of the middle order, Mumbai Indians won three titles: 2016, 2019 and 2020. "I had my best six years in MI. I remember Pandya brothers and Kieron Pollard were the engine room. We won a lot of games with bat, ball and fielding. I still remember in 2021, when we were playing our last game, the three of us held each other's hands and felt like, okay, this is the last time we'll be able to play together. It was obviously an emotional moment," Krunal Pandya said on Saturday, after a match-winning performance for Royal Challengers Bengaluru – this time, and with no small irony, against his former team. Mumbai Indians have not been the same since the engine room was dismantled. Hardik Pandya left for Gujarat Titans. Krunal was not retained. Age caught up with Pollard. Together, they would have papered over each other's cracks; apart, those cracks have only widened.

Cut to 2026, and Mumbai Indians are out of the playoffs race for the third time since 2022. This season, they may finish with the wooden spoon, having won just three of their first eleven matches. The five-time champions, the gold standard of this tournament for a decade, are threatening to become also-rans.

Yes, the engine room was gone – but the problems have compounded manifold since. Poor auctions. Squads that glistened on paper and crumbled in the heat of competition. The playoffs, perpetually tantalisingly close, perpetually out of reach.

Fingers are slowly, but surely, pointing at Hardik Pandya – their captain. Rumours of him unfollowing the franchise on Instagram buzzed on Sunday night, minutes after they lost to RCB in Raipur and their playoff chances, already hanging by mathematics alone, went up in smoke. One could not help but notice the symbolism: a captain, seemingly, cutting the last cord.

Emotional Hansi Flick fights back tears after El Clasico win, mourns father's death

New Delhi. (Agency)

An emotional Hansi Flick fought back the tears during Barcelona's title celebrations, after he revealed that his father passed away on the eve of the El Clasico against Real Madrid on Sunday, April 10. Barca defeated their arch-rivals 2-0 to seal the title at Camp Nou in front of a buoyant crowd.

The German manager took his place on the sidelines, despite his personal tragedy, to mastermind a result that wrapped up the title with three games remaining. Before the match started, the stadium observed a one minute silence for Flick's father as the German manager had to be consoled by his staff.

"It was a tough match and I'll never forget this day," an emotional Flick said during the title celebrations that ensued right after the win. Flick paid tribute to his players, saying that he is proud to have such a good team. "I want to thank the squad and all the people who have supported us. The most important thing is that I'm very proud to have such a good team. Thank you for everything."

Usually a reserved man with his words, Flick kept his victory address short and sweet, once again putting all the praise on his players and thanking the fans.

"Thank you for that determination to fight in every match. I really appreciate it. My team is fantastic and I'm delighted. I'm so proud of my players. It's thrilling to be here with the fans, in a Clasico, beating Real Madrid. Now I think we need to celebrate," said Flick.

Flick revealed that when the news about his father's death was told to him by his mother, he was in a dilemma whether to reveal to his players.

"This morning my mother called me and told me that my father had passed away. I thought about whether to hide it or talk to my team. For me, it's like a family"

"What they've done is incredible, I'll never forget this moment. I really appreciate working for this club and living in Barcelona, the people are very kind to me," said Flick. Barca will look to sign off from the season in fine fashion by winning all their remaining three matches.

Shahbaz Ahmed leads big-money buys at Bengal T20 League auction

Shahbaz Ahmed emerged as the biggest buy at the Bengal T20 League Men's Auction after Shracchi Tribes Rarh Tigers retained the Indian all-rounder for INR 12.20 lakh through the Right To Match card.

New Delhi. (Agency)

The Bengal T20 League entered a new phase on Saturday as franchises spent heavily in the tournament's first-ever Men's Player Auction, with India all-rounder Shahbaz Ahmed and wicketkeeper-batter Abishek Porel emerging as the biggest buys ahead of the upcoming season. Shahbaz Ahmed became the most expensive player at the auction after Shracchi Tribes Rarh Tigers

used the Right To Match (RTM) card to retain him for INR 12.20 lakh. Abishek Porel followed closely behind, with Lux Shyam Kolkata Tigers securing the 23-year-old wicketkeeper-batter for INR 10.40 lakh after competitive bidding.

The auction, held in Kolkata on May 10, saw all eight franchises aggressively build their squads with a combined purse of INR 4.08 crore. Teams focused on assembling balanced combinations featuring established domestic cricketers, experienced campaigners, and promising young talent.

India pacer Mukesh Kumar was retained by Sobisco Smashers Malda for INR 9.60 lakh through RTM, while Novus Purulia Royals made an immediate impact in their debut auction by signing Sudip Kumar Gharami for INR 9.40 lakh and Ravi Kumar for INR 7.80 lakh.



Shyam Kolkata Tigers, Murshidabad Kings & Queens, Rashmi Medinipur Wizards, Servotech Siliguri Strikers, Shracchi Tribes Rarh Tigers, and Sobisco Smashers Malda in the league. Players were divided into five categories – A+, A, B, U19, and U16 – reflecting the league's emphasis on creating a pathway for both established and emerging cricketers in Bengal. The inclusion of the U16 category remained one of the standout features of the auction, reinforcing the tournament's long-term focus on talent development.

One of the youngest players in the auction, 16-year-old Rohit, attracted significant interest before being signed by Novus Purulia Royals for INR 5.20 lakh. Speaking after the auction, CAB President and former India captain Sourav Ganguly said the introduction of the auction system had added a new competitive dimension to the tournament.

Murshidabad Kings secured Saksham Chaudhary for INR 8.40 lakh, while veteran all-rounder Writtick Chatterjee joined Adamas Howrah Warriors for INR 8.20 lakh. Servotech Siliguri Strikers signed Karan Lal for INR 8 lakh, and Bengal captain Abhimanyu Easwaran was picked up by Sobisco Smashers Malda for the same amount.

The auction also marked the official entry of Novus Purulia Royals into the competition. They joined Adamas Howrah Warriors, Lux

Delhi Capitals look to spoil playoff race as Ian Bell admits inconsistency

New Delhi. (Agency)

Delhi Capitals appear to have accepted their setback in the playoff race, but could still play the role of party poopers for other teams vying for qualification in the next stage of the Indian Premier League this season.

Plagued by inconsistency throughout the campaign, the Axar Patel-led side currently sit eighth on the points table with eight points and only three matches left to play. "We want to finish as high on the table as we possibly can, and that positivity is really important," assistant head coach Ian Bell said ahead of their clash against Punjab Kings at the HPSA Stadium in Dharamshala.

With only six more points available from their remaining three matches, DC can at



best finish with 14 points, a tally that may still not be enough, especially with three teams already sitting on 12 points and having games in hand. Reflecting on the team's disappointing campaign, Axar had already accepted defeat. "We will think about our mistakes. We will start planning for next year. We can look at our bench and see who can step up for us," Axar said after

the game against Kolkata Knight Riders. Bell admitted that inconsistency has been the biggest reason behind their struggles this season.

"It's been inconsistent. I think we sit here now and look at a few games where we had our opportunities, and when you play in the IPL and at the highest level of cricket against world-class players, you have to take those moments. We probably haven't done that ruthlessly enough," he said.

KL RAHUL AND BATTING INCONSISTENCY

Bell also pointed to the batting unit's inability to deliver consistently, while singling out KL Rahul for praise. "I think with KL, like any good player, you're always trying to improve, wherever you are in your career," Bell added.

How MS Dhoni's advice turned CSK's Urvil Patel into an IPL record breaker

New Delhi. (Agency)

CSK's Urvil Patel revealed the chat he had with MS Dhoni and the advice the legendary wicketkeeper gave him as he became an IPL record-breaker during the clash against LSG. Urvil scored the joint-fastest fifty in the history of the competition when he reached the landmark at the Chepauk in just 13 balls.

During the madness against LSG, Urvil was able to hit five sixes in a row as CSK powered to the win on the back of his blistering knock of 65 off 23 balls. Urvil had often got starts for CSK, scoring 24 off 12 against MI and 17 off 9 against DC but was unable to convert them.

The Gujarat batter quickly turned to Dhoni for assistance. Speaking to the IPL's website, Urvil said that Dhoni told him that there was no doubt in his abilities and

it was just a mental block for him. The 27-year-old said that Dhoni told him to just try and target the right balls to the right areas.

"After getting out in the last two matches, I



sat with Mahi bhai in the dressing room and asked him, 'Brother, I'm getting starts but getting out. What should I do to convert them?' Bhai told me just one thing — 'I don't have any doubt about

your skills. Whatever doubt there is, it's only in your mind. Just stay clear mentally and try to hit the right ball to the right areas," said Urvil.

'ALWAYS PLAYED FOR MY FATHER'

After reaching the landmark, Urvil made a special dedication to his father during the celebration. The CSK batter revealed that his dad is a fan of his big-hitting and kept telling him not to worry about getting big scores despite the starts he was getting.

"I was getting good starts but then getting out. My father was the only one telling me, 'Son, I really enjoy the way you are batting. Just keep playing like this. Whether you score runs or not doesn't matter to me.' I have always played for my father. He kept telling me, 'Play freely, we don't want anything from you. We are happy just because you are here.'" said Urvil.

PBKS vs DC preview, IPL 2026: With three straight losses and their season on the brink, Punjab Kings seek a mountain-air reset in Dharamshala. They face a demoralised Delhi Capitals, desperate to play the spoiler and salvage some tattered pride.

New Delhi. (Agency)

The Indian Premier League's annual pilgrimage to the mountains arrives at a critical juncture for the Punjab Kings. As the mist settles over the Dhauladhar range, Shreyas Iyer's men find themselves at a crossroads. After a blistering start to the 2026

campaign that saw them win six of their first seven fixtures, the wheels threatened to come off with successive defeats. Returning to their second home in Dharamshala, the Kings know that any further slip-up could see their playoff dreams evaporate as quickly as the mountain fog.

For the Delhi Capitals, the journey north feels more like a dead rubber than a high-stakes duel. It has been a season of 'what ifs' for the capital side, who have managed just four wins from eleven outings. Demoralised and effectively out of the race for the top four, Axar Patel's side are playing for little more than pride and the chance to act as spoilers. Their recent form – five losses in their last six games – suggests a squad that is struggling to find the motivation required for the IPL's gruelling

final stretch. Yet, there is something about the Dharamshala air that often breathes life into the underdog.



For Punjab, this is a chance to reset. The shift from the humid plains to the high altitude of the Himachal Pradesh Cricket Association Stadium offers a literal and metaphorical change of atmosphere. As the first match of

the season at this venue, the pressure is on the groundsmen and the captains alike to decipher a surface that traditionally rewards pace and fearless stroke-play.

Punjab will also be looking to get tighter on the field as they have dropped catches aplenty. In their last game against SunRisers Hyderabad, three dropped catches saw them concede 235 to the home team, which became insurmountable in the end in Hyderabad.

"We let ourselves down in the last game with our catching. If we take those catches, we could probably restrict them to a little bit more than 220 and come out on top in that game. It's a little bit of a hiccup, but I think any team that thinks they're going to go through this tournament and just sail for two months all the way through and not lose a game of cricket is kidding themselves. Our tournament for us starts now, I think," Punjab Kings' assistant coach James Hoopes said.

RCB coach Andy Flower given hefty fine for fiery umpire confrontation during MI clash



New Delhi. (Agency)

RCB coach Andy Flower found himself in trouble for his fiery confrontation with the fourth umpire during the match against MI in Raipur on Sunday, May 10. Flower has been found guilty of breaching IPL's Code Of Conduct and has been fined 15 percent of his match fees. The RCB coach accepted the offence.

The controversy unfolded after a debated boundary decision involving Krunal Pandya. Attempting a big shot off AM Ghazanfar, Krunal sent the ball towards wide long-on where Naman Dhir grabbed it near the ropes before tossing it towards Tilak Varma as he crossed over the boundary line.

Tilak failed to complete the relay catch and appeared to indicate a six, seemingly believing Naman had made contact with the boundary cushions. Television replays later confirmed that Dhir had stayed clear of the ropes during the entire effort.

Flower was seen in an animated chat with the fourth umpire right after the incident and he has been found guilty of breaching article 2.3 of IPL's Code Of Conduct. This relates to the use of an audible obscenity during a match.

"Andy Flower, Head Coach, Royal Challengers Bengaluru has been fined 15% of his applicable match fee for breaching Level 1 of the IPL's Code of Conduct for Players and Team officials. Andy was found to have breached article 2.3 of the IPL's Code of Conduct, which relates to "use of an audible obscenity during a match." The incident occurred in 17.2 over when Andy spoke aggressively with the fourth umpire. Andy admitted to the offence and accepted the sanction imposed by Match Referee, Amit Sharma," read the statement from IPL.

RCB BEAT MI IN A THRILLER

The match between RCB and MI was a must-win clash for both teams and lived up to the billing. Batting first, MI posted 166 in their 20 overs after Bhuvneshwar Kumar was able to restrict them with a four-wicket haul.



Akansha Kapoor

Opens Up About Her Egg Freezing Struggles: 'Physically, I Was In A Lot Of Pain'

Actress Akansha Ranjan Kapoor shared her struggles with the egg freezing process during a candid conversation with Soha Ali Khan during her podcast "All About Her". In the latest episode, Soha opened up about crucial topics such as egg freezing, reproductive choices, and medical advancements. Soha asked, "When you refer to the fact that it took a lot out of you and you've done this one cycle and might wait for some time, what does that mean?" Reacting to this, Akansha Ranjan Kapoor shared that the process brought a lot of physical discomfort for her, leaving her drained.

She said, "Physically, I was in a lot of pain, which I don't think happens to everybody, but I was in a lot of pain. I couldn't stand straight because it just felt like there was a big balloon inside me, and my doctor was like maybe because you're just really small. So, I couldn't stand straight, and I used to go to my sister's house. So, I live in the B wing, and she lives in the A wing. So, I would walk to her house for her to inject me, and for 2 or 3 days, I couldn't even walk as I was in so much pain. I couldn't stand it."

Akansha revealed that when she asked the doctor what workout she could do, she was told she could only walk.

"After the first day, there's no way I can even walk. So, that was a lot. And I did not expect to feel so physically blah. It's not a period cramp. It's not pain. It's just a discomfort, which is bloating, heaviness, like there's just a big balloon in my stomach and it'll burst any minute. So, I need to be like this, and also the hormones."



Archana Puran Singh Backs Rahul Roy After Trolls Mock His Reels: 'I Totally Binged On Them'



Actress Archana Puran Singh has come out in support of actor Rahul Roy after he shared an emotional note on social media. The actor took to his Instagram recently, and penned a long note in which he clapped back at those who made fun of his Reels with a content creator.

Responding to the same, Archana took to the comments section, and wrote, "More power to you @officialrahulroy. Love that you are doing what works for you and keeps you happy. You're always amazing and I totally binged on the reels with your OG songs. Lots of love and strength to you Rahul". Earlier, the actor wrote on social media, "I do my work with honesty and modesty. I have some legal matters to pay for, and these are not from today, they are from before the brain stroke happened."

If you mock my simplicity or make fun of my struggles, it says less about me and more about you. If you are truly so concerned, then help me find some genuine and decent work so I can pay for these cases.

At least I am earning through hard work, not by mocking others". The trolling started after the actor uploaded a few videos, which users tagged as "cringe".

In one reel, he was seen dancing on 'Tere Dar Pe Sanam', from 'Phir Teri Kahaani Yaad Aayi' featuring him opposite Pooja Bhatt. While some social media users expressed concern for Rahul after the reels surfaced, others trolled him, dismissing the videos as cringe.

Director-choreographer Farah Khan took to the comments section, and wrote, "Good luck to you Rahul". Actor Sonu Sood wrote, "Keep Rocking Brother".

Priyanka Chopra, Katrina Kaif Or Nayanthara In Tumbbad 2? Makers Eye A-Lister For Key Role



Tumbbad 2 is steadily becoming one of the most anticipated sequels in Indian cinema. The excitement around the film began building after actor-producer Sohum Shah officially joined hands with Pen Studios, headed by veteran producer Dr Jayantilal Gada, to take the cult franchise forward. A day after the makers announced the film's release date, a fresh casting update has now sparked further curiosity around the project.

Makers Looking For A Strong Female Presence? According to Hindustan Times, the makers of Tumbbad 2 are looking to bring a prominent female star on board for a pivotal role in the sequel. The film already carries massive expectations, especially after the original Tumbbad gained cult status over the years and its 2024 re-release created box office records.

A source close to the development told Hindustan Times, "Makers of Tumbbad 2 are looking to onboard a prominent A-lister for a pivotal role. They are keen on adding a strong female presence to the narrative, with names like Priyanka Chopra, Katrina Kaif, and Nayanthara being explored. While discussions are underway, nothing has been locked yet."

The update has naturally intensified speculation, given the scale of the names being considered and the possibility of the sequel expanding the mythology of Tumbbad with a more layered cast.

Tumbbad 2 Release Date Announced On Wednesday, the makers confirmed that Tumbbad 2 will release in theatres on December 3, 2027. The announcement was made through a poster shared on social media, featuring statues of three figures with the film's title above and the release date below.

The poster also carried the tagline in Devanagari script, "Pralay aayega," which translates to "Apocalypse will arrive," hinting at a darker and possibly more expansive chapter in the franchise. The film also stars Nawazuddin Siddiqui, whose casting had been announced earlier this year by the team.

Director Adesh Prasad On Taking The Story Forward

Director Adesh Prasad, who was associated with the first film as co-director, has spoken about the challenge of building on a world that already has a strong identity.

Richa Chadha

Returns To Belly Dancing After Pregnancy: 'I Felt The Urge To Reconnect'

Actor and producer Richa Chadha is revisiting one of her long-standing artistic passions: belly dancing. The versatile performer spent time in Goa to undertake an intensive five-day course dedicated to deepening her understanding of the dance form.

A few years ago, while preparing for a special number in one of her films, Richa trained in tribal belly dancing under internationally renowned



expert Olga Meos in Kazakhstan. What began as preparation for a role soon turned into a genuine passion. The art form, known for its intense core work and precise body isolations, became a powerful tool for her fitness and creative expression. She further refined her technique with Mumbai-based instructor Shaina Lebana, committing herself to rigorous practice.

Even during the lockdown, Richa continued her training through online sessions, using the time to sharpen her movements and stay connected to dance. Apart from belly dancing, she is also a trained Kathak dancer, having trained for nearly a decade in her childhood under Pandit Abhay Shankar Mishra.

After a brief hiatus from belly dancing due to professional commitments, Richa has now chosen to reconnect with the form in a more immersive way. The upcoming course in Goa marks a renewed chapter in her journey with the dance style, one driven purely by love for the craft.

Speaking about her decision to return to belly dancing, Richa shared, "I got back to dancing about 6-7 months after my delivery, I got in touch with Dipika Vijay because she is an amazing teacher. What started as an exploration into the use of belly dance as therapy, in my post partum phase as actually blossomed into a full-blown parallel interest of mine. After a gap of a few years, I felt the urge to reconnect with it in a more dedicated way. This course in Goa is not for a role or a performance; it's purely for myself, to learn, to grow, and to fall in love with the form all over again."

On the work front, Richa will soon be seen headlining a gripping crime thriller series for a leading OTT platform.



खेत में मिला एक व्यक्ति शव, खुदकुशी की आशंका

कोडरमा, एजेंसी। जिले के सदर थाना अंतर्गत झुमरीतिलैया जयनगर मुख्य मार्ग स्थित लाराबाद के समीप स्थित एक खेते के पीछे खेत से सोमवार की सुबह एक शव बरामद किया है। मृतक की पहचान कोडरमा थाना क्षेत्र के गहराई गांव निवासी 55 वर्षीय रामजी यादव के रूप में की गई है। जानकारी के अनुसार सोमवार की सुबह पिपराडीह गांव के कुछ लोग टहलने के लिए खेतों की ओर गए हुए थे। इसी दौरान उनकी नजर खेत में बेसुध पड़े एक व्यक्ति पर पड़ी। नजदीक जाकर उन्होंने देखा तो पाया कि उक्त व्यक्ति खेत में मृत अवस्था में पड़ा हुआ था। इसके पश्चात शोर मचाकर ग्रामीणों को वहां पर इकट्ठा किया। मामले की सूचना कोडरमा पुलिस को दी। सूचना मिलते ही कोडरमा पुलिस के पदाधिकारी घटना स्थल पर पहुंचे और जांच पड़ताल कर शव को पोस्टमार्टम के लिए भेज दिया। जांच के दौरान पुलिस को खेत से रामजी यादव के शर्ट, चप्पल, पानी की एक बोतल और सल्फास की गोली का एक डब्बा भी बरामद हुआ है। जिसमें गोली का आधा टूटा हुआ हिस्सा भी बरामद किया गया है। लोगों को आशंका है कि रामजी यादव ने सल्फास की आधी गोली खाकर खुदकुशी कर ली है। हालांकि पुलिस सभी बिंदुओं पर जांच कर रही है। उल्लेखनीय है कि राम जी यादव बालू गाड़ी में बतौर मजदूर काम किया करते थे।

पलामू में 6 किलो गांजा, 2 लाख नकद बरामद छापेमारी से पहले बाप-बेटा हुए फरार



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एसडीपीओ के नेतृत्व में बना छापेमारी दल: मामले की गंभीरता को देखते हुए अनुमंडल पुलिस पदाधिकारी मनोज कुमार झा के नेतृत्व में एक विशेष छापेमारी दल का गठन किया गया। टीम ने योजनाबद्ध तरीके से अनुज सिंह के घर पर दबिश दी। लेकिन पुलिस के पहुंचने से पहले ही आरोपी अनुज सिंह और उसका पुत्र विकास कुमार उर्फ विकास दुबे अपने घर में अवैध रूप से गांजा रखकर उसकी खरीद-बिक्री कर रहा है। सूचना मिलते ही पुलिस ने तत्काल कार्रवाई की योजना बनाई।

कमरे से मिला गांजा, अलमारी से नकदी बरामद: तलाशी के दौरान अनुज सिंह के कमरे से अलग-अलग पॉलिथिन में रखा कुल 6.608 किलोग्राम गांजा बरामद किया गया। वहीं उसके बेटे विकास कुमार के कमरे की अलमारी से 500 रुपये के 399 नोट, कुल 1 लाख 99 हजार 500 रुपये नकद मिले। पुलिस ने मौके पर ही सभी बरामद सामान को जब्त कर लिया। इस कार्रवाई से इलाके में अवैध मादक पदार्थ के कारोबारियों के बीच हड़कंप मच गया है।

साइबर ठगी मामले में महिला गिरफ्तार

देवघर, एजेंसी। देवघर पुलिस अधीक्षक प्रवीण पुष्कर के निर्देश पर जिले में साइबर अपराधियों के विरुद्ध चलाए जा रहे अभियान के तहत पुलिस ने एक महिला साइबर अपराधी को गिरफ्तार किया है। यह कार्रवाई पुलिस उपाधीक्षक (साइबर अपराध) राजा कुमार मित्रा के निर्देशन में 9 मई 2026 को की गई। गुप्त सूचना के आधार पर पुलिस को जानकारी मिली थी कि कुछ साइबर अपराधी फिलफार्म, अमेजन, एयरटेल पेमेंट बैंक तथा फोन पे के फर्जी कस्टमर केयर प्रतिनिधि बनकर लोगों से ऑनलाइन ठगी कर रहे हैं। इसके अलावा पीएम किसान योजना और लोन दिलाने के नाम पर भी लोगों को झंसा दिया जा रहा था। छापेमारी के दौरान पथरील थाना क्षेत्र के लेडवा गांव निवासी रूबी कुमारी, पिता सुनील दास, को गिरफ्तार किया गया। पुलिस के अनुसार, उसके पास से बरामद मोबाइल फोन और सिम कार्ड की प्रारंभिक जांच में साइबर ठगी में संलिप्तता के प्रमाण मिले हैं। उसके विरुद्ध पूर्व में कोई आपराधिक इतिहास दर्ज नहीं है। पुलिस के मुताबिक, आरोपित फर्जी गुगल पे, फोन पे और पेटीएम कस्टमर केयर अधिकारी बनकर कैशबैक का लालच देती थी और उपभोक्ताओं से गिफ्ट कार्ड बनवाकर उसे रिडीम कर लेती थी।



नाबालिग किशोरी की हत्या का खुलासा, प्रेमी गिरफ्तार

शादी को लेकर हुआ विवाद, गुरसे में कर दी हत्या, स्कूल कैंपस में मिली थी बाँडी

जमशेदपुर (पूर्वी सिंहभूम), एजेंसी। परसुडीह थाना क्षेत्र के सोपोडेरा स्थित राजकीय मध्य विद्यालय परिसर में नाबालिग किशोरी की लाश मिलने के मामले का पुलिस ने खुलासा कर दिया है।

इस सनसनीखेज हत्या में किसी बाहरी व्यक्ति का हाथ नहीं, बल्कि किशोरी के नाबालिग प्रेमी ने ही उसे मौत के घाट उतारा। घटना के बाद पूरे इलाके में दहशत और आक्रोश का माहौल बन गया था। रविवार सुबह जब स्कूल परिसर में किशोरी का शव मिला, तो लोगों की भीड़ जुट गई और पुलिस को सूचना दी गई।

शादी को लेकर हुआ विवाद, गुरसे में कर दी हत्या: पुलिस जांच में सामने आया कि किशोरी शुकुवार से लापता थी और अपने प्रेमी के साथ घूम रही थी। शनिवार रात दोनों सोपोडेरा स्थित स्कूल परिसर पहुंचे थे।



सुनसान जगह पर बातचीत के दौरान शादी को लेकर दोनों के बीच विवाद हो गया। किशोरी लगातार शादी का दबाव बना रही थी, जबकि आरोपी अपनी कम उम्र का हवाला देकर इससे बच रहा था। इसी बात को लेकर विवाद बढ़ा और गुरसे में आकर आरोपी ने किशोरी की हत्या कर दी। घटना के बाद वह मौके से

फरार हो गया। 12 घंटे में पुलिस ने सुलझाया मामला: मामले की गंभीरता को देखते हुए पुलिस ने त्वरित कार्रवाई शुरू की। खोजी कुत्ते, आसपास लगे सीसीटीवी कैमरों के फुटेज और तकनीकी साक्ष्यों की मदद से जांच को आगे बढ़ाया गया। पुलिस ने महज 12 घंटे के भीतर आरोपी की पहचान

कर उसे गोविंदपुर थाना क्षेत्र से गिरफ्तार कर लिया। पुछताछ में 16 वर्षीय आरोपी युवक ने अपना जर्म कबूल कर लिया, जिसके बाद उसे रिमांड होम भेज दिया गया।

गरीबी और हालात ने बदली जिंदगी की दिशा: जांच में यह भी सामने आया कि मृतक बिरसानगर जोन नंबर-2 की रहने वाली थी और कोरोना काल से अपने परिवार से अलग रह रही थी।

वह आसपास के घरों में काम कर अपना गुजारा कर रही थी। इसी दौरान उसकी मुलाकात गोविंदपुर क्षेत्र के कुमफूटा निवासी नाबालिग युवक से हुई, जो धीरे-धीरे प्रेम संबंध में बदल गई। पुलिस ने पहले ही स्पष्ट कर दिया था कि किशोरी के साथ दुष्कर्म नहीं हुआ था। फिलहाल पुलिस पूरे मामले की अन्य पहलुओं से भी जांच कर रही है।



नशे में कीटनाशक पीने से युवक की मौत

पूर्वी सिंहभूम, एजेंसी। सिदगोड़ा थाना क्षेत्र के पृथिको इलाके में युवक आकाश कुमार गोस्वामी (32) की जहरीला पदार्थ सेवन करने से मौत हो गई। बताया जा रहा है कि शराब के नशे में उसने गलती से कीटनाशक पी लिया था। गंभीर हालत में उसे तत्काल टाटा मुख्य अस्पताल (टीएमएच) में भर्ती कराया गया, जहां दो दिनों तक जिंदगी और मौत के बीच संघर्ष करने के बाद शनिवार देर रात उसकी मौत हो गई। घटना के बाद शराब और आसपास के लोगों में आकाश की निगरानी और इलाज में जुटी रही, लेकिन शरीर में जहर फैल जाने के कारण उसकी हालत में कोई खास सुधार नहीं हुआ। इलाज के दौरान उसकी स्थिति लगातार गंभीर बनी रही और आखिरकार शनिवार देर रात उसने दम तोड़ दिया। मृतक के छोटे भाई अमन कुमार गोस्वामी ने पुलिस को बताया कि यह पूरी तरह एक हादसा था। उन्होंने कहा कि आकाश नशे की हालत में था और उसे यह समझ नहीं आया कि वह पानी की जगह कीटनाशक पी रहा है। परिजनों ने बताया कि आकाश मेहनत-मजदूरी कर परिवार का भरण-पोषण करता था और उसकी अचानक मौत से परिवार पर दुखों का पहलू टूट पड़ा है।

बारतियों को लेकर लौट रही पिकअप पलटा, दो की मौत



पश्चिमी सिंहभूम, एजेंसी। पश्चिमी सिंहभूम जिले के मनोहरपुर थाना क्षेत्र के उंधन गांव के पास सोमवार तड़के एक सड़क हादसे में दो युवकों की मौत हो गई, जबकि छह अन्य गंभीर रूप से घायल हो गए। हादसा उस समय हुआ जब बारात से लौट रही बारतियों से भरी एक पिकअप वैन अनियंत्रित होकर पलट गया। घटना के बाद इलाके में अफरा-तफरी मच गई और मौके पर ग्रामीणों की भारी भीड़ जुट गई। मृतकों की पहचान बारागा

गांव निवासी 12 वर्षीय रोहन गोप और गोपीपुर गांव निवासी 25 वर्षीय दशरथ सरदार के रूप में हुई है। वहीं हादसे में घायल लोगों में गोपीपुर गांव के सूरज महतो (22), शिशुपाल मोदी (26), राहुल गोप (20), बारागा गांव के गोपी मोदी (18), सौरभ लोहार (16) तथा मेदरसाई गांव निवासी सुरेश गोप (48) शामिल हैं। सभी घायलों को स्थानीय लोगों की मदद से तत्काल मनोहरपुर सामुदायिक स्वास्थ्य केंद्र पहुंचाया गया, जहां प्राथमिक उपचार के

बाद गंभीर रूप से घायल कुछ लोगों को बेहतर इलाज के लिए रेफर कर दिया गया। जानकारी के अनुसार पिकअप वाहन (जेएच-06सी/7345) बारागा गांव से बारतियों को लेकर आनंदपुरा प्रखंड के समीप गांव था। शादी समारोह संपन्न होने के बाद सभी लोग देर रात वापस लौट रहे थे।

बताया जा रहा है कि वाहन में बारातियों के साथ साउंड सिस्टम का सामान भी लदा हुआ था, जिससे वाहन का संतुलन बिगड़ने की आशंका जताई जा रही है। सूचना मिलने पर मनोहरपुर थाना पुलिस भी घटनास्थल पर पहुंची और दुर्घटनाग्रस्त वाहन को कब्जे में लेकर जांच शुरू कर दी। पुलिस ने दोनों शवों को पोस्टमार्टम के लिए भेज दिया है। प्रारंभिक जांच में तेज रफ्तार और वाहन पर अत्यधिक भार हादसे की वजह मानी जा रही है।

फायरिंग मामले में दो आरोपित हथियार के साथ

पूर्वी सिंहभूम, एजेंसी। टेल्लोका थाना क्षेत्र के मिश्रा बगान में हाल ही में हुई फायरिंग की घटना का पुलिस ने खुलासा करते हुए दो मुख्य आरोपितों को गिरफ्तार कर लिया है। पुलिस ने गिरफ्तार आरोपियों के पास से देसी पिस्तौल, जिंदा कारतूस, खोखा और मोबाइल फोन बरामद किया है। मामले में पुलिस अब अन्य फरार आरोपियों की तलाश में लगातार छापेमारी कर रही है। रविवार को आयोजित प्रेस वार्ता में सिटी एसपी ललित मीणा ने बताया कि इस संबंध में टेल्लोका थाना कांड संख्या 68/26 दिनांक 09 मई 2026 के तहत प्राथमिकी दर्ज की गई थी।

घटना की गंभीरता को देखते हुए वरीय पुलिस अधीक्षक के निर्देश पर पुलिस अधीक्षक नगर के नेतृत्व में एक विशेष छापेमारी दल का गठन किया गया था। टीम ने तकनीकी और मानवीय सूचना



के आधार पर लगातार कार्रवाई करते हुए 09 और 10 मई की रात बिरसा मुंडा जेम्को से सलगाछुडी फाटक जाने वाली कच्ची सड़क के पास बिरसा मुंडा प्रतिमा के समीप स्थित एक झोपड़ी में छापेमारी की। छापेमारी के दौरान पुलिस ने मामले के दो मुख्य आरोपियों को गिरफ्तार कर लिया। गिरफ्तार आरोपियों में 29 वर्षीय सोनू झा और 29 वर्षीय रिशे कुमार सिंह उर्फ पुचु शामिल

हैं। तलाशी के दौरान पुलिस ने इनके पास से 7.65 बोर का एक देसी पिस्तौल, तीन जिंदा गोलियां, दो खोखा तथा एयरटेल सिम लगा एक रियलमी मोबाइल फोन बरामद किया। पुलिस जांच में सामने आया है कि इस फायरिंग की जड़ पुरानी दुश्मनी थी। जानकारी के अनुसार करीब एक वर्ष पूर्व सदीप पांडेय की ओर से रिशे कुमार सिंह उर्फ फ्यू के साथ मारपीट की गई थी।

गुवा सेल खदान में रोजगार को लेकर अनिश्चितकालीन चक्का जाम

पश्चिमी सिंहभूम, एजेंसी। पश्चिमी सिंहभूम जिले की गुवा लौह अयस्क खदान में स्थानीय लोगों को रोजगार देने की मांग को लेकर सोमवार तड़के हुआ अनिश्चितकालीन चक्का जाम आंदोलन लगातार आरंभ हो रहा है। मानकी सुरेश चाँपिया के नेतृत्व में चल रहे इस आंदोलन में खदान प्रभावित कई गांवों के मुंडा, मानकी, मुखिया और ग्रामीण शामिल हैं। आंदोलनकारियों ने साफ चेतावनी दी है कि जब तक सेल प्रबंधन 500 स्थानीय बेरोजगार युवकों को रोजगार देने पर लिखित समझौता नहीं करता, तब तक खदान का संचालन पूरी तरह बाधित रहेगा। वहीं बड़ी संख्या में सीआईएसएफ के जवानों को तैनात किया गया है। ग्रामीणों ने गुवा खदान के मने गेट, क्रशिंग प्लांट, लोडिंग प्लांट और रांजानु क्षेत्र में आवाजही रोक दी



है। आंदोलन के कारण लौह अयस्क परिवहन और उत्पादन पर असर पड़ने लगा है। प्रदर्शनकारियों का आरोप है कि खदान विस्तार और खनन गतिविधियों के कारण उनकी जमीन, जंगल और जल स्रोत प्रभावित हुए हैं, लेकिन बदले में स्थानीय लोगों को रोजगार नहीं मिला। काशिया पेचा गांव के

मुकसान पहुंचा रहा है, जिससे खेती प्रभावित हो रही है। आंदोलनकारियों ने झारखंड की 75 प्रतिशत स्थानीय नियोजन नीति को सखी से लागू करने तथा रांजानु खदान में हैंड माइनिंग और मैनुअल रैक लोडिंग शुरू करने की मांग भी रखी है। कुछ दिन पहले पूर्व मुख्यमंत्री मधु कोड़ा की मौजूदगी में सेल अधिकारियों और ग्रामीण प्रतिनिधियों के बीच वार्ता हुई थी, लेकिन सहमति नहीं बन सकी। जानकारी के अनुसार प्रबंधन फिलहाल 25 लोगों को रोजगार देने की बात कह रहा है, जबकि आंदोलनकारी इसे अपर्याप्त बता रहे हैं।

ग्रामीणों का कहना है कि जब तक सम्मानजनक संख्या में स्थानीय युवाओं की नियुक्ति नहीं होती, तब तक आंदोलन जारी रहेगा।

मंगता सुरीन ने कहा कि वर्षों से ग्रामीण प्रदूषण, विस्थापन और बेरोजगारी झेल रहे हैं, इसलिए अब वे सिर्फ आश्वासन नहीं बल्कि स्थायी रोजगार चाहते हैं। ग्रामीणों ने कारो नदी में बह रहे कथित प्रदूषित 'लाल पानी' का मुद्दा भी उठाया। उनका कहना है कि खदान से निकलने वाला गंद पानी खेतों और जल स्रोतों को

युवक ने ट्रेन से कटकर की खुदकुशी

पलामू, एजेंसी। पलामू जिले के चैनपुर प्रखंड के पूर्वडीहा गांव के 30 वर्षीय रंजीत दुबे, पिता हरेन्द्र दुबे ने रविवार को स्थानीय नौकरी नहीं मिलने पर ट्रेन से कट कर खुदकुशी कर ली। घटना डालटनगंज रेलवे स्टेशन पर हुई। सोमवार को इसका सीसीटीवी वीडियो सामने आया। शव की पहचान होने पर सुबह 10:00 बजे एमएमसीएच में 24 घंटे बाद पोस्टमार्टम किया गया। मौके पर बड़ी संख्या में गांव के लोग और परिजन मौजूद थे। गांव में कोयल नदी तट पर अंतिम संस्कार किया जाएगा। उल्लेखनीय है कि रविवार की सुबह डालटनगंज रेलवे स्टेशन के प्लेटफार्म नंबर एक पर रंजीत दुबे ने मालगाड़ी से कट कर खुदकुशी कर ली थी। शुरुआत में डेड बाँडी की पहचान नहीं होने के कारण पोस्टमार्टम नहीं हो पाया था। शव सुरक्षित रखी गई थी। पहचान होने के बाद परिजनों की मौजूदगी में पोस्टमार्टम करने का निर्णय लिया गया। सूत्रों के अनुसार रंजीत दुबे पढ़ने लिखने में काफी तेज थे। संत जैविक कॉलेज रांची और बनारस हिंदू विश्वविद्यालय (वीएचयू) से पढ़ाई की थी। बावजूद उनकी स्थायी जाँब नहीं लग रही थी। इस कारण तनाव में आकर सुसाइड कर लिया। रंजीत इकलौते पुत्र थे। एक बहन एक भाई होते हैं। शादी नहीं हुई थी। पिता कृषि कार्य करते हैं। रंजीत के खुदकुशी करने से गांव में शोक की लहर है। होनहार युवक के सुसाइड का विश्वास किसी को नहीं हो रहा है। वर्ष 2018 में भी रंजीत दुबे ने ट्रेन से कटकर खुदकुशी करने की कोशिश की थी।

लूना पर ब्राउन शुगर की हो रही थी सप्लाई चतरा के हेसापारम रोड पर पुलिस ने घेरकर दबोचा



चतरा, एजेंसी। चतरा जिले में पुलिस अधीक्षक के नेतृत्व में चलाए जा रहे नशा मुक्त अभियान को बड़ी सफलता मिली है। राजपुर थाना क्षेत्र में अवैध ब्राउन शुगर की तस्करी में संलिप्त एक व्यक्ति को पुलिस ने गिरफ्तार किया है। इस कार्रवाई के बाद इलाके में सक्रिय नशा कारोबारियों के बीच हड़कंप मच गया है। पुलिस को गुप्त सूचना मिली थी

छापेमारी दल का गठन किया गया। टीम ने हेसापारम रोड पर सघन वाहन चेकिंग अभियान शुरू किया।

इसी दौरान एक संदिग्ध व्यक्ति भूरे रंग की टीवीएस लूना पर आता दिखाई दिया। पुलिस ने उसे रुकने का संकेत दिया, लेकिन वह भागने की कोशिश करने लगा। हालांकि, पहले से मुस्तैद पुलिस बल ने उसे चारों ओर से घेरकर पकड़ लिया।

तलाशी में मिला नशीला पदार्थ: पकड़े गए व्यक्ति की तलाशी लेने पर उसके पास से 6 ग्राम अवैध ब्राउन शुगर बरामद की गई। पुलिस ने तस्करी में प्रयुक्त टीवीएस लूना (रजिस्ट्रेशन नंबर JHvxV-4898) और एक रियलमी नार्जी एंड्रॉइड मोबाइल फोन भी जब्त कर लिया है। बरामद ब्राउन शुगर की बाजार में अच्छी-खासी कीमत आंकी जा रही है।

जमशेदपुर में 175 पुड़िया ब्राउन शुगर जब्त महिला समेत 5 तस्करी गिरफ्तार, अंतरजिला नेटवर्क ध्वस्त, घर से शुरू हुई कार्रवाई

जमशेदपुर (पूर्वी सिंहभूम), एजेंसी। पूर्वी सिंहभूम पुलिस ने जमशेदपुर में नशा कारोबार के खिलाफ बड़ी कार्रवाई करते हुए एक संगठित ब्राउन शुगर नेटवर्क का पर्दाफाश किया है। बर्माइंडस थाना क्षेत्र में हुई इस कार्रवाई में एक महिला समेत पांच तस्करी को गिरफ्तार किया गया है। पुलिस को गुप्त सूचना मिली थी कि गांधी नगर बस्ती निवासी संतोष सिंह कपाली इलाके से भारी मात्रा में ब्राउन शुगर लाकर अपने घर में छिपाकर रखे हुए हैं। सूचना की गंभीरता को देखते हुए पुलिस अधीक्षक नगर की निगरानी में विशेष टीम का गठन किया गया और तत्काल छापेमारी की योजना बनाई गई।

घर से शुरू हुई कार्रवाई, महिला समेत दो गिरफ्तार: पुलिस टीम ने संतोष सिंह के घर पर दबिश दी, जहां से 124 पुड़िया ब्राउन शुगर बरामद की गई। मौके से संतोष सिंह और उसकी दूसरी पत्नी आयशा खातून उर्फ बिल्लो को गिरफ्तार कर लिया गया। प्रारंभिक पुछताछ में दोनों ने नशे के इस कारोबार से जुड़े कई अहम सुराग



पुलिस को दिए, जिसके आधार पर पुलिस ने आगे की कार्रवाई तेज कर दी। सप्लाई चैन पर वार, अलग-अलग इलाकों से गिरफ्तारी: संतोष और आयशा से मिली जानकारी के आधार पर पुलिस ने नेटवर्क के अन्य सदस्यों को भी दबोच

लिया। गोविंदपुर से गौरव कुमार उर्फ अमर को 20 पुड़िया और अमित कुमार को 19 पुड़िया ब्राउन शुगर के साथ गिरफ्तार किया गया। वहीं मानगो से मुख्य पेडलर संजय गोस्वामी उर्फ संजय बंगाली को 12 पुड़िया

ब्राउन शुगर के साथ पकड़ा गया। इस तरह कुल 175 पुड़िया ब्राउन शुगर, जिसका वजन 26.84 ग्राम है, जब्त की गई। इसकी बाजार कीमत करीब 3.50 लाख रुपये आंकी गई है। पुलिस ने आरोपियों के पास से 4 मोबाइल फोन भी बरामद किए हैं। अंतरजिला सिंडिकेट से जुड़े तार, पहले भी जा चुके हैं जेल: पुलिस जांच में खुलासा हुआ है कि सभी आरोपी एक बड़े अंतरजिला ड्रग सिंडिकेट से जुड़े हुए हैं। हाल ही में स्रायकेला-खरसावां जिले के कपाली क्षेत्र से 16.50 लाख रुपये की ब्राउन शुगर बरामदगी के तार भी इसी नेटवर्क से जुड़े पाए गए हैं।

गिरफ्तार कई आरोपी पहले भी तस्करी के मामलों में जेल जा चुके हैं और बाहर आने के बाद फिर से सक्रिय हो गए थे। बर्माइंडस थाना में कांड संख्या 26/26, दिनांक 10 मई 2026 के तहत मामला दर्ज किया गया है। पुलिस का कहना है कि इस कार्रवाई से शहर में फैले नशा नेटवर्क को बड़ा झटका लगा है और आगे भी अभियान जारी रहेगा।

दिल्ली-हलवारा उड़ान 15 मई से शुरू होगी, उद्घाटन प्लाइट की सिर्फ 40 फीसदी सीटें बुक

एजेंसी चंडीगढ़। हलवारा एयरपोर्ट से दिल्ली के लिए बहुप्रतीक्षित पहली उड़ान 15 मई को सुबह 5:55 बजे रवाना होगी। इसके साथ ही हलवारा एयरपोर्ट आधिकारिक तौर पर संचालन शुरू कर देगा, जिस क्षेत्र के लिए बड़ी उपलब्धि माना जा रहा है। हालांकि, शुरूआत में यात्रियों का उत्साह उम्मीद के मुताबिक नजर नहीं आ रहा है। उद्घाटन उड़ान के लिए अब तक केवल लगभग 40 फीसदी सीटों की ही बुकिंग हुई है। इस रूट पर 138 सीटों वाले विमान के संचालन की तैयारी है। अधिकारियों का मानना है कि नए एयरपोर्ट पर लोगों का भरोसा बनने में करीब छह महीने तक का समय लग सकता है। दिल्ली से हलवारा आने वाली पहली उड़ान के साथ-साथ हलवारा से दिल्ली लौटने वाली सुबह की उड़ान में भी यात्रियों की संख्या कम है। वापसी उड़ान में अब तक केवल करीब 35 सीटें ही बुक हुई हैं। आगामी दिनों की फ्लाइट्स में बुकिंग महज 10 से 15 प्रतिशत तक पहुंची है। एयर इंडिया के अधिकारियों का कहना है कि आने वाले कुछ महीनों तक स्थिति पर नजर रखी जाएगी और यात्रियों का भरोसा जीतने की कोशिश की जाएगी। एसीएसएन ऑफ ट्रेड एंड इंडस्ट्रियल अंडर्टेकिंग्स के अध्यक्ष पंकज शर्मा ने बताया कि उन्होंने जून में कोलकाता जाने के लिए हलवारा से टिकट बुक करने पर विचार किया था, लेकिन लंबा लेआवर होने के कारण यह विकल्प सुविधाजनक नहीं लगा।

ईडी जांच पर संजीव अरोड़ा की कंपनी की सफाई, कहा-सभी मोबाइल एक्सपोर्ट पूरी तरह सही

नई दिल्ली। पंजाब के कैबिनेट मंत्री संजीव अरोड़ा से जुड़ी कंपनी हैम्टन स्कॉर्ड रिजल्ट लिमिटेड ने प्रवर्तन निदेशालय (ईडी) की जांच और लगाए गए आरोपों पर पहली बार विस्तार से अपना पक्ष रखा है। कंपनी ने एक आधिकारिक प्रेस बयान जारी कर कहा कि उसे देश की न्यायपालिका और कानूनी प्रक्रिया पर पूरा भरोसा है और वह जांच एजेंसियों के साथ पूरा सहयोग कर रही है। कंपनी ने अपने बयान में मोबाइल एक्सपोर्ट कारोबार को लेकर कई अहम दावे किए। हैम्टन स्कॉर्ड रिजल्ट लिमिटेड के मुताबिक उसने मई 2023 में मोबाइल फोन एक्सपोर्ट बिजनेस की शुरूआत की थी। कंपनी ने कहा कि भारत सरकार की 'मेक इन इंडिया' पहल और पीएलआई योजना के तहत मोबाइल निर्माण और निर्यात को बढ़ावा मिला, जिसके चलते उसने इस सेक्टर में कदम रखा। कंपनी ने यह भी कहा कि संयुक्त अरब अमीरात यानी यूएई भारतीय मोबाइल एक्सपोर्ट के लिए एक बड़ा और महत्वपूर्ण बाजार है। कंपनी का दावा है कि उसने कुल 44,471 असली मोबाइल फोन और एक्सपोर्ट किया। इनमें एप्पल आईफोन, एक्सपोर्ट, सैमसंग और वनप्लस जैसे बड़े ब्रांड्स के डिवाइस शामिल थे। कंपनी के अनुसार सभी शिपमेंटों को कस्टम क्लियरेंस और आईएम वैरिफिकेशन प्रक्रिया से गुजरना पड़ा था।

चलती कार में लगी आग: ग्रेटर नोएडा वेस्ट में भीषण हदसा, चालक ने कूदकर बचाई जान

नई दिल्ली। ग्रेटर वेस्ट में गौड़ सिटी के समीप सोमवार सुबह एक इलेक्ट्रिक कार में अचानक भीषण आग लग गई। सूचना पर दमकल विभाग की टीम पहुंची और कुछ ही देर में आग पर काबू पा लिया। गंभीरतम रही कि आग में कोई जनहानि नहीं हुई है। जानकारी के मुताबिक, गौड़ सिटी के समीप कार सड़क पर चल रही थी। तभी उसमें से अचानक धुआं निकलने लगा और कुछ ही क्षणों में आग ने पूरी गाड़ी को अपनी चपेट में ले लिया।

स्थिति को भांपते हुए चालक ने तत्परता दिखाते हुए कार से कूदकर अपनी जान बचाई। देखते ही देखते कार आग का गोला बन गई। सड़क पर आग की ऊंची लपटें उठने से आसपास मौजूद लोग दहशत में आ गए और मौके पर भीड़ जुट गई। घटना की सूचना तुरंत दमकल विभाग को दी गई। सूचना मिलते ही फायर ब्रिगेड की टीम मौके पर पहुंची और काफी मशकत के बाद आग पर काबू पाया। फायर विभाग के अधिकारियों ने बताया कि आग को पूरी तरह बुझा दिया गया है। घटना में किसी प्रकार की जनहानि नहीं हुई है। शुरुआती जांच में बैटरी या तकनीकी खराबी को आग लगने की वजह है। मामले की जांच की जा रही है।

दिल्ली पुलिस की बड़ी कार्रवाई, हाशिम बाबा और राशिद कबलेवाला गैंग के छह एक्टिव शूटर गिरफ्तार

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। दिल्ली पुलिस की अपराध शाखा ने एक बड़ी कार्रवाई करते हुए हाशिम बाबा और राशिद कबलेवाला गैंग के छह सक्रिय शूटरों को गिरफ्तार किया है। गिरफ्तार किए गए अपराधी कई आपराधिक मामलों में वांछित थे। इनमें हत्या, रांदायी और डकैती जैसे गंभीर अपराध शामिल हैं।

जल संरक्षण जनआंदोलन बने, तभी आत्मनिर्भर होगा विदर्भ : नितिन गडकरी

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। केंद्रीय सड़क परिवहन एवं राजमार्ग मंत्री नितिन गडकरी ने कहा कि विदर्भ को किसान आत्महत्या क्षेत्र की पहचान से बाहर निकालने और गांवों में जल समृद्धि लाने के लिए जल संरक्षण को जनआंदोलन बनाना आवश्यक है। उन्होंने कहा कि देश में पानी की कमी नहीं है, बल्कि जल संसाधनों की उचित योजना और प्रबंधन का अभाव है। गडकरी नागपुर में आयोजित एक कार्यक्रम में कहा कि जल संरक्षण के क्षेत्र में कार्य कर रही पूर्ति सिंचन समृद्धि कल्याणकारी संस्था के रजत जयंती वर्ष के अवसर पर 17 और 18 मई को नागपुर में 'जलसंवाद' और 'जलक्रांति' सम्मेलनों का आयोजन किया जाएगा। इस अवसर पर विधायक चरणसिंह ठाकुर और उमेश यादवकर भी उपस्थित रहें। गडकरी ने कहा कि जैविक खेती, ड्रिप सिंचाई और कृषि क्षेत्र में कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्ता के उपयोग से जल प्रबंधन को प्रभावी बनाया जा सकता है। खेत तालाबों से निकली मिट्टी का राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग



बदलाव किया है। उन्होंने कहा कि जल संरक्षण में गैर-सरकारी संगठनों की भूमिका महत्वपूर्ण है, लेकिन जनभागीदारी उससे भी अधिक आवश्यक है। वरुड-मोशी और कावस्थल के वरुड-मोशी जैसे भूजल संकट वाले 'डार्क जोन' क्षेत्रों में जनसहभागिता से नदी और नालों के गहरीकरण का कार्य किया जा रहा है। इन प्रयासों के माध्यम से जल संरक्षण परियोजनाएं लागू की जा रही हैं। उन्होंने स्थानीय स्वशासी संस्थाओं से भी इन अभियानों में सक्रिय सहयोग देने की

हैदरपुर बादली आरओबी चौड़ीकरण को रेलवे की मिली मंजूरी

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। दिल्ली सरकार को उत्तर-पश्चिम दिल्ली की दो महत्वपूर्ण यातायात परियोजनाओं पर बड़ी सफलता मिली है। मुख्यमंत्री रेखा गुप्ता ने जानकारी दी कि रेलवे ने मुकरबा चौक पर यातायात दबाव कम करने के लिए हैदरपुर बादली स्थित आउटर रिंग रोड पर मौजूद रेलवे ओवर ब्रिज (आरओबी) के चौड़ीकरण को मंजूरी प्रदान कर दी है। इसके अलावा शालीमार बाग से संजय गांधी ट्रांसपोर्ट नगर तक रेलवे ट्रेक को पार करने वाले प्रस्तावित एलिवेटेड लूप भी रेलवे ने स्वीकृत कर दिया है। मुख्यमंत्री ने प्रधानमंत्री नरेन्द्र मोदी व केंद्रीय रेल मंत्री अश्विनी वैष्णव का आभार व्यक्त

करते हुए कहा कि ऐसी परियोजनाओं से राजधानी को 'विकसित दिल्ली'



बनाने का मार्ग और प्रशस्त होगा। मुख्यमंत्री ने कहा कि दिल्ली सरकार राजधानी में यातायात व्यवस्था को

आधुनिक, सुरक्षित और बाधा रहित बनाने के लिए प्रतिबद्ध है। उन्होंने

जहां प्रतिदिन हजारों यात्री एवं मालवाहक वाहन गुजरते हैं। इन परियोजनाओं के पूरा होने से जाम की समस्या में उल्लेखनीय कमी आएगी तथा लोगों को तेज, सुरक्षित और सुगम आवागमन की सुविधा मिलेगी।

मुख्यमंत्री ने कहा कि दिल्ली सरकार राजधानी के प्रमुख जाम बिंदुओं की पहचान कर वहां स्थायी समाधान विकसित करने की दिशा में तेजी से कार्य कर रही है। मुकरबा चौक, आउटर रिंग रोड और संजय गांधी ट्रांसपोर्ट नगर क्षेत्र दिल्ली के सबसे व्यस्त परिवहन केंद्रों में शामिल हैं। ऐसे में इन परियोजनाओं के लागू होने से क्षेत्रीय कनेक्टिविटी मजबूत होगी, यात्रा समय कम होगा और आम नागरिकों को बड़ी राहत मिलेगी।

नई पाइपलाइन परियोजनाओं का शुभारंभ

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। दिल्ली के समाज कल्याण मंत्री रविंद्र इंद्राज सिंह ने बनावान विधानसभा क्षेत्र के अंतर्गत गांव जाट खोर काला माता मंदिर प्रकाश विहार में दिल्ली जल बोर्ड की नई पाइपलाइन परियोजनाओं का शुभारंभ किया। उन्होंने कहा कि इन परियोजनाओं के माध्यम से अनधिकृत कालोनियों एवं ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों में मूलभूत सुविधाओं की सुदृढ़ करने का कार्य तेजी से आगे बढ़ाया जा रहा है। क्षेत्र में पानी की पाइपलाइन, सड़कों की मरम्मत, नए फुटपाथ, ड्रेनेज एवं अन्य नागरिक सुविधाओं से संबंधित विकास कार्य निरंतर जारी है। मंत्री ने कहा कि विकसित भारत का संकल्प विकसित दिल्ली से साकार होगा। सड़कें, सीवर और पानी की पाइपलाइन- हर नागरिक सुविधा को नए सिरे से तैयार करना हमारा लक्ष्य है। जनसेवा और क्षेत्र के निरंतर विकास हेतु हम सदैव प्रतिबद्ध हैं। मंत्री ने कहा कि पिछले कई वर्षों से उपेक्षित पड़ोस आधारित संरचनाओं को अब आधुनिक स्वरूप दिया जा रहा है ताकि लोगों को सीवर ओवरफ्लो, जलभराव और पाइपलाइन लीकेज जैसी समस्याओं से स्थायी राहत मिल सके।



हर घर तक शुद्ध पानी पहुंचाना सरकार की प्राथमिकता : रविंद्र इंद्राज सिंह

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। दिल्ली के समाज कल्याण मंत्री रविंद्र इंद्राज सिंह ने रोहिणी सेक्टर-24 में नई जल पाइपलाइन परियोजना का शुभारंभ किया। उन्होंने कहा कि 'हर घर तक शुद्ध पानी पहुंचाना सरकार की प्राथमिकता है। सरकार का लक्ष्य राजधानी के प्रत्येक क्षेत्र और प्रत्येक परिवार तक साफ एवं पर्याप्त पेयजल उपलब्ध कराना है।

मंत्री ने कहा कि जल जैसी मूलभूत सुविधा को मजबूत करना सरकार की जिम्मेदारी है और इस दिशा में निरंतर कार्य जारी रहेगा। उन्होंने कहा कि गांव-देहात एवं शहरी क्षेत्रों के संतुलित विकास को ध्यान में रखते हुए सरकार आधारभूत ढांचे को मजबूत कर रही है ताकि प्रत्येक नागरिक को बेहतर जीवन सुविधाएं मिल सकें। उन्होंने अधिकारियों को निर्देश देते हुए कहा कि जल आपूर्ति व्यवस्था में पारदर्शिता, जवाबदेही

एवं संवेदनशीलता सुनिश्चित की जाए, ताकि किसी भी क्षेत्र के नागरिक को परेशानी का सामना न करना पड़े। कार्यक्रम के दौरान



स्थानीय नागरिकों ने नई पाइपलाइन परियोजना के शुभारंभ पर प्रसन्नता व्यक्त करते हुए इसे क्षेत्र के लिए बड़ी राहत बताया। इस नई व्यवस्था से महिलाओं, बुजुर्गों एवं बच्चों को विशेष लाभ मिलेगा, जिन्हें पहले जल

आपूर्ति संबंधी समस्याओं का सामना करना पड़ता था।

दिल्ली सरकार द्वारा 'विकसित दिल्ली, हरित दिल्ली' के संकल्प को

संगठन के लिए प्रण और प्रशिक्षण अनिवार्य : रेखा गुप्ता

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। दिल्ली की मुख्यमंत्री रेखा गुप्ता ने पंडित दीनदयाल उपाध्याय प्रशिक्षण महाअभियान-2026 के अंतर्गत नई दिल्ली एवं करोल बाग जिलों के प्रशिक्षण वर्ग को संबोधित किया।

रेखा गुप्ता ने कहा कि किसी भी संगठन के लिए प्रण और प्रशिक्षण दोनों अनिवार्य हैं। उन्होंने कहा कि प्रशिक्षण वह प्रक्रिया है, जो कार्यकर्ता के भीतर वैचारिक स्पष्टता और कार्यकुशलता विकसित करती है। उन्होंने कहा कि भाजपा का कार्यकर्ता ही वह धुरी है, जो संगठन के विचारों और सरकार की जनकल्याणकारी नीतियों को जन-जन तक पहुंचाता है। जब कार्यकर्ता प्रशिक्षित और संकल्पित होता है, तब राष्ट्र निर्माण का संकल्प सिद्ध होता है। उन्होंने कहा कि आज प्रधानमंत्री मोदी के नेतृत्व में देश के कोने-कोने तक

विचारधारा का अभूतपूर्व विस्तार समर्पण और अटूट परिश्रम का ही

हुआ है। अंग, बंग और कलिंग से परिणाम है।



लेकर गंगोत्री से गंगासागर तक, हर और सेवा और सुशासन का कर्मल खिला हुआ है। यह भाजपा के लाखों निष्ठावान कार्यकर्ताओं के

इस अवसर पर भाजपा सांसद बांगुरी स्वराज, भाजपा जिला अध्यक्ष वीरेंद्र बबबर सहित कार्यकर्ता

एवं पदाधिकारी उपस्थित रहे।

बीएचयू के 'साथी' केंद्र पहुंचे डॉ जितेन्द्र सिंह, वैज्ञानिक अनुसंधान सुविधाओं की समीक्षा की

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। केंद्रीय विज्ञान एवं प्रौद्योगिकी राज्य मंत्री (स्वतंत्र प्रभार) डॉ. जितेन्द्र सिंह ने काशी हिंदू विश्वविद्यालय (बीएचयू) में विज्ञान एवं प्रौद्योगिकी विभाग (डीएसीटी) के सहयोग से स्थापित 'साथी' केंद्र का दौरा कर वहां उपलब्ध वैज्ञानिक अनुसंधान सुविधाओं और उन्नत उपकरणों की समीक्षा की। उन्होंने कहा कि 'साथी-बीएचयू' उन्नत वैज्ञानिक अनुसंधान, नवाचार और उद्योग सहयोग का राष्ट्रीय केंद्र बनकर उभरेगा।

डॉ. जितेन्द्र सिंह ने बीएचयू के कुलपति ए. के. चतुर्वेदी और शिक्षकों की सराहना करते हुए कहा कि विज्ञान एवं प्रौद्योगिकी विभाग देशभर के विश्वविद्यालयों और उच्च शिक्षण संस्थानों में वैज्ञानिक आधारभूत संरचना और अनुसंधान सहायता तंत्र का विस्तार कर रहा है, ताकि उन्नत प्रौद्योगिकी और वैज्ञानिक सुविधाओं तक व्यापक पहुंच सुनिश्चित की जा सके। उन्होंने कहा कि 'साथी', 'फिस्ट' और अन्य अनुसंधान कार्यक्रम नवाचार, स्टार्टअप और उद्योग-अकादमिक सहयोग को मजबूत कर रहे हैं। उन्होंने यह भी कहा कि अंतरिक्ष प्रयोगशालाओं और अनुसंधान कार्यक्रमों के माध्यम से विद्यार्थियों और युवा शोधकर्ताओं में वैज्ञानिक दृष्टिकोण और नवाचार आधारित शिक्षा को बढ़ावा दिया जा रहा है। दौरे के दौरान केंद्रीय मंत्री ने 'सांफिफिकेटेड पब्लिकलिक एंड टैकनोलॉजी हेल्प इंस्टीट्यूट' (साथी) की आधारभूत संरचना, विश्वेत्पाणवक क्षमताओं और भविष्य की योजनाओं की समीक्षा की। उन्हें केंद्र की कार्यप्रणाली और वहां स्थापित उच्च स्तरीय वैज्ञानिक उपकरणों के बारे में जानकारी दी गई। लगभग 72 करोड़ रुपये की सहायता से स्थापित 'साथी-बीएचयू' राष्ट्रीय स्तर की साझा वैज्ञानिक अवसरचना सुविधा है, जो शिक्षण संस्थानों, अनुसंधान संस्थाओं, उद्योगों, एम्प्लॉयर्स और स्टार्टअप को उन्नत उपकरण और तकनीकी सेवाएं उपलब्ध कराती है।

राष्ट्रनिष्ठ चिंतक यशवंत राव केलकर के सूत्र से अभाव की सशक्त नींव खड़ी हुई : दत्तात्रेय होसबाले

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। अखिल भारतीय विद्यार्थी परिषद (अभाविप) दिल्ली द्वारा अभाविप के संगठन शिल्पी एवं पूर्व राष्ट्रीय अध्यक्ष प्रा. यशवंत राव केलकर के जन्मशती वर्ष के उपलक्ष्य में 'पिय केलकर जी' विशेष

अभिवाचन कार्यक्रम का भव्य आयोजन डॉ श्यामा प्रसाद मुखर्जी सिविक सेंटर में किया गया। कार्यक्रम में मुख्य अतिथि के रूप में राष्ट्रीय स्वयंसेवक संघ के सरकायवाह दत्तात्रेय होसबाले उपस्थित रहे। कार्यक्रम को संबोधित करते हुए दत्तात्रेय होसबाले ने कहा कि बालासाहेब देवरस कहा करते थे कि यशवंतराव केलकर डॉ. हेडगेवार के कुलोत्पन्न हैं। प्रा. केलकर ने संगठन निर्माण के वे सूत्र दिए, जिन पर अभाविप की सशक्त नींव खड़ी हुई। उन्होंने अभाविप को केवल आंदोलन

तक सीमित न रखते हुए रचनात्मकता, प्रतिनिधित्व एवं राष्ट्र निर्माण की दिशा प्रदान की। प्रा. केलकर ने टीम वर्क,



समय पालन, सादगी, संसाधनों के सदुपयोग एवं आत्मोपनिवेश के माध्यम से संगठन जीवन का आदर्श प्रस्तुत किया। वे बिना किसी ईर्ष्या-द्वेष के सभी को साथ लेकर चलने वाले व्यक्ति थे। उनका जीवन कार्यकर्ताओं के लिए प्रेरणा का अखंड स्रोत है। अभाविप की कार्यपद्धति एवं

जीवन दृष्टि को उल्लेखित करते हुए उन्होंने कहा कि प्रा. यशवंतराव केलकर के साथ कार्य करते हुए, विद्यार्थी

शर्मा विशेष रूप से उपस्थित रहे। कार्यक्रम में संघ के वरिष्ठ प्रचारक, विभिन्न विश्वविद्यालयों के कुलपति, कुलसचिव, प्राध्यापक, दिल्ली विधानसभा अध्यक्ष, दिल्ली सरकार के मंत्री, संघ प्रेरित संगठनों के कार्यकर्ता एवं बड़ी संख्या में विद्यार्थी उपस्थित रहे। राष्ट्रनिष्ठ चिंतक, संगठन शिल्पी एवं विद्यार्थी चेतना के प्रखर प्रेरणास्रोत प्रा. यशवंतराव केलकर जी का जन्म 25 अप्रैल 1925 को महाराष्ट्र के पंढरपुर (सोलापुर) में हुआ था। विद्यार्थी जीवन से ही राष्ट्रकर्म को जीवन का ध्येय मानने वाले केलकर जी ने 1945 में राष्ट्रीय स्वयंसेवक संघ के प्रचारक बनें। 1955 में अंग्रेजों के प्राथमिक के तौर पर उन्होंने नेपलन कॉलेज में पढ़ाना शुरू किया और संघ के निर्देशानुसार अखिल भारतीय विद्यार्थी परिषद का कार्य प्रारम्भ किया।

बारापुल्ला फेज-3 जून के अंत तक शुरू करने की तैयारी

दिल्ली। करीब एक दशक से प्रशासनिक अडचनों में फंसा बारापुल्ला फेज-3 एलिवेटेड कॉरिडोर के अब शुरू होने की उम्मीद है। लोक निर्माण विभाग (पीडब्ल्यूडी) ने इसका सिविल निर्माण कार्य पूरा कर लिया है। सरकार ने 30 जून तक इसे जनता के लिए खोलने का लक्ष्य तय किया है। यह परियोजना सिर्फ एक फ्लाईओवर नहीं, बल्कि पूर्वी और दक्षिणी दिल्ली के बीच ट्रेफिक दबाव कम करने की बड़ी रणनीति का हिस्सा है।

इसके चालू होने के बाद मयूर विहार से सराय काले खां होते हुए एएस तक करीब नौ किलोमीटर लंबा सिग्नल-फ्री कॉरिडोर मिल जाएगा। इससे यात्रा समय में लगभग 15 मिनट तक की कमी आने का अनुमान है। सबसे बड़ा असर सराय काले खां, रिंग रोड और डीएनडी फ्लाईओवर पर दिखेगा। यहां रोजाना भारी ट्रेफिक दबाव रहता है।

कनॉट प्लेस में गूंजा ऑपरेशन सिंदूर के 'शौर्य दिवस' का जयघोष, मुख्यमंत्री ने भारतीय सेना के पराक्रम को किया नमन

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। ऑपरेशन सिंदूर की पहली वर्षगांठ के उपलक्ष्य पर दिल्ली सरकार द्वारा कनॉट प्लेस स्थित सेंट्रल पार्क में 'शौर्य दिवस' कार्यक्रम का आयोजन किया गया। इस अवसर पर दिल्ली की मुख्यमंत्री रेखा गुप्ता ने कार्यक्रम में भाग लेकर भारतीय सेना के अदय्य साहस, पराक्रम और बलिदान को नमन किया। कार्यक्रम में दिल्ली पर्यटन कपिल मिश्रा सहित बड़ी संख्या में नागरिक, पूर्व सैनिक, युवा एवं विभिन्न सामाजिक संगठनों के प्रतिनिधि उपस्थित रहे।

इस अवसर पर प्रसिद्ध गायक आशीष कुलकर्णी ने अपने ओजपूर्ण और देशभक्ति से सराबोर गीतों की प्रस्तुति देकर पूरे कार्यक्रम को राष्ट्रभक्ति के भाव से अभिभूत कर दिया। साथ ही कार्यक्रम स्थल पर 'भारत माता की जय' और 'वंदे मातरम्' के उद्घोष लगातार गुंजते रहे तथा पूरा वातावरण देशभक्ति के रंग में रंग गया। मुख्यमंत्री ने कहा कि 'शौर्य दिवस' भारतीय सेना के अदय्य साहस, पराक्रम और बलिदान

को नमन करने का अवसर है। उन्होंने कहा कि ऑपरेशन सिंदूर के माध्यम से भारत ने आतंकवाद और उसके आकाओं को करा रा जवाब देकर दुनिया को स्पष्ट संदेश दिया कि



भारत अपनी सुरक्षा, संप्रभुता और सम्मान से कोई समझौता नहीं करेगा। मुख्यमंत्री ने 22 अप्रैल के आतंकी हमले को अत्यंत दर्दनाक बताते हुए कहा कि निर्दोष नागरिकों के साथ हुई क्रूरता ने पूरे देश को झकझोर दिया था और हर भारतीय के भीतर आक्रोश भर दिया था। उन्होंने कहा कि देश की बहनों और

परिवारों की पीड़ा ने पूरे राष्ट्र को एकजुट कर दिया और प्रधानमंत्री नरेन्द्र मोदी ने दृढ़ संकल्प के साथ आतंकवादियों को करा रा जवाब दिया गया। मुख्यमंत्री ने कहा कि

सीमाओं पर तैनात रहते हैं। उन्होंने कहा कि आज पूरी दुनिया यह समझ चुकी है कि भारत शांति का पक्षधर है, लेकिन यदि कोई भारत की ओर गलत नजर उठाएगा तो उसे मुंहतोड़ जवाब मिलेगा। कपिल मिश्रा ने कहा, 'आज भी भारत की रागों में वीरों का वही डीएनए दौड़ता है। प्रधानमंत्री नरेन्द्र मोदी के नेतृत्व में भारत की सेनाएं जो नया यशोमान लिख रही हैं, वह सभी चुसपैठियों और आतंकियों के लिए एक स्पष्ट संदेश है। भारत किसी को छेड़ता नहीं है, लेकिन यदि कोई भारत की ओर आंख उठाकर देखेगा, तो उसे करा रा जवाब दिया जाएगा। उन्होंने आगे कहा आज हम यहां अपने वीर सैनिकों को नमन और उनका अभिनंदन करने के लिए एकत्र हुए हैं। इस संस्था में काव्य पाठ भी होगा, गीत भी होंगे, लेकिन सबसे बड़ी भावना भी भारती के वीर सपूतों के सम्मान की है। हम सब मिलकर विकसित भारत के निर्माण में योगदान देंगे और प्रधानमंत्री मोदी के विजन को साकार करने का कार्य करेंगे।

कांग्रेस महासचिव जयराम रमेश ने 'ग्रेट निकोबार प्रोजेक्ट' को लेकर पर्यावरण मंत्री को पत्र लिखकर, पर्यावरण मंजूरी की प्रक्रिया पर उठाए सवाल

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। कांग्रेस महासचिव (संचार) जयराम रमेश ने ग्रेट निकोबार द्वीप विकास परियोजना को लेकर केंद्र सरकार पर एक बार फिर गंभीर सवाल उठाए हैं। उन्होंने केंद्रीय पर्यावरण, वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन

मंत्री भूपेंद्र यादव को पत्र लिखकर आरोप लगाया कि परियोजना को दी गई पर्यावरणीय मंजूरी अंधूरी और अपर्याप्त पर्यावरण प्रभाव आकलन (ईआईए) रिपोर्टों के आधार पर प्रदान की गई है। जयराम रमेश का कहना है कि सरकार द्वारा जारी 'ग्रेट निकोबार

प्रोजेक्ट एफएचयू' में किए गए कई दावे मंत्रालय के आधिकारिक दस्तावेजों और उपलब्ध अध्ययनों से मेल नहीं खाते। जयराम रमेश ने सोशल मीडिया प्लेटफॉर्म एक्स पर अपना पत्र साझा करते हुए कहा कि सरकार ने 01 मई को जारी एफएचयू

में दावा किया था कि परियोजना के संभावित पर्यावरणीय प्रभावों की व्यापक पहचान, मूल्यांकन और प्रबंधन मजबूत पर्यावरण प्रभाव आकलन प्रक्रिया तथा विस्तृत पर्यावरण प्रबंधन योजना के माध्यम से किया जा रहा है। उन्होंने कहा कि वह

इस विषय पर पहले भी 03 मई को विस्तृत प्रतिक्रिया दे चुके हैं, लेकिन अब कुछ अतिरिक्त तथ्यों और तकनीकी बिंदुओं की ओर सरकार का ध्यान आकर्षित करना चाहते हैं। रमेश ने अपने पत्र में कहा कि कानून के अनुसार अंडमान और निकोबार

द्वीप समूह में बंदरगाह परियोजनाओं के लिए व्यापक पर्यावरण प्रभाव आकलन अध्ययन अनिवार्य है। उन्होंने तर्क दिया कि ग्रेट निकोबार की जैव विविधता और पारिस्थितिकी अत्यंत संवेदनशील तथा विशिष्ट है, इसलिए यहां कम से कम तीन

मौसमों पर आधारित आधारभूत अध्ययन आवश्यक था, ताकि मौसमी बदलावों और पर्यावरणीय प्रभावों का सही तरीके से मूल्यांकन किया जा सके। जयराम रमेश ने पर्यावरण मंत्रालय के 03 नवंबर 2009 के कार्यालय ज्ञापन का उल्लेख करते

हुए कहा कि अंडमान और निकोबार द्वीप समूह में 50 लाख टन प्रतिवर्ष से अधिक क्षमता वाली बंदरगाह परियोजनाओं के लिए व्यापक ईआईए, भौतिक एवं गणितीय मॉडलिंग तथा जमीनी सत्यापन अनिवार्य है।

International Nurses Day

The Heartbeat of Healthcare — Why Nurses Remain the Backbone of the Medical World



Every year on May 12, the world celebrates International Nurses Day, a global occasion dedicated to recognizing the invaluable contribution of nurses to healthcare systems and communities. The date marks the birth anniversary of Florence Nightingale, the pioneer of modern nursing, whose work during the Crimean War transformed patient care and established nursing as a respected profession. Yet International Nurses Day is not merely about remembering history. It is about acknowledging the millions of nurses who continue to work tirelessly in hospitals, clinics, schools, villages, emergency wards, rehabilitation centers, and disaster zones across

the globe. Nurses are often described as the backbone of healthcare, but this phrase carries deeper meaning than many realize. In every healthcare institution, nurses are the professionals who spend the most time with patients. They are the first to respond in emergencies, the last to leave a patient's bedside, and the constant link between doctors, patients, and families. Their work combines science, empathy, technical expertise, emotional intelligence, and physical endurance.

In modern healthcare systems, the responsibilities of nurses have expanded significantly. They no longer serve only as assistants to physicians. Today's

nurses are trained professionals capable of conducting patient assessments, administering specialized treatments, operating advanced medical technology, guiding rehabilitation, and even leading healthcare management teams. In many countries, nurse practitioners diagnose illnesses and prescribe medications independently, particularly in areas where medical resources are limited.

The importance of nursing became especially visible during global health emergencies. During disease outbreaks, natural disasters, and public health crises, nurses stood on the front lines, risking their own health to save others. Many worked long hours under immense psychological pressure while maintaining compassion and professionalism. Their sacrifices reminded the world that healthcare systems rely not only on medical infrastructure but also on human dedication.

In rural and underserved areas, nurses often become the primary source of healthcare. In villages where doctors may not be available regularly, nurses provide vaccinations, maternal care, health education, and emergency treatment. They monitor child nutrition, assist elderly patients, and support families during difficult times. Their presence brings both medical support and emotional reassurance.

One of the most significant aspects of nursing is patient advocacy. Nurses are often the professionals who understand patients most closely because they interact with them continuously. They

observe subtle changes in behavior, pain levels, emotional condition, and recovery patterns. These observations can become critical in preventing complications or identifying medical emergencies early. Nurses also ensure that patients understand their treatments and rights. The nursing profession requires exceptional emotional strength. Nurses frequently witness suffering, grief, fear, and loss. Yet they must remain composed and supportive. They comfort families in moments of uncertainty and provide hope during recovery. Sometimes a nurse's reassuring words become as powerful as medicine itself.

Despite their contributions, nurses around the world continue to face major challenges. Staff shortages, exhausting shifts, workplace stress, limited resources, and inadequate pay remain common issues in many healthcare systems. Burnout has become a growing concern, especially after years of global health pressures. Many nurses also experience emotional fatigue due to the intensity of their work.

The shortage of nurses is a serious global issue. According to international healthcare organizations, many countries require millions of additional nurses to meet healthcare demands. Aging populations, increasing chronic diseases, and expanding healthcare needs continue to raise pressure on healthcare workers. Without adequate investment in nursing education and workforce support, healthcare systems may struggle to provide quality care.

Technology has also transformed nursing in recent years. Digital health records, telemedicine, robotic assistance, and advanced monitoring systems have changed how nurses work. Modern nurses must continuously update their skills to adapt to evolving medical technologies. However, while technology improves efficiency, the human connection provided by nurses remains irreplaceable.

Education and specialization have become important parts of the profession. Nurses can specialize in areas such as critical care, oncology, pediatrics, mental health, surgery, cardiology, emergency medicine, and neonatal care. These specialized roles require extensive training and expertise. Advanced nursing education has elevated the profession and created new opportunities for leadership and research.

Another vital role nurses play is health education. Nurses help communities understand disease prevention, nutrition, sanitation, vaccination, and healthy living. In many public health campaigns, nurses become educators and communicators who bridge the gap between medical knowledge and public understanding.

International Nurses Day also highlights the need for greater respect and recognition for the profession. While applause and appreciation are meaningful, real recognition must include better working conditions, fair salaries, mental health support, career opportunities, and safe workplaces.

From Florence Nightingale to Modern Medicine — The Evolution of Nursing Through History



nineteenth century, largely because of Florence Nightingale. Born in 1820 in Italy to a wealthy British family, Nightingale chose a path that was unusual for women of her social background. She believed that caring for the sick was both a duty and a calling. Her most famous contribution came during the Crimean War in the 1850s. British soldiers were dying not only from injuries but also from infections caused by poor sanitation in military hospitals. Florence Nightingale and her team of nurses improved hygiene, ventilation, nutrition, and cleanliness. Mortality rates dropped dramatically.

Nightingale also introduced the use of statistics and data in healthcare management. She carefully recorded patient outcomes and used evidence to demonstrate the importance of sanitation and organized nursing care. Her methods laid the groundwork for evidence-based healthcare practices. After the war, Florence Nightingale established nursing schools that transformed nursing into a professional discipline. Training became structured, and nursing began gaining social recognition. Her emphasis on discipline, hygiene, compassion, and education continues to influence nursing today.

The twentieth century marked another major turning point for nursing. During both World Wars, nurses played critical roles in treating injured soldiers and managing emergency medical situations. Their courage and skill demonstrated that nurses were not simply caregivers but highly trained healthcare professionals capable of handling complex medical challenges.

As medical science advanced, nursing education also expanded. Nurses began learning anatomy, pharmacology, surgical techniques, patient psychology, and specialized care. Hospitals increasingly relied on nurses for patient monitoring, treatment administration, and rehabilitation. The profession diversified into multiple specialties. Pediatric nurses focused on children's healthcare, psychiatric nurses supported mental health

treatment, oncology nurses cared for cancer patients, and critical care nurses managed intensive care units. This specialization reflected the growing complexity of healthcare systems.

In recent decades, nursing has become a global profession with expanding responsibilities. Advanced practice nurses and nurse practitioners now perform duties once reserved primarily for physicians. In many countries, nurses diagnose illnesses, prescribe medications, and lead healthcare teams.

Technology has also revolutionized nursing. Electronic medical records, digital monitoring systems, robotic equipment, and telemedicine have changed the daily routines of healthcare professionals. Nurses today must combine clinical expertise with technological competence.

At the same time, the human side of nursing remains unchanged. Patients continue to depend on nurses for emotional support, reassurance, and personal care. Despite technological advancement, compassion remains at the center of the profession. Another significant change in nursing history has been the growing recognition of men in the profession. While nursing has historically been associated with women, increasing numbers of men have entered the field, contributing to diversity and challenging stereotypes.

The role of nursing education has expanded enormously. Universities and research institutions now offer advanced nursing degrees, leadership programs, and scientific research opportunities. Nurses contribute to healthcare policy, public health strategies, and clinical innovation.

Public health nursing has also become increasingly important. Nurses participate in vaccination campaigns, maternal healthcare programs, disease prevention initiatives, and community health education. Their work extends beyond hospitals into schools, villages, workplaces, and disaster zones. The COVID-19 pandemic once again highlighted the importance of nurses. Around the world, nurses worked under extreme pressure, often risking their own safety while caring for infected patients. The crisis reminded societies of the courage, endurance, and essential value of nursing professionals.

The Emotional Strength of Nurses — Caring Beyond Medicine

International Nurses Day is celebrated around the world to honor the service and dedication of nurses. While much attention is given to their medical skills and professional responsibilities, one aspect of nursing often receives less recognition: emotional strength. Nurses are not only healthcare providers. They are caregivers, listeners, counselors, and sources of comfort during some of the most difficult moments in human life.

Every day, nurses encounter people experiencing fear, pain, uncertainty, and grief. They witness situations that test human resilience, from emergency trauma cases and terminal illnesses to childbirth and recovery after surgery. Yet despite emotional pressure, nurses continue to provide support with compassion and professionalism.

The emotional demands of nursing begin with patient interaction. Patients often spend more time with nurses than with any other healthcare professional. Nurses monitor symptoms, administer medication, assist with daily care, and answer questions. Through these interactions, they develop close relationships with patients and families.

This closeness creates emotional responsibility. Nurses are expected to remain calm even in highly stressful situations. During emergencies, they must make quick decisions while reassuring frightened patients and relatives. Their ability to stay composed often influences how patients emotionally respond to treatment.

One of the most challenging aspects of nursing is dealing with suffering and loss. Nurses regularly care for critically ill patients and sometimes witness death. They comfort grieving families while managing their own emotional reactions. Repeated exposure to trauma can lead to emotional exhaustion and psychological stress.

In intensive care units, emergency wards, and oncology departments, nurses often become emotionally connected to patients who stay under treatment for long periods. Watching these patients struggle with illness can be deeply difficult. Yet nurses continue to provide hope and encouragement even when situations become emotionally painful.

Mental resilience is therefore an essential part of nursing. Nurses must balance empathy with professional responsibility. They cannot allow emotions to interfere with patient care, but they also cannot become emotionally detached. Finding this balance requires extraordinary inner strength.

The emotional burden of nursing increased dramatically during global health crises. During pandemics and emergencies, nurses faced overwhelming workloads, fear of infection, and emotional isolation. Many worked long shifts without seeing their families regularly. They became witnesses to widespread fear and grief while continuing to serve patients.

The psychological effects of such experiences can be severe. Studies in many countries have shown rising levels of anxiety, depression, stress, and burnout among healthcare workers, particularly nurses. Emotional fatigue can affect both personal well-being and professional performance.



Despite these pressures, many nurses continue to describe their work as meaningful and rewarding. Helping patients recover, supporting families, and saving lives provide a deep sense of purpose. For many nurses, compassion becomes the driving force behind their profession.

Communication skills are another important part of emotional care. Nurses often explain treatments, calm anxious patients, and encourage those struggling with recovery. Their words can provide reassurance during moments of uncertainty.

In pediatric wards, nurses comfort frightened children who may not fully understand medical procedures. In maternity units, they support mothers during childbirth. In elderly care facilities, nurses become companions for patients who may feel lonely or vulnerable.

Mental health nursing represents another dimension of emotional caregiving. Psychiatric nurses work with individuals dealing with depression, trauma, addiction, anxiety, and other mental health conditions. Their patience and empathy play critical roles in treatment and recovery.

Nurses also support families during emotional crises. When loved ones are hospitalized, families often experience fear and confusion. Nurses provide updates, answer questions, and offer emotional reassurance.

The profession requires strong emotional intelligence. Nurses must understand nonverbal communication, recognize emotional distress, and respond sensitively to diverse cultural and personal backgrounds. Every patient reacts differently to illness and treatment. Unfortunately, emotional labor in nursing is not always acknowledged adequately. Healthcare systems often focus on technical performance while overlooking the emotional strain nurses experience daily. Many nurses work under conditions that leave little time for rest or psychological recovery.

Mental health support for nurses has become increasingly important. Counseling services, peer support programs, stress management training, and healthier work environments can help reduce burnout. Institutions that prioritize staff well-being often achieve better patient outcomes. Another challenge nurses face is workplace violence and abuse. In some healthcare settings, nurses encounter verbal aggression or physical threats from patients or visitors. Such experiences can create additional emotional trauma.