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## NEWS BOX

### UN chief Guterres hails recent US-Iran peace deal, calls it 'a critical step' towards conflict settlement

LONDON. (Agency) UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres welcomed the US-Iran peace deal that paves the way for a permanent ceasefire and the reopening of the Strait of Hormuz. Notably, Guterres on Sunday has asserted it as a crucial step towards the settlement of the conflict. The US and Iran finalised a deal to end their 107-day war and open the Strait of Hormuz, the narrow waterway used to ferry one-fifth of the global oil supplies, on Friday after an in-person signing of the agreement in Switzerland. US President Donald Trump made the announcement on Truth Social on Sunday evening, easing pressure on the global energy markets, as officials said the peace agreement would be signed on June 19 in Switzerland. Guterres welcomed the announcement that the "United States and Iran have agreed on a peace deal that provides for an immediate and permanent ceasefire, the reopening of the Strait of Hormuz, as well as a framework for further negotiations," a statement issued by his spokesperson, Stephane Dujarric, said Sunday. "This represents a critical step towards the peaceful settlement of the conflict," Dujarric said. The Secretary-General expressed "deep appreciation" for the constructive role played by Pakistan, Qatar, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Turkiye, and other regional countries in supporting the negotiations that led to the peace deal. He reaffirmed that the United Nations stands ready to support the parties in achieving a durable and comprehensive peace.

### South Korea Sentences Ex-President To 30 Years Over Drone Incursion In North

world. (Agency) A South Korean court handed former president Yoon Suk Yeol a 30-year prison sentence on Friday for sending drones into North Korea to "manufacture" a crisis ahead of his disastrous martial law bid. The military drone flights two months before Yoon suspended civilian rule in 2024 had sparked anger in Pyongyang, which accused the South of also dropping propaganda leaflets. Yoon is already in detention while he appeals a separate life sentence for leading an insurrection with his martial law declaration. Judges said Friday the ex-president intended to provoke Pyongyang "into carrying out armed or equivalent acts against South Korea's military or people", according to a summary of their ruling seen by AFP. Yoon planned to "heighten inter-Korean military tensions and manufacture a national crisis" that could then justify martial law, the judges added, convicting him on charges of benefiting the enemy. He was given 30 years in jail over the drone incursion, a spokesperson for the Seoul Central District Court told AFP Friday. Yoon's legal team said he appealed the sentence, arguing that the drone operation was in response to North Korea sending balloons carrying trash across the border that year. Regarding "our military's operations in response to North Korea's persistent provocations as acts aiding the enemy" amounts to "disregarding the state's fundamental duty to safeguard its liberal democratic system", Yoon's lawyers said in a statement. The former president has insisted his martial law declaration was "solely for the sake of the nation". The shock late-night national televised address in December 2024 that suspended civilian rule plunged South Korea into an unprecedented political crisis. Martial law lasted only about six hours as lawmakers raced to the assembly building and voted it down in an emergency session. However, it triggered protests, sent the stock market plunging and caught key allies like the United States off-guard.

### Yemen's 'Spider-Man' falls into volcanic crater as daredevil stunt goes wrong, dies

World. (Agency) A Yemeni adventurer and social media personality known as the "Spider-Man of Yemen" has died after falling into a volcanic crater while attempting to scale a near-vertical rock face without safety equipment, according to local officials and media reports. Al Qa'qa' bin Antar, 30-year-old, popularly known online as Antar Al Absi, was climbing the steep walls of the Haradhat Damt volcanic crater in Yemen's southern Al Dhale province on Friday when he lost his grip and plunged into the crater. Videos of the fatal fall have since circulated widely on social media. The incident was confirmed by Yemen's Civil Defense Authority, which said Antar fell into the crater while attempting one of the high-risk climbs that had made him famous among followers across the Arab world. Authorities said the crater is around 120 metres deep. A short video released by the Civil Defense Authority appears to show Antar scaling the rocky cliff face without any visible safety gear. In the footage, he can be seen clinging to the rock wall before suddenly losing his hold and falling into the crater. Specialist rescue teams, including divers and water-recovery personnel, were dispatched to the remote site. According to the authority, rescuers faced difficult conditions because of the crater's steep and rocky terrain. After a search operation lasting about four hours, divers recovered Antar's body from approximately 30 metres below the water surface. Haradhat Damt, also known as the Haradh Dam crater, is a volcanic formation near the city of Damt in Yemen. The landmark is known for its towering rock walls and a hot sulphur-rich lake at the bottom, attracting adventurers and visitors despite the challenging terrain. Antar had emerged as one of Yemen's best-known adventure content creators, amassing a large following through videos documenting dangerous climbs and expeditions across some of the country's most rugged landscapes.

## EU moves Ukraine's membership bid forward, but tough road ahead

In purely practical terms a mammoth workload still lies ahead to align Ukraine's laws, institutions, and standards with the EU's.

BRUSSELS. (Agency) The EU on Monday moves Ukraine's bid to join onto the next stage after a long delay -- but that doesn't mean Kyiv's path to full membership is getting easier. Foreign ministers from the 27-nation bloc will formally kick off negotiations with Ukraine, and neighbouring Moldova, on aligning with a first "cluster" of EU laws. Ukraine's progress was stuck for some two years as Hungary's nationalist leader Viktor Orban vetoed all progress, but his election defeat by rival Peter Magyar in April opened up the way. "This is a recognition of the determination, courage and hard work shown by both countries in advancing reforms, even in the face of immense challenges," EU chief Ursula von der Leyen

said in a joint statement with European Council President Antonio Costa. "In a world marked by growing uncertainty, a larger European Union is in our common interest." But despite the fanfare -- and Kyiv's pleas for quick progress four years after it applied for membership in the wake of Russia's invasion -- that doesn't mean the war-torn country is going to join the bloc any time soon. In purely practical terms a mammoth workload still lies ahead to align Ukraine's laws, institutions, and standards with the EU's. That involves negotiating through 35 "clusters" covering everything from the environment and agriculture to justice and security -- grouped into six "clusters". But, as ever in the EU, the question is also deeply political and there are myriad points at which any member state who wants can slam the brakes on Kyiv. "This is a long process. Ukraine is at war. It has organised crime issues to solve. It would be the third biggest country in the EU," a European diplomat told AFP on condition of anonymity. "The prospect of Ukraine

enlargement happening soon never was realistic." Hungary's Magyar, for one, has pledged a referendum on Kyiv joining if Ukraine completes all the negotiations



"within the next 10 to 15 years". Beyond that there seems to be a broader willingness to temper Kyiv's ambitions -- and growing talk of possible alternatives Associate member? "It is clear to everyone that an immediate accession of Ukraine to the EU is, of course, not possible," German Chancellor Friedrich

Merz said in April. Merz has proposed making Ukraine an "associate member" of the EU without voting rights, while Kyiv goes through the lengthy process of joining fully. That plan has drawn scepticism from Ukraine, which fears that any suggested interim solutions will see it stranded permanently in a halfway house. President Volodymyr Zelensky has insisted Ukraine's accession should be "complete -- with full rights". But there is a broader push to shake up the EU's accession process as Ukraine, Moldova and other hopefuls knock on the door. Six countries including Germany and France have urged the bloc to discuss limiting voting rights on key issues for new members, and tightening rule-of-law safeguards. Western Balkan duo Montenegro and Albania are the closest candidates in line to join, and a raft of new members could make the EU ungovernable. For Ukraine and its supporters, admitting Kyiv is of fundamental interest to the bloc and the EU needs to send a clear signal on a timeline.

## World leaders welcome US-Iran peace deal

World. (Agency) The United States and Iran agreed to a peace deal and an end to military operations on all fronts, signalling the apparent end to more than three months of war in the Middle East. Here are reactions from across the globe: 'Critical step': UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres welcomed the peace deal as a "critical step towards the peaceful settlement of the conflict."

restored in the Strait of Hormuz," adding that the UK was ready "to offer support on mine clearance."



up to the signing of the agreement, and to remain vigilant against possible sabotage."

'Free and safe navigation': Japan Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi said she hopes that "free and safe navigation through the Strait of Hormuz will actually be ensured, and that a final agreement on Iran's nuclear issue and other matters will be achieved as soon as possible."

'Longstanding concerns': Australia Prime Minister Anthony Albanese and Foreign Minister Penny Wong called for "continued restraint and constructive engagement" from the US and Iran. "Iran must address longstanding concerns about its nuclear program and the threat it poses to international security," they said in a joint statement.

'Get fuel flowing': New Zealand Prime Minister Chris Luxon said the reopening of the Strait of Hormuz "will help restore stable trade routes, get fuel flowing and keep our economy moving."

'Ready to support': France President Emmanuel Macron called for "the urgent and unconditional reopening of the Strait of Hormuz," adding that France and the UK were "ready to support. France will also support "the determined efforts of the Lebanese authorities to restore the sovereignty of the State." "The agreement "must address concerns related to Iran's nuclear and ballistic programs," he added. 'Mine clearance': UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer said "toll-free freedom of navigation must now be

"It remains the UK's firm and longstanding position that Iran must never have a nuclear weapon," Starmer said.

'Regional security': Qatar Qatar's foreign ministry expressed its "full support for all efforts and initiatives aimed at enhancing regional security and stability."

'Remain vigilant': Turkey President Recep Tayyip Erdogan stressed "the need to avoid rhetoric, provocations, and actions that could escalate tensions in the period leading

## Oil and gas supplies could take months to return to normal after Iran deal, energy experts say

NEW YORK. (Agency) High oil and gasoline prices and energy supply problems won't be solved overnight, despite an agreement to end the Iran war and open the Strait of Hormuz announced Sunday. It will likely take months before energy companies can resume operations to the point of meeting the world's demand, according to energy experts. The slow pace of the process of shipping and refining crude oil, and doubts about the security of traveling through the strait mean the effect won't be seen immediately, they said. Ships loaded with crude oil have been stranded in the Persian Gulf for more than three months, unable to safely travel through the waterway, through which about a fifth of the world's oil and gasoline supplies typically traveled before the war began. "It's going to take time for people to feel comfortable and for insurance to be in place ... particularly to get people on the

ground to restart some of these assets," said Daniel Evans, global head of fuels and refining research at S&P Global Energy. First, ships that have been



stranded will have to exit the strait, and then new tankers will have to come in to be loaded, Evans said. "To bring a ship in, you need to be confident that you've got a big enough window of safety to bring it in, load it and move it out," he added. Oil tankers also move slowly, he explained. It takes months to travel from the strait to distant countries, deliver the crude oil to a refinery for processing and then arrive at its final destination.

In addition, some producers in the Middle East paused extracting oil from the ground, known as a shut-in, when they ran out of storage space. Restarting those operations can be a slow process. Countries such as Saudi Arabia and United Arab Emirates, where there are alternate pipelines or routes besides the Strait of Hormuz to deliver oil, may be among the quickest to resume production, said Alan Gelder, senior vice president of refining, chemicals and oil markets at ood Mackenzie, an analytics firm. "But places like Iraq could be much more challenged because they've had a much bigger shut-in, their fields are more difficult ... it may well take about a year before they get back," he said. Investment in the energy system, which can take years to see the results, ground to a halt after the strait's closure, Gelder said. So it will take time for this capital to restart. Countries that shut in oil production won't want to restart until they know there is a stable.

## Russian attack sets fire to centuries-old religious site in Kyiv and kills five in Kharkiv

KYIV. (Agency) A large-scale Russian attack on Ukraine killed five rescuers in Kharkiv and wounded at least 20 people in the capital Kyiv on Monday as strikes set apartment buildings ablaze and sparked a fire at one of the country's most significant religious landmarks.

The rescuers were killed in Kharkiv by a second Russian strike as they fought a blaze caused by an earlier attack, Interior Minister Ihor Klymenko said. At least five other emergency workers were wounded. A series of powerful explosions echoed across Kyiv, with a wave of ballistic missiles followed by Shahed drones as many people sought shelter underground and officials urged residents to take cover. "Kyiv is under the main strike. There is significant destruction of civilian infrastructure," Klymenko said. Twenty people, including a child, sought medical help in the capital, said Tymur Tkachenko, head of the Kyiv City Military Administration.

Five strikes hit civilian sites in the city's Shevchenkivskiy district in less than 30 minutes, he said, including a 25-story apartment building, while a market and a grocery store caught fire. In the Obolonskiy district, a nine-story residential building took a direct hit.

Tkachenko accused Russia of striking apartment blocks



on purpose. "This is their deliberate decision," he said. Damage at the Kyiv-Pechersk Lavra, a monastic complex, was substantial and a serious fire had broken out, said Tkachenko, who accused Russia of deliberately striking "the heart of one of the largest Christian shrines." The roof of the Dormition Cathedral caught fire during the overnight attack, said Metropolitan Epiphanius, head of the Orthodox Church of Ukraine. He condemned the strike as another Russian crime "against humanity, against history, against Christianity" and appealed for prayers to save the site. The Kyiv-Pechersk Lavra, also known as the Monastery of the Caves, is a sprawling complex of monasteries and churches, including some underground, built from the 11th century. Some of the churches at the UNESCO-listed World Heritage site are connected by a labyrinthine complex of caves spanning more than 600 metres (2,000 feet). The cathedral, churches and other buildings overlook the right bank of the Dnipro River and have been a pilgrimage site for centuries.

## For sure': Macron to preach stronger Europe vision at G7 swansong

EVIAN-LES-BAINS. (Agency) Emmanuel Macron, this week, hosts world leaders in his last G7 summit as French president, feeling that Donald Trump's second mandate has vindicated his dream of a stronger Europe, but with that vision far from being fulfilled. Then, a fresh-faced former banker still shy of his 40th birthday, Macron came to power in 2017 short on political experience but big on ideas, one of which was that Europe should gain strategic autonomy and be less reliant on the United States. Macron most famously articulated his vision at this year's World Economic Forum in Davos, where, wearing aviator sunglasses due to an eye condition and punctuating his speech with the English phrase "for sure", he said Europe needed to stand up to "bullies" and be "much stronger and more autonomous". Now into the final year of his presidency, Macron has a chance to push his vision at the meeting of the seven leading powers, where Trump will sit down at the table with France's top European allies, plus Canada and Japan. "France holds the G7 presidency with a clear ambition -- to restore the G7 as a forum for frank dialogue among major economies," Macron said in Davos in January. With Trump at centre stage at the G7 in Evian-les-Bains, Macron

will meet the US leader before the summit gets underway on Monday and then host him for dinner at the Palace of Versailles outside Paris on Wednesday.

'Battle of ideas' Macron's aides do not tire of claiming that Trump's protectionist trade policies, American freeloading on the international stage and even threats to leave NATO have vindicated the French leader. His chief foreign policy advisor Emmanuel Bonne stated simply: "Macron was right." But far from seeing Macron's vision implemented, Europe has largely played the role of bystander in the Iran crisis, while only the most limited progress has been made towards assuming its own defence.

While Macron may have "won the battle of ideas", he has only partially succeeded in translating his intuition into collective action to change Europe, said the former French diplomat Michel Duclos, a resident senior fellow at the Institut Montaigne. "We're indeed witnessing a conceptual victory for Macron," said Duclos. But the former ambassador added: "In diplomacy, being right is sometimes less important than achieving operational

results." The radical moves by the Trump administration -- notably the threats to annex the Danish territory of Greenland --



boosted Macron's credibility, while allies have also been impressed by bold initiatives such as sharing France's nuclear deterrent. "In terms of relations with the United States, Macron understood early on that Trump wasn't an aberration of history but the manifestation of something much deeper," added Rym Montaz of Carnegie Europe. However, "he didn't know how, or wasn't able, to convince his European partners quickly enough of the need for transformation."

'Articulate a vision' In the latest failure emblematic of Europe's shortcomings, France and Germany last week said they had agreed to abandon the FCAS joint fighter jet programme dating back to 2017 due to disagreements between the companies involved. Over the last decade, Macron has also been accused by critics of flip-flopping on key issues, notably moving after Russia invaded Ukraine from a position of seeking rapprochement with Moscow to full-throated support of Kyiv. He also went from being criticised for siding too much with Israel to infuriating the Israeli leadership by recognising a Palestinian state last year. Domestic political instability has seen no less than five French prime ministers during his second mandate since 2022, and his flagship pension reform to ease long-term budget pressure has been shelved. A European diplomat, who asked not to be named, said that the French leader is "one of the few to articulate a vision". But Macron also suffered from a "credibility problem" linked to "his political weakness" and budgetary setbacks in France, the diplomat added.

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# The Biggest Challenge After the US-Iran War: What Happens to Iran's Enriched Uranium?

by Ashis Sinha

The announcement of a US-Iran peace agreement has eased fears of a wider Middle East conflict and sent global markets soaring. Yet one of the most sensitive issues at the heart of the dispute remains unresolved: Iran's stockpile of highly enriched uranium. While President Donald Trump has hailed the agreement as a historic breakthrough, negotiators on both sides acknowledge that the future of Iran's nuclear programme will be decided in a separate round of talks expected over the next 60 days. **The Uranium Question** Iran is believed to possess more than 440 kilograms of uranium enriched up to 60 percent purity—far above the level required for civilian nuclear power and only a short technical step away from weapons-grade material. The International Atomic En-

ergy Agency (IAEA) recently demanded a full accounting of Iran's remaining uranium stockpiles and access to inspect nuclear facilities after previous military strikes failed to eliminate the material.

**The issue has become the biggest obstacle to a final peace settlement.**

**What Does the Current Deal Say?**

According to details of the draft memorandum reported by Reuters, Iran has agreed not to build or acquire nuclear weapons, halt further uranium enrichment, and freeze expansion of its nuclear facilities. However, the agreement does not provide a final solution regarding existing enriched uranium stocks.

**Instead, both countries have postponed the matter for future negotiations.**

Reuters reported that unresolved questions surrounding



Iran's enrichment capability and uranium reserves were deliberately left out of the preliminary agreement to avoid derailing the broader peace process. **Washington Wants Removal or Destruction**

The United States has consistently demanded that Iran's stockpile of highly enriched uranium be removed, destroyed, or placed beyond Tehran's control.

President Trump previously stated that the United States would ultimately "retrieve" the

uranium and ensure Iran could never use it for weapons development. American officials involved in the negotiations have reportedly pushed for the eventual dismantling of Iran's nuclear programme and the removal of enriched uranium from the country. Some reports linked to the negotiations have suggested that uranium removal could become part of the final settlement.

**Iran Refuses to Surrender Its Stockpile**

Tehran, however, has publicly rejected demands to hand over its enriched uranium.

A senior Iranian source told Reuters that Iran has not agreed to transfer its stockpile abroad and that the nuclear issue is not part of the current peace agreement. Iranian officials insist the matter will only be discussed during negotiations on a comprehensive accord.

Iran's leadership has also drawn a red line against exporting the material. Reuters previously reported that Supreme Leader Ayatollah Mojtaba Khamenei directed negotiators to ensure that Iran's near-weapons-grade uranium remains inside the country.

**A Possible Compromise?** One potential compromise is emerging.

Iran has indicated it could consider diluting its 60-percent enriched uranium to lower levels suitable for civilian nuclear use

while keeping the material on Iranian soil under international monitoring. Such a formula could allow Tehran to preserve its nuclear rights while addressing Western concerns about weapons proliferation.

**However, Washington has not publicly endorsed that approach.**

**The Deal's Biggest Test**

For now, the peace agreement has ended the fighting, reopened the path to diplomacy, and reduced tensions across global energy markets. Yet diplomats say the real test lies ahead.

Whether Iran's enriched uranium is destroyed, diluted, monitored, or ultimately transferred abroad will likely determine whether the current ceasefire evolves into a lasting peace accord—or becomes merely a temporary pause in one of the world's most dangerous nuclear standoffs.

## CJP Founder Abhijeet Dipke Slapped Repeatedly During Jaipur Protest



**Jaipur:** Abhijeet Dipke, founder of the Cockroach Janta Party (CJP), was allegedly assaulted during a protest in Jaipur on Monday, triggering police action and the detention of six individuals for questioning.

The incident occurred at Shaheed Smarak, where CJP supporters had gathered to protest alleged examination paper leaks, rising unemployment and concerns over the country's education system. Videos circulating on social media showed Dipke being carried on the shoulders of supporters when a man allegedly pulled him by a cloth around his neck. Moments later, he was seen being slapped and physically attacked by a group of individuals before supporters intervened and restrained the attackers.

The Jaipur demonstration was part of a nationwide campaign launched by the CJP demanding the resignation of Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan over alleged irregularities in competitive examinations, including the NEET paper leak controversy.

## JUT Launches Advanced AI and Cyber Security Skill Development Centre in Ranchi



**Ranchi:** In a significant boost to technical education and digital workforce development, the Jharkhand University of Technology (JUT) has inaugurated a modern Skill and Career Development Centre at its Ranchi campus in collaboration with the Anudip Foundation.

The new facility will provide specialized training in emerging technologies such as Artificial Intelligence (AI), Cyber Security, Python programming, and their real-world applications, alongside career management and employability skills.

The centre was jointly inaugurated by JUT Vice-Chancellor Dr. D.K. Singh and Anudip Foundation Vice President Tanmay Mukherjee. The initiative reflects the university's focus on preparing students for rapidly evolving industry demands through practical, industry-oriented learning.

## 686 Bottles of Foreign Liquor Seized from Creta in Gaya, Smuggler Arrested



by Prabhat Sinha

**Gaya:** In a major blow to illegal liquor smuggling, the Excise Department in Gaya district seized 686 bottles of foreign liquor from a Hyundai Creta vehicle and arrested one alleged smuggler during a special enforcement drive.

The operation was carried out near Ghataria Mor under the Dobhi police station area, where the excise team intercepted and searched the vehicle. Officials recovered around 402.5 litres of foreign liquor concealed in the car.

The arrested accused has been identified as Golu Pandey (25), a resident of Rampur under Chauparan police station in Jharkhand's Hazaribagh district.

Excise officials have registered a case against the accused and initiated legal action under the relevant provisions of the law. The vehicle used for transportation has also been seized.

The raid was led by Excise Sub-Inspectors Sneha Kumari and Anil Kumar Singh along with other department personnel.

Officials said the crackdown on illegal liquor transportation will continue across the region, warning that strict action will be taken against those involved in smuggling activities.

## BSL Shines at QCFI 5S Convention, Secures 15 Prestigious Awards



**Bokaro:** Teams from SAIL's Bokaro Steel Plant (BSL) showcased an impressive performance at the 12th National Annual Convention on 5S, organized by the Quality Circle Forum of India (QCFI) in Varanasi on June 12 and 13, securing several prestigious awards.

The two-day convention witnessed participation from teams representing industries and institutions from across the country. A total of 15 teams from BSL presented innovative projects focusing on quality enhancement, operational efficiency, resource optimization, and organizational excellence.

Based on their presentations, eight BSL teams earned the coveted 'Par Excellence' award, while five teams received the 'Excellence' award and two teams were honoured with the 'Distinguished' award.

The 'Par Excellence' award winners included Jigyasa (Power Engineering Brigade), Shakti (ETL), Kshiti and Jazba (Medical & Health Services), Pragati, Dream and Parivartan (CO & CC), and Srijan Jyoti (Traffic).

Teams receiving the 'Excellence' award were Radiance (Hot Strip Mill), Saksham and Spark (Cold Rolling Mill-3), Green Power (Distribution Network), and Tej (Medical & Health Services).

Meanwhile, Suchita (CRM-1 & 2) and Utkal (CO & CC) were honoured with the 'Distinguished' award.

## Gender Equity Drives Sustainable Growth, Says US Academic at IIT-ISM

**Dhanbad:** Gender equity is essential for sustainable development, economic growth and effective governance, said Diana Fox, Chairperson of the Department of Anthropology at Bridgewater State University, during a lecture at IIT (ISM) Dhanbad on Monday.

Delivering a talk on "Breaking Barriers, Building Inclusive Spaces: Challenges and Strategies to Address Global Gender Disparities through Decolonial Feminist Partnerships," Prof Fox emphasized that gender equality must be integrated into climate action, food security, natural resource management and environmental governance to achieve sustainable development goals.

The lecture was organized by Rajni Singh, Dean (Corporate Communications) and Professor in the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences. Welcoming the scholar, Prof Singh highlighted the importance of global discussions on gender justice, inclusion and sustainability.

Addressing faculty members, researchers and students, Prof Fox said gender disparities are shaped by factors such as caste, class, race, religion, disability and geography.

## How Adani Foundation's Healthcare & Livelihood Programs Are Transforming Lives in Godda

**Godda:** For 60-year-old Fadma Devi of Motia village, cataracts had slowly turned life into darkness. Unable to afford treatment, she had almost lost hope until an eye screening camp reached her village. Referred for surgery, she received free treatment worth nearly ₹50,000.

Today, she can see again and live independently.

In nearby Lobandha village, 80-year-old Prasad Yadav faced a different challenge. Chronic joint pain and age-related ailments had restricted his mobility, while access to distant hospitals remained difficult. Regular treatment through a Mobile Health Care Unit (MHCU) helped restore his health, allowing him to resume an active life.

Their stories reflect a larger transformation underway across Godda district, where healthcare, livelihood and skill-development initiatives are improving lives at the grassroots.

### Healthcare Reaching Remote Villages

To bridge gaps in rural healthcare, Adani Foundation, in partnership with Adani Power Godda, operates four Mobile Health Care Units across 137 villages in Godda and Sahibganj districts.

During FY 2025-26, the units provided medical care to more than 74,000 patients through consultations, free medicines and emergency ambulance services.

The initiative, implemented directly and with support from HelpAge India, has significantly reduced the burden of travelling long distances for treatment. **Specialist Care and Better Health Infrastructure**

Specialist medical camps at the Motia Community Centre have brought services in gynaecology, pediatrics, cardiology, ophthalmology and orthopedics closer to rural communities. Through 108 camps, over 2,400 patients received expert



consultations, diagnostics and medicines. Healthcare infrastructure has also been strengthened with the upgradation of four health sub-centres and support to six healthcare facilities with essential medical equipment, benefiting nearly 9,000 patients annually. **Nutrition Support for TB Patients**

Under the Nikshay Mitra programme, 300 tuberculosis patients in Godda and Poreyhat blocks received nutritional support kits for six months, aiding recovery and supporting India's goal of eliminating TB.

### Creating Sustainable Livelihoods

Alongside healthcare, livelihood generation has become a key focus. Training and starter kits provided to 300 farmers across eight villages helped promote mushroom cultivation, resulting in the production of more than 15,000 kg of mushrooms and creating an additional source of income for rural families.

Women have emerged as major beneficiaries, with many venturing into value-added products such as mushroom pickles to increase earnings. Agricultural productivity has

## Coal, Emeralds and Highways: Jharkhand Cabinet Clears Key Development Proposals

**Ranchi:** The Jharkhand Cabinet, chaired by Chief Minister Hemant Soren, on Monday cleared a series of key proposals aimed at boosting mining, infrastructure, irrigation and administrative reforms across the state.

### Big Push for Coal Mining

The Cabinet approved mining leases for three major coal blocks. The Parbatpur Coal Block and Sitnala Coal Block in Bokaro district received clearance for coal extraction, while the Jitpur Coal Block in Godda district was allotted to M/s Terri Mining Pvt. Ltd. for mining operations over an area of nearly 500 hectares.

### Emerald Mining Proposal in East Singhbhum

In a significant move for the state's mineral sector, the Cabinet approved a proposal to seek Central Government approval for reserving 24.47 sq km of emerald-bearing mineral blocks in East Singhbhum district. The proposed reserve includes the Hariyan, Barunmuti, Chadriburu and Gudabandha blocks.

### Infrastructure and Irrigation Projects Get Green Signal



The Cabinet sanctioned a revised outlay of ₹162.82 crore for converting the Namkum-Doranda Road in Ranchi into a four-lane corridor, including land acquisition and utility-shifting works. It also approved a revised estimate of ₹947.26 crore for the long-pending Amanat Barrage Scheme in Palamu district, providing a major boost to irrigation infrastructure.

### Forest and Environmental Measures

To support compensatory afforestation, 5.84 acres of land in Dhanbad district will be permanently transferred to the Forest Department. Dep-

uty Commissioners have also been empowered to transfer government and deemed forest land for afforestation-related purposes.

### Administrative and Governance Decisions

The Cabinet extended the JharNet 2.0 digital connectivity project till July 31, 2026, with an approved expenditure of ₹65.50 crore. It also cleared proposals related to employee regularisation in Bokaro and Godda collectorates, revised compensation norms for wildlife-related damages, and the formation of an Independent Panel of Experts under the Dam Safety Act.

Among legal appointments, the Cabinet granted ex-post facto approval to the appointment of Rohitashya Roy as Advocate General and approved the upgradation of a legal post to facilitate the appointment of Achyut Keshav as Senior Additional Advocate General. It also approved appointments to the post of Motor Vehicle Inspector in compliance with High Court directives.

The decisions are expected to accelerate industrial growth, strengthen infrastructure, improve governance and unlock new investment opportunities across Jharkhand.

## Gaya Airport Celebrates Passenger Facilitation Day with Green and Social Initiatives

by Suresh Pd Nikhar

**Gaya:** The Airports Authority of India (AAI) celebrated Passenger Facilitation Day 2026 at Gaya Airport with a range of activities focused on passenger welfare, environmental awareness and community engagement. Passengers were welcomed traditionally and gifted saplings, while tree plantation drives were conducted under the "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam"



campaign at the airport and Aerodrome Primary School.

Housekeeping staff and women personnel from CISF, IndiGo, Immigration and State Fire Ser-

VICES were felicitated for their outstanding service. A health check-up and blood donation camp, organized with Arsh Hospital, also witnessed active participation. To pro-

mote aviation awareness, students from Government Polytechnic College were taken on an educational tour of the airport, where they learned about airport operations, security procedures and career opportunities in the aviation sector.

The event underscored Gaya Airport's commitment to enhancing passenger experience while promoting sustainability, health awareness and community outreach.

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# Hope this will restore peace: PM Modi welcomes US-Iran deal after 100 days of conflict

Welcoming the breakthrough, PM Modi said India hoped the US-Iran agreement would restore peace in West Asia, safeguard global trade routes and pave the way for a lasting settlement.

New Delhi.(Agency)

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday welcomed the understanding reached between the United States and Iran to end the conflict in West Asia, saying India hoped the agreement would restore stability in the region and safeguard global trade routes. In a post on X, PM Modi said the conflict had caused serious economic disruption around the world and led to the loss of lives across several countries. "I welcome the understanding reached between the United States and Iran on ending the conflict in West Asia, which has caused serious economic disruption across the world and led to loss of life in many countries," he wrote. The Prime Minister said India hoped the implementation of the understanding would help bring peace to the region and ensure the smooth movement of



commerce through critical maritime routes. "India hopes that the implementation of this understanding will help restore peace and stability in the region and ensure the freedom of navigation and commerce," PM Modi said. He also expressed hope that negotiations on the remaining issues between Washington and Tehran would culminate in a lasting settlement.

"We look forward to deliberations on the remaining issues reaching a sustainable final agreement," he added.

### WHAT THE US-IRAN UNDERSTANDING INCLUDES

PM Modi's remarks came shortly after reports emerged that the US and Iran had agreed to a draft framework aimed at ending hostilities, reopening the Strait of Hormuz and restarting negotiations over Tehran's nuclear programme. According to reports, the proposed framework also includes temporary sanctions relief for Iran, the release of frozen Iranian assets and a 60-day negotiating window to address unresolved issues between the two countries. Iranian media have additionally described the arrangement as part of a broader 14-point framework, although the full text has not been made public.

## Chhattisgarh CM's home district to appear on railway map, 291-km special line okayed

Once completed, the project will directly connect Jashpur to the national railway network.

RAIPUR.(Agency)

In a leap toward infrastructure expansion, Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai's home district, Jashpur, is set to shed its status as one of the few remaining rail-disconnected zones in India. The Ministry of Railways has officially notified the Dharamjaigarh-Pathalgaon-Lohardaga new rail line as a special railway project, formally realising the decades-old dream of local residents.

With this special railway project, the path has been cleared for connecting Jashpur to the railway network for the first time. It is expected to lay the foundation for the social, economic, and industrial development of the entire region.

The ambitious railway corridor, spanning approximately 291 kilometres, will originate from Dharamjaigarh in Raigarh district, pass through Pathalgaon in Jashpur and extend to Lohardaga in Jharkhand state. Once completed, the project will directly connect Jashpur to the national railway network.



According to the notification published in the Gazette of India by the Ministry of Railways, the project has been notified under the provisions of the Railways Act, 1989, in the public interest and for national infrastructure development.

Despite being rich in natural resources and development potential, Jashpur district has remained disconnected from the railway network until now. The new railway line will improve connectivity, offering residents safer transportation options.

## "Indira Gandhi Would Have Banned BJP": Row Over Ashok Gehlot's Remarks

Hitting back, the BJP has accused the Congress of being hateful towards Hindus and favouring the Muslims.



Jaipur.(Agency)

In what has stoked a fresh political controversy, Congress veteran Ashok Gehlot has accused the BJP of communal politics and said that late prime minister Indira Gandhi would have banned it if she were alive today. Hitting back, the BJP has accused the Congress of being hateful towards Hindus and favouring the Muslims.

Speaking at an award programme in Jaipur yesterday, Gehlot claimed that the atmosphere in the country today is "extremely dangerous" that he has not seen in his 50 years of public life. "If a

leader like Indira Gandhi were alive today, she would have banned a party like the BJP. I am saying with full responsibility that the atmosphere today is extremely dangerous. If the country still does not wake up, then the people of this country themselves will suffer the consequences later," he said.

The former Rajasthan chief minister further alleged that those in power today are "deliberately carrying out religious polarisation."

He also questioned why the BJP failed to give tickets to Muslim candidates in the Uttar Pradesh elections.

## "Resign, Face Elections": BJP MP's Challenge To Revanth Reddy

Ragunandan Rao said all eight BJP MPs from Telangana were ready to resign if the Chief Minister dissolved the Assembly and called for elections.

Hyderabad.(Agency)

Political temperatures rose in Telangana as the BJP launched a sharp attack on the Congress government, with Medak MP M Ragunandan Rao challenging Chief Minister Revanth Reddy to dissolve the State Assembly and seek a fresh mandate from the people.

Ragunandan Rao said all eight BJP MPs from Telangana were ready to resign if the Chief Minister dissolved the Assembly and called for elections.

"If Revanth Reddy has confidence in his leadership, he should resign as Chief Minister, dissolve the

Assembly and face the people. All eight BJP MPs are ready to resign and contest again," he said.



The challenge comes amid an escalating war of words between the Congress government and the BJP over paddy procurement, Central

funds and development projects.

Ragunandan Rao blamed the state government for failing to address farmers' problems. He alleged that paddy was lying in procurement centres due to delays, payments were not reaching farmers on time and several welfare promises remained unfulfilled. You are asking BJP MPs to resign. What have you done for farmers? Paddy procurement is incomplete and farmers are suffering," he said.

The BJP MP also warned the Congress against targeting Union Minister G Kishan Reddy over procurement issues.

## BRICS Indore Declaration adopted keeping 'farmer at centre': Agri Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan

Ballia(UP).(Agency)

With Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan asserting that the farmer was at the centre of all deliberations, the 'BRICS Indore Declaration' was unanimously adopted on Sunday to provide new direction to food security, farmer welfare, climate-resilient farming, agricultural trade and digital agriculture.

The occasion was the BRICS Agriculture Ministers and officials-level meetings held in Indore. Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, and Rural Development addressed a press conference and said that the farmer is at centre of this declaration — the shared commitment to advance food security, nutrition, livelihoods, agricultural trade, innovation, investment, climate-resilient farming and sustainable agricultural development by keeping the farmer at the centre has been recorded in this declaration.

Chouhan emphasised that the document is not merely a paper of agreement but a symbol of the collective will, shared responsibility and commitment of BRICS countries to build a more secure, prosperous and sustainable future through agriculture. Establishing a BRICS Network of Centres of Excellence in Agro-Ecology and Regenerative Agriculture will birth a platform for joint research, experience sharing and capacity building.

## Analysis: Broad Strategy Behind Trinamool Rebels' Merger With Unknown Entity

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New Delhi.(Agency)

The Nationalist Citizens Party became a means to a political end. The unknown entity whose name elicits no results on the internet will absorb at least 20 MPs who rebelled against Trinamool Congress chief Mamata Banerjee. The move is confounding, given that the rebel bloc could have easily circumvented the anti-defection law. But behind the confusing decision is an astute political strategy.

Since the rebellion kicked off following the election results, the rebels had maintained that they represented the real Trinamool Congress, not those loyal to Mamata Banerjee. They were scheduled to meet Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla on Monday to demand recognition as a faction distinct from the original party. With their stunning move, however, the rebels achieved a key



goal -- avoiding an immediate legal battle, which could have put their voting rights in the House at risk.

The merger has also provided them time to regroup and whip up an intricate plan to wrest from Banerjee the last vestige of the party she had founded in 1998. MP Sudip Bandyopadhyay, the most high-profile of the rebels, has made it clear that the rebellion

is far from over. He also revealed the bloc's next course of action: stripping away the name of the Trinamool Congress from the opposing faction.

He said that in their meeting with Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla, they had officially extended support to the National Democratic Alliance (NDA). In July, they might also renew their bid to become the 'real Trinamool' in Parliament. And then, they will not shy away from a fight in the court.

### Politics Behind The Move

According to sources, the BJP-led Central government is planning to introduce several important constitutional amendment bills in the upcoming monsoon session, which will require a two-thirds majority. These Lok Sabha MPs will take the government closer to the magic figure.

### Short news

#### Apologise to Kerala: CM Satheesan slams Vice Chancellors for attending RSS event

Kerala.(Agency)

A political controversy has erupted in Kerala after Chief Minister VD Satheesan demanded an apology from three Vice Chancellors who attended an RSS centenary event addressed by RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat, calling their participation a "grave lapse" that was unbecoming of their office.

In a strongly worded post on X, Satheesan said the presence of the Vice Chancellors at the RSS programme ran contrary to Kerala's educational traditions and had diminished the dignity associated with the post.

"We view with utmost seriousness the participation of three Vice-Chancellors in an RSS centenary event addressed by Sarsanghchalak Mohan Bhagwat. This is a grave lapse. Their action is unbecoming of Kerala's educational tradition and the dignity of their office," Satheesan wrote. The controversy centres on the participation of the Vice Chancellors of Kerala University, Mahatma Gandhi University and Malayalam University in the RSS centenary celebrations held on Saturday.

#### No question of holding salary and pension, Bihar in good financial condition: CM Samrat Choudhary

Patna.(Agency)

Amid reports that the Bihar government has been withholding the salaries and pensions of thousands of university professors and staffers due to "poor financial condition," Chief Minister Samrat Choudhary has said that the government has issued a blanket order to clear all outstanding dues.

"Salary and pension should be treated as part of one's fundamental rights," Choudhary said.

The CM was responding to allegations by the opposition RJD and Congress that the state had "emptied its coffers through blatant welfarism before the Assembly polls." Choudhary added that Bihar would continue to flourish under the combined governance model of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and former CM Nitish Kumar.

Speaking to the media on Friday at a function to mark Narendra Modi becoming the longest-serving elected Prime Minister, Choudhary said, "Bihar follows the Modi-Nitish model. We are committed to realising investments worth Rs 5 lakh crore by this November. The proposed 11 new townships will bring us an investment galore."

When asked about the pending bills, the CM explained: "We have just received pending bills worth over Rs 1,500 crore. Pensions and salaries were held up due to the absence of utility certificates. However, we have cleared the bills with a mandate not to hold back pensions and salaries under any conditions."

Thousands of teachers, non-teaching employees, and university pensioners across 13 state universities had faced severe delays in receiving their disbursements for March, April, and May.

## BJP, JD(S) target Karnataka township project, write to Rahul Gandhi over land grab

Bengaluru.(Agency)

The political battle over Karnataka's proposed Greater Bengaluru Integrated Township (GBIT) project in Bidadi intensified over the weekend, with the BJP and JD(S) separately writing to Congress leader and Lok Sabha Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi, urging him to intervene and stop the acquisition of thousands of acres of farmland for the ambitious township project.

In a letter dated June 14, Karnataka BJP president BY Vijayendra accused the Congress government of disregarding the concerns of more than 3,500 farmers from 25 villages who are opposing the acquisition of land for the proposed 18,000-acre township between Bidadi and Harohalli.

Vijayendra claimed that around 7,481 acres of fertile agricultural land were being acquired despite prolonged protests by farmers and

appealed to Rahul Gandhi to direct the state government to withdraw what he described as a "state-engineered land grab."

A day earlier, Karnataka Pradesh Yuva Janata Dal (Secular) president Nikhil Kumaraswamy also wrote to Rahul Gandhi, alleging that the state government had issued final land acquisition notifications without securing adequate public consent.

Nikhil claimed the acquisition would affect hundreds of farming families and alleged that the government had bypassed safeguards under the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition Act, 2013. He further argued that the move would disproportionately impact small and marginal farmers, Dalits, backward-class communities and landless agricultural labourers, and urged Rahul Gandhi to ensure the withdrawal of the final notifications.

The controversy deepened after Union Minister HD Kumaraswamy launched a sharp attack on Chief Minister DK Shivakumar, alleging that the township project was being driven by a nexus between the government and real estate interests.

Kumaraswamy accused the state government of attempting to acquire fertile agricultural land against the wishes of farmers and alleged that police pressure was being used to intimidate those resisting the acquisition. Describing the proposal as a "real estate venture" rather than a development initiative, he questioned plans to raise 12,000 crore through HUDCO loans and claimed the project would ultimately benefit private developers under a public-private partnership model rather than farmers or the public.

The Karnataka government, however, has strongly defended the township project,



arguing that it is essential for Bengaluru's long-term urban expansion and for reducing pressure on the city's existing infrastructure. Responding to criticism and dismissing Kumaraswamy's threat of a legal challenge, Shivakumar maintained that the project was being pursued in line with earlier planning efforts and said it would move ahead despite opposition. Referring to his recent meeting with Narendra Modi, Shivakumar said on Friday that the Prime Minister had praised the initiative, telling him that the creation of new townships would help ease pressure on Bengaluru.

## Making engineers who can engineer nation's success

Harish N Dixit, Anurag Tripathi

Every year, India mints roughly 15 lakh fresh engineering graduates. Add to this the fact that one in every six humans on the planet is Indian. By a reasonable arithmetic of talent, we may aspire to have roughly one in six of the world's most valuable deep-tech companies founded on Indian soil. Why is that not the case?

As artificial intelligence absorbs more routine cognitive work, the engineers whose value endures will be those who build. Now imagine a pavilion under which a nation of builders can invent, design and make. Such a structure can be raised by four pillars—standing for four reforms—bearing equal load. Erect three to perfection and leave the fourth unraised, and the roof never goes up. Raise even one weakly, and the whole structure tilts. Each of these four reforms addresses a different stage in the making of an engineer. Signal that building matters: Entrance exams to India's elite engineering institutions—most prominently, the IITs' Joint Entrance Examination—are analytically demanding. The challenge is that they stand today as the only signal reaching students, parents and schools—and that signal asks nothing about building, making or the hands-on work that defines an engineer. This signal shapes the behaviour at every level in society.

We propose a 'maker portfolio' as a supplementary admissions component. Structured documentation of sustained, hands-on work—a project designed and built, a device assembled, an experiment run. It need not be sophisticated, but it must be real. Candidates would still clear the JEE; after that threshold, the portfolio would carry meaningful weight—as a tie-breaker, bonus or a dedicated pathway for a small number of seats. Once that signal lands and behaviour changes, students tinker, parents stop dismissing making, schools create space for projects.

Forming builders in schools: The science curriculum in grades 9-12 is heavily weighted toward abstract theory and examination-ready content. Real-world applications—the very hook that makes science truly exciting for a 12-year-old—appear as sidebars rather than entry points.

Imagine, instead, a classroom where every student winds a coil and watches the small motor they have built begin to spin, or aligns lenses into a working telescope and turns it toward the moon. The brushless DC motor was conceived by engineers who had spent years with motors in their hands, not invented in a lecture hall.

School science textbooks for the grades should be reimagined around four principles: every concept grounded in a real-world application, regular open-ended projects rather than only confirmatory labs, every student producing a tangible artefact and non-essential topics excised to free classroom time for what matters. These artefacts feed directly into the maker portfolio—what you build in school can help you reach an elite engineering institution.

Forging teachers into builders: Most of India's school science teachers were themselves trained in the same theory-heavy, examination-oriented system within which they now teach. Many entered the profession before hands-on pedagogy was widely emphasised. They are part of a system that asked one thing of them in training and now asks something different in their classrooms.

We propose a national, mission-mode teacher training initiative anchored by the IITs and National Institutes of Technology. Their faculty would design and lead modular, practice-based programmes—low-cost experiments and the facilitation of open-ended student projects—through in-person workshops paired with sustained online mentoring. Teachers who have built become teachers who can teach others to build. Making engineering colleges engineer: Suppose a student arrives at an engineering college genuinely excited to create. What do they typically find? More theory. More examinations. More lectures. Laboratory sessions, where they exist, are largely confirmatory—in a typical electrical engineering lab, students do not assemble circuits on breadboards but encounter pre-built apparatus on which they may only turn knobs and press buttons.

## A coup in TMC, not rebellion

Mamata faces the daunting task of rebuilding authority in a hostile landscape

Shikha Mukerjee

THE low cost of dissent and rebellion in the Trinamool Congress is striking. The strategy revolves around persuading elected TMC MPs to quit their party and join the NDA, where they can "work for the people" as well as "work for the constituency." Several MPs, including those once close to Mamata Banerjee, like Kakoli Ghosh Dastidar, seem to be falling in line. Defeat has given these men and women the push they need to form breakaway huddles, for the moment within the Trinamool Congress. That's the first step. The next will be to claim the name and party symbol as the breakaway Shiv Sena leader Eknath Shinde and Nationalist Congress Party leader Ajit Pawar successfully did in Maharashtra in 2023. The Election Commission and the judiciary, as well as the Speaker in Maharashtra enabled Shinde and Pawar to take over party brand names that evoked loyalty among voters and were familiar and popular to the public.

First-time MP Saayoni Ghosh, whose spittle attacks on the BJP on the eve of the Assembly election went viral, has reportedly declared "there is no future in TMC." Her comment gives rise to the question, would these MPs have taken the same decision if the party had a "future"? Rajya Sabha MP from Assam's Barak valley Sushmita Dev, who resigned from Parliament and from the party, after feeling let down, has made it clear that she sees no future for herself after the TMC's defeat. Dev has since found Assam chief minister Himanta Biswa Sarma to be her friend, philosopher and guide, after years of attacking the BJP. The other Rajya Sabha MP to quit the Parliament as well as his party, Sukhendu Shekhar Roy, is equally transparent. He hung on to the Trinamool Congress, despite his vocal criticism against Mamata Banerjee and her misgovernance after the R G Kar Medical College and Hospital rape and murder of a junior doctor last year. After her defeat last month, he evidently felt it was time to cut and run. As rumours circulate of retired cricketer Yusuf Pathan and Kolkata Municipal Corporation leader Mala Roy jumping ship, it seems that rumours about the BJP being in close touch with dozens of Trinamool Congress leaders prior to the elections, is true. The BJP, it is now clear, did not encourage elections on the eve of the election because it did not want to carry any baggage. The putschist Leader of the Opposition in the state assembly, Ritabrata

Banerjee, was nominated to contest on the party's symbol. The TMC MPs who are defecting are a unique bunch; they have defected, but for the moment not to another party. The putschists are in effect declaring their no-confidence in Mamata Banerjee's leadership. Since all the defectors, both MPs, MLAs, councillors of municipalities and corporations, even panchayat functionaries, say that they were disapproving of the way in which the Trinamool Congress functioned, with power and decision-making concentrated in the Mamata Banerjee-Abhishek Banerjee's hands even as no dissent was tolerated, it suggests that they were prepared to go along if the going was and would have continued to be good. Otherwise it is difficult to reconcile their silence and tolerance of corruption, intimidation, violence and abuse of power when they and their party, the Trinamool Congress, was in power. The fight over who is the real

about her problematic nephew. She is being pressed to sideline him or dump him; the "us versus him" tension has reached a flashpoint. Her loyalist and designated chief whip in the Lok Sabha, Kalyan Banerjee has erupted in rage: "I'm fighting for Mamata. I'm not fighting for anybody else. I'm fighting for the people of West Bengal and for the party. And who is he?" he has said, referring to Abhishek Banerjee.

Still, there is not much Mamata can do about the past, beyond accepting that the Trinamool Congress had committed every malpractice in the book. A party that grew exponentially after she won power by defeating the Left in 2011, was bound to acquire opportunists who saw in its disorganised and decentralised structure prospects of making money, wielding power and lording it over locals. Truncating the Trinamool Congress has certainly been a big blow, at a time when she is looking for ways to explain the defeat. More coup than rebellion, the exit of the majority of TMC MLAs, who continue to be coy about being named, were elected on the Trinamool Congress ticket and hailed Mamata Banerjee as the champion leader. As speculation snowballs about how she will tackle the break up by people elected in her name, the rumours of a TMC merger with the Congress are designed to make her look pathetic. Mamata's meeting with Sonia Gandhi has acquired a different meaning— that she went crawling and crying for sanctuary, because she was in trouble.

It is unlikely that Mamata will wither away, no matter how fervently the putschists and the BJP and other parties that opposed the Trinamool Congress may want it. How much of a fight she can put up is the question. The political environment in West Bengal is hostile to her existence; after the police denied her permission to hold a rally in Kolkata and insisted she relocate to a cramped channel and the Criminal Investigation Department turned up at her residence and office



in search of evidence linked to forged signatures of MLAs in the Leader of Opposition case, it is obvious that her freedom to function will be constrained. Her party workers and leaders are in hiding; councillors and corporators of municipalities have been arrested; kangaroo courts have sprouted dispensing punishment and cash seized from corrupt TMC leaders. Leading a new party into a political battle against the CPI(M)-led Left Front was entirely different from the battle that Mamata Banerjee will have to lead to rebuild the Trinamool Congress. The BJP is a different party; it makes no bones about leaving as little space as possible to the opposition.

## Judicial reminder : Security and rights must coexist

The exercise of State power must remain subject to due process and judicial scrutiny

TWO recent rulings of the Delhi High Court—quashing the Delhi Police and Enforcement Directorate proceedings against NewsClick and granting bail to Kashmiri human rights activist Khurram Parvez—underscore a fundamental constitutional principle: the exercise of State power must remain subject to due process and judicial scrutiny. NewsClick editor Prabir Purkayastha was accused of financial irregularities. By setting aside the cases against him and terming them a "gross abuse of the process of law", the court underscored the need for investigative agencies to act within the bounds of legality. Investigative agencies undoubtedly have a duty to probe wrongdoing. However, criminal prosecution cannot rest on vague allegations or be used as a substitute for regulatory action. Equally important is the court's recognition that arbitrary action against media institutions risks stifling



independent journalism, a cornerstone of democratic accountability. The Khurram case involves a UAPA case linked to allegations of terror funding. It highlights

another troubling reality: the phenomenon of incarceration without conclusion of trial. Stringent laws such as the UAPA impose formidable barriers to bail. But prolonged detention, stretching over years while trials inch forward, raises profound concerns about the right to personal liberty guaranteed under Article 21 of the Constitution. Bail is not an acquittal, nor does it negate the seriousness of the charges. It merely affirms that the criminal justice system cannot permit the process to become punishment.

These rulings do not weaken the State's authority to investigate crime or safeguard national security. Rather, they reinforce the principle that such objectives must be pursued within the framework of the law. In a democracy, courts serve not merely as arbiters of guilt and innocence but as guardians against executive excess.

## Publishing in post-truth world

Publishers who matter think like incubators of culture, not risk managers. The recent withdrawal of Joe Sacco's graphic narrative on the 2013 Muzaffarnagar riots fits the latter description. Some publishers have shown the gumption to put out texts despite push-backs

Pratik Kanjilal

In 2014, Penguin Random House India (hereafter, Penguin for convenience) settled out of court with Dinanath Batra, the ageing general secretary of RSS school network Vidya Bharati and founder of an organisation committed to purging Indian education of foreign influences. It was unconditional surrender—Penguin agreed to withdraw and pulp all copies of Chicago scholar Wendy Doniger's *The Hindus: An Alternative History*. It capitulated in the face of the familiar charges of hurting religious feelings, besides safety concerns. There was dismay. Someone had waved a stick at the most powerful Indian publisher and it had surrendered. How would smaller publishers fare after this? Now, under the same leadership in India, Penguin has reprised its dubious triumph. It has dropped plans to distribute in India graphic reporter Joe Sacco's 2025 book, *The Once and Future Riot*, which cuts through the fog around the Muzaffarnagar riots of 2013. Once more, it is a rout—apparently, Penguin wanted Sacco to remove "red flags" and update a map to risk-proof the distributor, and he wouldn't. Once more, there is dismay. Ram Guha calls the drawdown "pusillanimous". Arundhati Roy hopes Sacco finds "a braver distributor". The dismay over Doniger's book was in context. It was February 2014, a prelapsarian time—the last days of Manmohan Singh's government, when people were still confident that they had freedom of expression and the ability to defend it. Why is there dismay now, when some of us actually have even more freedom of expression? As the rupee inches towards the 100 mark against the dollar, a member of the Economic Advisory Council to the PM

says that it's "just a number". Much earlier, the finance minister said that her family does not eat onions, so they have no experience of inflation. There is celebration of Narendra Modi's victory over Jawaharlal Nehru in an endurance contest that was unheard of until he became 'India's longest-serving PM'. The claim is true with this technical qualifier: "continuously elected". But who remembers these details? Salient facts are being ignored—that Nehru's tenure was terminated by Death, who does not contest elections, and that if Nehru were alive, he would have laughed at this childish contest. But it's 2026, and we must not let facts interfere with a good narrative. Now, we have complete freedom of expression because fact and fiction are no longer exclusive categories. Being able to say anything at all, even to freely lie and be lied to, represents untrammelled freedom of expression. Even Voltaire failed to soar this high. Enjoy responsibly, as the liquor ads overseas say. When people overseas think unapproved thoughts about us, their freedom of expression is endangered. Doniger was rubbished as a bad scholar with a dirty mind. The first charge is for other scholars to decide. The second, fortunately, is selectively applied. Popular mythologist Devdutt Pattanaik, who often ponders sexuality in Indian myth, has escaped unpleasant attention. Bhagwan Rajneesh drew on sexual narratives in Indian mythology and Tantra, and conflated them with European psychology. But he was Osho, and the public culture wasn't so grumpy then. Returning to Sacco's book, Penguin was horripilated by a little map of the subcontinent at the time of Partition, no bigger than 2x2

inches, which depicts Pakistan Occupied Kashmir as Pakistani territory. That falls foul of the Criminal Law Amendment Act, 1961, which formalised a certain kind of mapmaking. But this is India, so there's jugaad—customs officials cover the map with a black patch, often seen in imported copies of *The Economist*, a



serial offender. Earlier, a government-issue rubber stamp was used, which hectored: "The external boundaries of India as depicted are neither correct nor authentic." The 1994 edition of the *Encyclopaedia Britannica* went undistributed for months because in every copy, a map of India had to be stamped by customs officials who could have been gainfully employed catching smugglers

instead. Like so many Indian solutions, the stamp is an ugly jugaad, but it works. It could have worked for Penguin. The *Once and Future Riot* is a graphic book. The communal violence it depicts is, by default, graphic. But it depicts reality, so it is not more graphic than videos on social media, YouTube channels and TV. And the 'red flags' that Penguin balked at are criticisms of public figures, the ruling party and society which are routinely expressed across media. What's the problem, then? "We are trying to reach a riot... The riot happened more than a year ago," writes Joe Sacco in the first chapter, 'The Great Untruth'. "But what we seek isn't just the fading memory of an actual event: we want the fiction, the myth, the imposter that is taking its place." In a post-truth world, that's a dangerous manifesto. Publishing has a public function. It can light the flarepath to a brighter, more humane future. Publishers who matter think like incubators of culture, not like risk managers who got confused on the way to a rewarding but obscure career in merchant banking. After being pulped by Penguin, Doniger's book was published in India by Speaking Tiger, a discerning publisher with only a fraction of Penguin's resources. Perhaps Sacco will find a "braver distributor", and in hindsight, our only takeaway will be that Penguin India has a native talent for bad publicity. There is such a thing, if you're talented enough to seek it out.





## बायां कान छू लिया तो हो गया एडमिशन

**ब**हुत साल पहले की बात है। उस समय में जन्मदिन तिथियों के तौर पर याद रखे जाते थे। तिथियां बदलती थीं तो बच्चे की ठीक-ठीक आयु बता पाना मुश्किल होता था। अब स्कूल कब भेजें, किस उम्र में, यह सवाल उठा, तो हमारे ज्ञानी गुरुजनों ने इसका एक तरीका निकाला। स्कूल में दाखिले के समय बच्चे से कहा जाता कि अपने दाएं हाथ को सिर के ऊपर से ले जाते हुए बायां कान छुओ। अगर बच्चा ऐसा कर पाता तो उसे दाखिला मिल जाता। यह मामूली टेस्ट नहीं है। समझदारी का बिलकुल सरल परीक्षण है।

बच्चे की समझ और उसके शरीर व मस्तिष्क की परिपक्वता को देखते हुए ही उसका किसी स्कूल में दाखिला कराया जाता था। समझ को देखते हुए विद्यार्थियों के लिए अलग-अलग क्लासेस होती हैं। केजी 1, केजी 2, फिर पहली कक्षा और इसी तरह दूसरी, तीसरी और आगे की तमाम कक्षाएं।

दरअसल, कक्षाओं पर आधारित शिक्षा का मकसद होता है कि विद्यार्थी जो भी सीखें उसे एक सिलसिलेवार तरीके से सीखें। अलग-अलग कक्षा के होने से हमें उसी के अनुसार या फिर यूँ कहें कि समकक्ष संगी-साथी मिलते हैं। सोचो, अगर आपको पहली कक्षा में न बैठकर सीधे आठवीं या दसवीं कक्षा के विद्यार्थी के साथ बैठा दिया जाए तो कैसा लगेगा? विभिन्न कक्षाओं के होने से कोई भी बच्चा क्रमशः धीरे-धीरे चीजों को सीखता है। कक्षाएं होने से विद्यार्थी की समझने की क्षमता के अनुसार ही विषय सामग्री बनाई जाती है, ताकि उस विषय सामग्री यानी किताबें, कोर्स आदि उस दरे के बच्चे को समझने में दिक्कत न करें। कक्षाओं के होने से आपको एक फायदा भी है। आपके पड़ोस में रह रहे राहुल को भी वही चीज पढ़नी होती है। भले ही वो आपसे पढ़ने में कितना ही तेजी से क्यों न हो। इस तरह आप अपनी ही आयु के अन्य बच्चों से काफी कुछ सीख भी सकते हैं। अपनी ही आयु के बच्चों के साथ एक क्लास में बैठने से खुद को सहज भी महसूस करते हैं। यानि क्लास स्व वो स्थान है जहाँ सभी एक आयु के, एक-सा कोर्स पढ़ने वाले और एक सी ही परीक्षा देने वाले, कोई बड़ा-छोटा नहीं, कोई भेदभाव नहीं।

# बचपन



## पेड़ पौधे भी देते हैं सीख

**प्र**कृति में पेड़-पौधे, सूरज, हवा, हिमकण और सितारों सब शामिल हैं। ये सभी हमें जीवन देते हैं। इनका वजूद हम सबके अस्तित्व के लिए बहुत ज़रूरी है। इस बात से तो आप भी इतोफाक रखते ही होंगे। लेकिन क्या आप जानते हैं कि ये भी हमें बहुत कुछ सिखाते हैं। बिना कुछ कहे ही ये हमें सब कुछ बताते हैं बस जरूरत है तो उन्हें समझने की। धरती को हरी-भरी बनाने के साथ हमें ऑक्सीजन की सौगात देते हैं, जिसे हम प्राणवायु कहते हैं।



पेड़-पौधे अपने भोजन की स्वयं ही व्यवस्था करते हैं। मिट्टी से पोषक तत्व और पानी को सोखते हैं और फिर सूर्य के प्रकाश से ऊर्जा लेकर, भोजन बनाते हैं। आप इनसे आत्मनिर्भर बनने की सीख ले सकते हैं।

पेड़ की छांव तेज धूप में आपको शीतलता प्रदान करती है। वही इसके फल बहुत मीठे और रसीले होते हैं। पेड़ के फल तो आपके और हमारे लिए ही होते हैं। इस तरह से ये हमें सुरक्षा और परोपकार की सीख देते हैं।

इनकी सबसे बड़ी खासियत यह होती है कि ये चाहें कैसे भी टेढ़े-मेढ़े हों, दूसरे पेड़ ही तरह नहीं बनने की कोशिश करते। यानी इन्हें खुद पर और अपनी कारबलियत पर नाज होता है। यानि आप जो भी हो जैसे भी हो, वही रहना चाहिए। आत्मविश्वास से भरपूर बने रहना चाहिए। ये कुछ भी बर्बाद नहीं करते, अपने पोषक तत्वों को धरती से सोख लेते हैं। समय को बिना गंवाए अपने विकास के लिए लगातार लगे रहते हैं। पेड़ों से आप ये चार चीजें और भी सीख सकते हैं। ऑक्सीजन आपको जीवन देती है परन्तु यदि आपमें आत्मनिर्भरता, सुरक्षा जैसे गुण आ जाएं तो आप अपने जीवन को सफल बना सकते हैं।

### पहेलियां

1. मूड़में भार सदा ही रहता जगह घेरना मुझको आता हर वस्तु से गहरा रिश्ता हर जगह मैं पाया जाता।
  2. ऊपर से नीचे बहता हूँ हर बर्तन को अपनाता हूँ देखो मुझको गिरा न देना वरना कठिन हो जाएगा
  3. लोहा खींचू ऐसी ताकत है पर रबड़ मुझे हराता है खोई सूई मैं पा लेता हूँ मेरा खेल निराला है।
- उत्तर**  
1. गैस, 2. द्रव्य, 3. कांच



**टॉ**म हो या जैरी, दोनों एक-दूसरे के पीछे पड़े रहते हैं। दोनों किसी का कुछ बिगाड़ना नहीं चाहते, बस, छीनना चाहते हैं, तो एक-दूजे का सुकून। यानि बस तंग करना ही मकसद है। इनके खेल बड़े मजेदार होते हैं।



## जैरी भाग, टॉम आया, टॉम बच, जैरी आया

आपको भी पसंद है न। तो चलिए, कुछ जानते हैं इनके बारे में

गर्मी के दिन थे। जैरी अपने घर में चांद ओढ़े आराम से सो रहा था। तभी उसके नाक में पनीर की खुशबू ने प्रवेश किया। पनीर उसे बहुत पसंद था, वह पलंग से उठल पड़ा और उस दिशा में चल पड़ा, जहाँ से खुशबू आ रही थी। अपने घर के छोटे-से दरवाजे से निकलते ही उसे सामने पनीर का एक बड़ा टुकड़ा दिखाई दिया। वह खुशी से उठल पड़ा, हुर्रर... उसके मुँह से लार टपकने लगी। जैसे ही उसने टुकड़े की ओर हाथ बढ़ाया, वैसे ही पीछे से टॉम ने उसे पकड़ लिया। जैरी समझ गया था कि टॉम ने ही उसे पनीर का लालच देकर फंसाया है। टॉम ने जैसे ही जैरी को खाने के लिए अपना मुँह खोला, जैरी ने उसके मुँहों के बालों को जोर से खींच दिया। दर्द के कारण जैरी के हाथों से टॉम छूट गया। जैरी भागा और टॉम भी उसके पीछे-पीछे भागा। इस तरह फिर से शुरू हो गया चूहे-बिल्ली का वह खेल, जिसके करोड़ों बच्चे दीवाने हैं।

### टॉम एंड जैरी का जन्म

जोसेफ बारबेरा बैकिंग हमेशा कागजों पर आड़ी-तिरछी लकीरें खींचकर लोगों का ध्यान आकर्षित करने



की कोशिश किया करते थे। हालांकि, उनका मकसद बैकिंग के क्षेत्र में काम करने का था लेकिन उनको काटख बनाने का भी काफी शौक था। उनके काटख जल्द ही पत्र-पत्रिकाओं में छपने भी लगे। 1930 के दशक के आखिरी में मैट्रो गोलडवेन मेयर फिल्म स्टूडियो में उनकी मुलाकात हाना से हुई। इसी मुलाकात में दोनों ने एक ऐसा कार्टून सीरियल बनाने का सोचा, जो एक घरेलू बिल्ली और एक चूहे के बीच लगातार चलने वाली दुश्मनी पर केन्द्रित हो। इसी सोच के साथ उन्होंने टॉम एंड जैरी काटख पातों को छोटे पर्दे पर साकार किया।

जोसेफ-हाना की जोड़ी ने 17 साल के सफर में टॉम एंड जैरी सीरीज के लिए सात ऑस्कर पुरस्कार हासिल किए और कुल 14 बार इन्हें पुरस्कार के लिए नामांकित किया गया।

### मजेदार है चूहे-बिल्ली की यह खेल

एक शरारती चूहा और एक खुरफाती बिल्ली, अगर एक ही घर में हों, तो दिलचस्प घटनाओं की भरमार हो जाती है। टॉम एंड जैरी के द्वारा एक दूसरे का पीछा करने और आपसी लड़ाई में हास्यास्पद भिड़ंत शामिल है। इसी कारण 70 सालों से लेकर आज तक यह युनिवर्सल में न केवल बच्चों द्वारा बल्कि उनके अभिभावकों द्वारा भी पसंद किया जाता है। भारत में इसकी लोकप्रियता का अंदाज़ा इस बात से लगाया जा सकता है कि टॉम एंड जैरी के कार्यक्रम हिंदी के साथ ही अंग्रेजी, तमिल और तेलुगू भाषाओं में भी प्रसारित किए जाते हैं।

आखिर यह भाग-दौड़ क्यों?

प्रत्येक कार्टून फिल्म की कहानी आमतौर पर जैरी को पकड़ने के लिए टॉम के अनगिनत प्रयासों और उसके कारण हुई हाथापाई और दौड़ा-भागी पर आधारित होती है। इनको देखकर यह समझना मुश्किल है कि आखिर क्यों टॉम, जैरी का इतना अधिक पीछा करता है। काटख को देखकर जो अंदाज़ा लगाया जा सकता है, उसके हिसाब से कुछ कारणों में एक बिल्ली का एक चूहे के साथ बैर, अपने मालिक के आदेश का पालन, टॉम को सौंपे गए कार्यों को जैरी द्वारा बिगाड़ने की कोशिश, जैरी द्वारा टॉम के मालिक का भोजन खा जाना, जिसकी निगरानी का जिम्मा टॉम को सौंपा गया है, दूसरे को चिढ़ाने की भावना, जैरी द्वारा टॉम के अन्य संभावित शिकारों (जैसे कि बतख, चिड़िया या मछली)

को खाए जाने से बचना, दूसरी बिल्ली से प्रतिस्पर्धा आदि शामिल हैं।

### थोड़ी तकरार-थोड़ा प्यार

ऐसा नहीं है कि यह जोड़ी हमेशा लड़ाई ही करती रहती है, कभी-कभी ये दोनों वास्तव में एक-दूसरे के साथ अच्छी तरह व्यवहार करते भी दिखाई देते हैं। 'जैरी एंड द लॉयन' में जब जैरी को एक शरारत सूझती है और वह मरने का नाटक करने लगता है, जिससे कि टॉम यह सोचे कि उसने जैरी को गोली मार दी है। जैरी को लेटा देखकर टॉम प्रार्थमिक चिकित्सा किट लेकर दौड़ता हुआ आता है। इससे पता चलता है कि टॉम और जैरी में तकरार के बाद भी प्यार छिपा हुआ है। साथ ही दिलचस्प बात यह है कि कई सारे चित्रों में भी टॉम तथा जैरी एक दूसरे पर मुस्कुराते हुए दिखाए गए हैं, जो प्रत्येक काटख में दूसरे पर प्रदर्शित अत्यधिक झुझलाहट के बजाय प्यार-तकरार का रिश्ता अंकित करता है।

जैरी की चालाकी और किस्मत की वजह से टॉम शायद ही कभी जैरी को पकड़ने में सफल हो पाएगा, लेकिन इतना तो अवश्य है कि इन दोनों के दौड़-भाग का यह खेल हमेशा लोगों को गुरगुराता रहेगा।

### टॉम एंड जैरी कौन हैं?

टॉम का असली नाम थॉमस है, जो कि नीली-स्लेटी आंखों वाला ब्रिटिश घरेलू बिल्ली है। जैरी भूरे रंग का छोटा-सा चूहा है। शुरुआती कहानियों में टॉम का नाम जैम्पर और जैरी का जिंक्स था। टॉम को गुस्सा जल्दी आता है, जबकि जैरी अवसरवादी और खुशदिल है। वैसे तो कहा जाता है कि बिल्लियां बड़ी चालाक होती हैं, लेकिन टॉम और जैरी की कहानी में टॉम की हर फुर्ती को जैरी का दिमाग बड़ी आसानी से हरा देता है। हालांकि, हर कहानी में जीत जैरी की होती है लेकिन कहीं अगर जैरी अपनी सीमाएं तोड़ देता है, या कहीं किसी बुराई का साथ दे बैठता है, तो टॉम की विजय भी होती दिखाई देती है। मनोविज्ञानी कहीं-कहीं इस चूहे-बिल्ली की कहानी को महज शरारत नहीं मानते। यह दूसरे को नुकसान पहुंचाने की कहानी भी बन जाती है। उनका कहना है कि बच्चों को सिर्फ शो का मजा लेना चाहिए। किसी भी तरह से ऐसे खेलों को अपने दोस्तों या बच्चों के साथ नहीं खेलना चाहिए। टॉम एंड जैरी के खेल काल्पनिक हैं, इनकी नकल करना घातक हो सकता है।



## जाने डॉल्फिन के बारे में

डॉल्फिन को हम अक्सर मछली कहते हैं परन्तु वास्तव में डॉल्फिन एक मछली नहीं है। वह तो एक स्तनधारी प्राणी है। जिस तरह च्हेल एक स्तनधारी प्राणी है वैसे ही डॉल्फिन भी इसी कैटेगरी में आती है। यह एक छोटी च्हेल की ही तरह है। डॉल्फिन का रहने का ठिकाना संसार के समुद्र और नदियां हैं।

डॉल्फिन को अकेले रहना पसंद नहीं है यह सामान्यतः समूह में रहना पसंद करती है। इनके एक समूह में 10 से 12 सदस्य होते हैं। हमारे भारत में डॉल्फिन गंगा नदी में पाई जाती है लेकिन गंगा नदी में मौजूद डॉल्फिन अब विलुप्त की कगार पर है। डॉल्फिन की एक बड़ी खासियत यह है कि यह कंपन वाली आवाज निकालती है जो किसी भी चीज से टकराकर वापस डॉल्फिन के पास आ जाती है।

इससे डॉल्फिन को पता चल जाता है कि शिकार कितना बड़ा और कितने करीब है। डॉल्फिन आवाज और सीटियों के द्वारा एक दूसरे से बात करती हैं। यह 60 किमी प्रति घंटे की रफ्तार से तैर सकती है। डॉल्फिन 10-15 मिनट तक पानी के अंदर रह सकती है लेकिन वह पानी के अंदर सांस नहीं ले सकती। उसे सांस लेने के लिए पानी की सतह पर आना पड़ता है।



NEWS BOX

### From Chambal to India U19 captain: Yashbardhan Singh Chauhan's journey in blue

New Delhi, (Agency)

When Ajay Singh, principal of The Scindia School in Gwalior, watched his student plan cricket matches from the back of a team meeting room, he was careful not to intervene. He wanted to see what the boy did when things got difficult. "If situations became challenging, he would discuss possible solutions," Singh recalls in a chat with IndiaToday.in. "He would take feedback, and others would chip in as well. There was a clarity in his mind about what should be done in different situations. He definitely had that leadership instinct." That boy was Yashbardhan Singh Chauhan.

On 11 June, the BCCI named the 17-year-old right-handed all-rounder as captain of India's Under-19 men's team for the upcoming tour of Sri Lanka: three one-day matches and two multi-day fixtures, beginning in Hambantota on 4 July. The news arrived, as it often does in Gwalior, through the local cricket network. Yashbardhan first heard from Vijay



Prakash Sharma, secretary of the Gwalior Division Cricket Association. His father, Anami Singh Chauhan, received a call shortly after from Sharma and from Lavkesh Choudhary, the boy's childhood coach at Tansen Cricket Academy.

"For several minutes, I was unable to say anything," Anami says. "It felt as though a dream that had been nurtured for years had suddenly become reality." It is, in many ways, a borrowed dream. Anami played cricket himself, a leg-spinner, he says, with a deep connection to the game, and carried a quiet hope that someone from his family would make a name in it. When Yashbardhan came along, the signs were visible early. "From a very young age, he displayed a different kind of passion," his father says. "If he ever missed out on playing a match, he would become extremely upset. He always had a hunger to play and a tremendous passion for stepping onto the field."

### Japan fans win hearts again by cleaning Dallas stadium after Dutch thriller

Dallas, (Agency)

Japan supporters once again drew global praise after being spotted cleaning up the stands following their side's FIFA World Cup 2026 clash against the Netherlands. Images of fans collecting rubbish at Dallas Stadium quickly went viral on social media, continuing a tradition that has become synonymous with the Samurai Blue supporters.

The gesture came after Japan earned a dramatic 2-2 draw against the Netherlands in their Group F opener. Goals from Virgil van Dijk and Crysencio Summerville twice put the Dutch ahead, but Japan fought back on both occasions, with Daichi Kamada heading home a late equaliser in the 88th minute. While the match itself delivered plenty of entertainment, many fans online were equally impressed by what happened after the final whistle.

Supporters wearing Japan jerseys stayed behind in the stands, collecting bottles, food wrappers and other litter before leaving the stadium. The images quickly spread across



social media, earning admiration from football fans around the world. For Japanese supporters, however, it was simply another example of a tradition they have followed for years at major international tournaments. WHY DO JAPAN FANS CLEAN STADIUMS?

Japan's supporters have built a global reputation for leaving stadiums cleaner than they found them. The practice stems from a wider culture that places emphasis on cleanliness, respect for shared spaces and collective responsibility. As a result, many Japanese fans see cleaning up after themselves as a normal part of attending a sporting event rather than an extraordinary gesture. The tradition became one of the standout stories of the 2022 FIFA World Cup in Qatar. After Japan stunned Germany 2-1 in one of the tournament's biggest upsets, supporters celebrated briefly before picking up rubbish around their section of the stadium.

# FIFA World Cup 2026: Goal fest in Monterrey as Sweden put five past Tunisia

**Yasin Ayari scored twice as Sweden beat Tunisia 5-1 in Monterrey, opening with a stunning early strike he chose not to celebrate. Sweden's control was reinforced by Tunisia's errors and a technology-backed review that allowed Svanberg's record-fast substitute goal to stand.**

Ahmedabad, (Agency)

It was a goal fest in Stadio Monterrey as Sweden produced a commanding performance to put five past Tunisia in their FIFA World Cup Group F clash on June 15, Monday, led by a sensational performance by midfielder Yasin Ayari.

**FIFA World Cup, Sweden vs Tunisia: Highlights**

Ayari opened the scoring for Sweden in the seventh minute with a breathtaking long-range strike, registering one of the fastest goals of the tournament. The move stemmed from Tunisia goalkeeper Chamakh rushing off his line to deal with a long ball from Victor Lindelof, only to push it into the path of Viktor

Gykeres. Although Gykeres' initial effort was blocked by Montassar Talbi, the rebound fell kindly to Ayari, who took a touch before smashing an unstoppable effort into the top corner. Despite the quality of the finish, Ayari opted not to celebrate, instead raising his arms in a restrained gesture—an emotional reaction influenced by his family ties to Tunisia.

Born in Solna to Tunisian and Moroccan heritage, and eligible to represent Tunisia through his father, the Brighton midfielder's subdued response reflected the personal significance of scoring against the country of his ancestry. Sweden, though, quickly doubled their lead through Alexander Isak after a flowing attacking move. After Benjamin Nygren regained possession near his own penalty area and launched a long clearance forward, Gykeres brought the ball under control with a composed touch before cleverly laying it off into Isak's path. The striker surged down the left flank, cut inside on the edge of the box, and fired a low effort that squeezed through Chamakh to make it 2-0 in Sweden's favour. Tunisia tried

to fight their way back into the game as they responded before the break to halve the deficit. After Valery's long throw into the near-post area was initially cleared by Lagerbielke, Mejbri quickly recovered



possession and delivered a dangerous cross into the box. With Sweden's defence still committed forward, Rekić rose to glance a header past Kristoffer Nordfeldt and make it 2-1. Mejbri's influence stood out throughout the first half, with the midfielder consistently pulling the strings and providing Tunisia's

key creative spark. **SWEDEN PUT FINAL NAIL IN THE COFFIN**

Sweden, who looked the more dominant side in the second half, made it three-one in the 59th minute through Viktor Gykeres.

The costly mistake from Tunisia proved decisive as Chamakh played a short pass to Skhiri on the edge of his own area, but Isak pressed aggressively and dispossessed him. Skhiri's attempted recovery only opened the space further, allowing Isak to remain composed and square the ball to Gykeres, who smashed home a powerful finish to make it 3-1. But the talking point of the game was when Mattias Svanberg scored the second-fastest goal scored by a substitute in FIFA World Cup history. The goal, which was initially ruled out for offside, had an intervention and after the review, the goal was awarded when it was confirmed that Isak had made a subtle touch in the build-up, through cricket-like technology, 'Snicko', playing Svanberg onside.

## Amad Diallo late dagger helps Ivory Coast to 1-0 win over Ecuador

**FIFA World Cup 2026: Philadelphia was painted in Ecuador's colours and La Tri created enough chances to win. But a late moment of brilliance from Amad Diallo handed Ivory Coast a dramatic 1-0 victory and an early advantage in Group E.**

Philadelphia, (Agency)

For almost 90 minutes, Philadelphia belonged to Ecuador. The streets around the stadium were painted yellow and blue, the songs rarely stopped, and thousands of fans believed their side had done enough to begin the FIFA World Cup 2026 with a positive result. Then Amad Diallo arrived with a reminder of football's cruellest truth. **IVORY COAST VS ECUADOR, FIFA WORLD CUP 2026: HIGHLIGHTS** The Manchester United winger struck in the 90th minute to hand Ivory Coast a dramatic 1-0 victory over Ecuador, silencing a stadium that had felt more like Quito than Philadelphia for much of the evening. The

result leaves the Elephants level on three points with Germany at the top of Group E after the four-time champions thrashed Curaçao 7-1 earlier in the day. For Ecuador, it was a painful end to a match in which they struck the woodwork twice and spent long



periods looking the more likely side to score. The defeat was particularly harsh given the atmosphere their supporters created. Several thousand Ecuador fans had gathered at the Philadelphia Museum of Art on Saturday before taking over large sections of the city on matchday. Hours before kickoff, yellow jerseys dominated the streets and parking lots surrounding the stadium. The support continued inside the ground, where Ecuador

comfortably outnumbered the orange-clad Ivory Coast fans. By full-time, however, football had delivered another reminder that atmosphere alone does not win matches.

**AMAD DELIVERS THE FINAL BLOW**

The match looked destined to become the first goalless draw of the tournament.

Ecuador had opportunities to avoid that outcome long before Amad's winner. John Yeboah rattled the crossbar with a powerful strike in the 24th minute before Alan Minda repeated the feat just six minutes later. The South Americans carried the greater threat throughout the opening half and would have felt unfortunate not to head into the break with the lead. Elye Wahi struck the woodwork in the second half, while Seko Fofana and Franck Kessie provided energy and physicality in midfield. Yet both sides continued to lack the finishing touch needed to separate themselves.

Just when the game appeared destined to end level, Wilfried Singo surged forward and picked out Amad on the edge of the box. The winger needed only one touch to create space before curling a precise finish into the corner and sparking wild celebrations among the Ivory Coast players.

## Why didn't Sweden's Yasin Ayari celebrate after scoring a thunderbolt against Tunisia?

IRVINE, Calif. (Agency)

Sweden made the perfect start to their FIFA World Cup Group F clash against Tunisia at Monterrey Stadium in Mexico on June 15, with midfielder Yasin Ayari producing a moment of brilliance to break the deadlock in the seventh minute. FIFA World Cup, Sweden vs Tunisia: Updates The 22-year-old scored the second-fastest goal of the 2026 FIFA World Cup with a spectacular strike from outside the penalty area. The chance originated from a long ball forward by Victor Lindelof, which Tunisia goalkeeper Chamakh rushed off his line to intercept. However, the goalkeeper could only divert the ball into the path of Viktor Gykeres. Gykeres' effort was blocked by Tunisia defender Montassar Talbi, but the loose ball fell kindly to Ayari just outside the box. The midfielder took a touch before unleashing a thunderous drive that rocketed into the top corner, giving Chamakh no chance and handing Sweden an early advantage. Despite scoring one of the goals of the tournament so far, Ayari opted against



celebrating. Instead, he raised his arms in the air and remained composed as teammates rushed over to congratulate him.

**WHY AYARI DIDN'T CELEBRATE AGAINST TUNISIA?**

Ayari's restrained response immediately attracted attention, particularly given his family connections to Tunisia. Born in Solna, Sweden, the Brighton & Hove Albion midfielder is of Moroccan and Tunisian heritage. His father is Tunisian, meaning Ayari was eligible to represent the North African nation before committing his international future to Sweden. The midfielder progressed through Sweden's youth ranks before making his senior international debut in 2023. While he ultimately chose to represent Sweden, his connection to Tunisia remains an important part of his background.

## Hockey: Deepika scores brace as India rally to beat USA 3-2 in Nations Cup

**The winner of the Nations Cup will be promoted to the elite Pro league, from which India were relegated last season.**

AUCKLAND, (Agency)

The Indian women's hockey team staged a remarkable comeback to clinch a 3-2 win over the USA in its opening Pool A match of the FIH Nations Cup here on Monday. For India, Deepika netted a brace while Navneet Kaur also scored. Ashley Sessa and Madeleine Zimmer were on the score-sheet for the USA. The winner of the Nations Cup will be promoted to the elite Pro league, from which India were relegated last season. The USA got off to a great start and opened the scoring through Ashley, who found the back

of the net with a field goal in the fourth minute. The Americans dished their advantage just three minutes later when Madeleine Zimmer (7') converted a penalty



corner to put India under early pressure. Trailing by two goals, India gradually began to assert themselves in attack. Their efforts paid off in the second quarter when drag-flick specialist Deepika (17) successfully converted a penalty corner to reduce the deficit and bring India back into the game. The momentum continued to shift

in India's favour as they earned another penalty corner midway through the quarter. Deepika (24') stepped up once again and successfully converted another penalty corner to level the score at 2-2. India maintained the pressure and completed a stunning turnaround before half-time.

Navneet (28') converted a penalty corner to hand India the lead for the first time in the match, ensuring the team entered the break with a 3-2 advantage. The second half saw both teams battle intensely in search of goals. Both sides earned six penalty corners each over the course of the match, but neither defence allowed any further breakthroughs in the remaining two quarters. India successfully held on to their advantage in the closing stages to secure all three points and begin their Nations Cup campaign on a winning note. Following the victory, India moved to second place in Pool A with three points.

## F1: Lewis Hamilton gets a heart from Kim Kardashian after winning Barcelona GP

**Barcelona-Catalunya GP: Lewis Hamilton's first Ferrari win has drawn an immediate public reaction from Kim Kardashian. Her celebratory post, and Hamilton's own comments, have pushed relationship rumours back into the spotlight.**

New Delhi, (Agency)

Lewis Hamilton's landmark first Formula 1 victory for Ferrari has attracted attention both on and off the track, with Kim Kardashian publicly celebrating the achievement on social media. The reality television star shared a photo of Hamilton crossing the finish line after his triumph, adding a trophy and heart emoji in a gesture that quickly fuelled ongoing speculation about their relationship.

The social media post came shortly after Hamilton secured his maiden Grand Prix victory for Ferrari, an emotional milestone in his debut season with the Italian team.

The win represented a major breakthrough for Hamilton following his high-profile move to Ferrari. After years of success with Mercedes, the seven-time world champion finally delivered a Grand Prix victory for the Scuderia, prompting celebrations throughout the team and among Ferrari supporters worldwide. Speaking after the race, Hamilton acknowledged the support system around him and highlighted the importance of having trusted people by his side. "It's amazing to have her come this weekend and have the support," Hamilton said when asked about Kardashian's presence, as per GP



Blog. "With my friends, incredible turnout, just overall, the people. I don't really know what else to say. It's amazing to have good people around you and good people supporting you. She does that for me every day." Mercedes team principal Toto Wolff also appeared to reference Kardashian while discussing Hamilton's resurgence at Ferrari.

"Maybe his girlfriend helps," Wolff joked, before pointing to several factors behind Hamilton's improved performances, including his growing comfort within Ferrari and the strengthening relationship with his race engineer. Hamilton and Kardashian have been linked for months, although neither has publicly confirmed a romantic relationship. The pair have frequently been spotted together at high-profile events, including the Super Bowl, where speculation surrounding their connection intensified after photographs emerged showing them spending time together.

Kardashian was also present throughout the Monaco Grand Prix weekend, attending both qualifying and race day activities. She was seen inside the Ferrari garage and later cheering Hamilton during the podium celebrations, further fueling discussion about the nature of their relationship.

# Rakul Preet Singh

## Recalls Fitness Accident That Left Her Bedridden For 40 Days: 'It Affected Me...'

Rakul Preet Singh, who was recently seen with Ayushmann Khurrana in *Pati Patni Aur Woh Do*, has spoken about the fitness accident that left her bedridden for quite some time. During her appearance with her husband, Jackky Bhagnani, on Neha Dhupia and Angad Bedi's show, *Double Date*, Rakul opened up about a painful fitness setback, sharing that she suffered a severe lower back injury after attempting an 80 kg deadlift without the support of a safety belt.

Rakul Preet Singh revealed that one mistake during a workout session resulted in a slipped disc, triggering weeks of intense physical discomfort and emotional strain. She said, "No matter what your trainer tells you, deadlift is the worst exercise to do. It's an ego lift." Looking back on the incident, she shared that despite consistently using a safety belt during deadlifts, she chose not to wear one that day, a decision that ultimately led to the injury.

The actress added, "That one mistake caused me a slipped disc and 40 days of bed rest. It was not only a physical injury; it affected me mentally too. It was mentally overwhelming because I was going through physical turmoil. Suddenly, I was unable to do anything, and that really triggers you." She further spoke about how Jacky stood by her during that difficult phase.

Rakul said, "It's very important that your partner supports you at that point, and that was Jacky's biggest contribution when I was injured. He was there for me."

Meanwhile, Rakul has been receiving love and appreciation for her performance in *Pati Patni Aur Woh Do*. The film also starred Ayushmann, Wamiqa Gabbi and Sara Ali Khan. It is a spiritual sequel to the 2019 Kartik Aaryan, Ananya Panday and Bhumi Pednekar starrer *Pati Patni Aur Woh*.

## 'Never Misses A Chance To Make My Day': Mrunal Thakur Pens Sweet Note For Her Dad



Mrunal Thakur recently treated her fans by sharing a heartwarming post dedicated to her father. The actress took to social media to post a series of adorable pictures with him, offering a glimpse into their close bond. Along with the photos, Mrunal penned a note expressing her love and gratitude for her father. Taking to her Instagram handle, Mrunal Thakur shared photos and wrote, "Dad never misses a chance to make my day and remind me how loved I am." Fans also reacted with heart emojis. One of the fans wrote, "His smile says, 'That's my daughter.'" Another wrote, "Cool dad" Adivi Sesh and Mrunal Thakur's romantic thriller, *Dacoit*, is finally releasing on OTT. The actor has announced today on social media which instantly went viral. The film is all set to release on Prime Video on June 5. Directed by Shaneil Deo, the film also stars Anurag Kashyap, Zayn Marie Khan, Prakash Raj, Atul Kulkarni, and Sunil in key roles. Taking to his Instagram handle, Adivi Sesh shared a poster and announced OTT streaming date, "Pyaar mein Badla ya Pyaar se Badla #Dacoit in #Hindi on June 5th."

The story of *Dacoit* revolves around an enraged convict, played by Sesh, who sets out on a path of revenge against his former partner, portrayed by Thakur, after a betrayal that changes his life. It is co-written by Sesh along with Deo, and produced by Supriya Yarlagadda under Annapurna Studios, with Suniel Narang attached as co-presenter.

Mrunal Thakur recently treated fans by sharing behind-the-scenes moments from the shoot of the song *Chunari Chunari* from the upcoming film *Hai Jawani Toh Ishq Hona Hai*. The actress gave a fun glimpse into the vibrant atmosphere on set, filled with dance rehearsals, candid laughter and energetic celebrations. Directed by David Dhawan, *Hai Jawani Toh Ishq Hona Hai* brings together Varun Dhawan, Pooja Hegde, Mrunal Thakur and Manish Paul in a commercial romantic comedy. The film marks the first time this ensemble will be seen together on screen.

## 'Ranveer Singh Has Truly Been A Dhurandhar': CINTAA's Upasana Singh Backs Actor Amid Don 3 Row



Ranveer Singh, who is riding high on the success of *Dhurandhar: The Revenge*, has been making headlines due to the ongoing controversy surrounding his abrupt exit from Farhan Akhtar's *Don 3*. On June 3, the Federation of Western India Cine Employees (FWICE) announced that it was withdrawing its non-cooperation directive against the actor. During the press conference, they also said that the decision was not influenced by the legal notice sent by Ranveer on Tuesday, June 2. FWICE stated that they lifted the ban after other industry bodies requested them. Interestingly, CINTAA General Secretary and actor Upasana Singh, who was also present at the conference, backed Ranveer and heaped praise on his film, *Dhurandhar*.

Upasana Singh said that Ranveer Singh helped the industry to revive with his back-to-back hits. She said, "Ranveer Singh is one of the actors who has helped revive the industry. At a time when several films have struggled at the box office and the industry has been going through a difficult phase, *Dhurandhar* and *Dhurandhar 2* have achieved remarkable business and created history. We need more actors whose films audiences genuinely enjoy watching."

She went on to reveal that her son watched *Dhurandhar* five times and he still wants to watch it again. The actress added, "My son has watched *Dhurandhar* five times and is still willing to watch it again. That's the kind of impact the film has had. We need more films like these. Our best wishes are with Ranveer Singh, and we hope he continues to deliver successful films. When a film works, it generates employment and income for countless people connected to the industry. For us, he has truly been a 'Dhurandhar'."

Meanwhile, FWICE Chief Advisor Ashoke Pandit emphasized that the decision to withdraw the directive was made after carefully considering requests from several industry bodies. He said, "Considering their appeal and the larger interest of the film industry, we are immediately revoking the directive against Ranveer Singh. We have been saying exactly what the Producers Guild has stated now."

# Madhuri Dixit

## Fan Celebrates Her Film Maa Behen, Gifts 400 Fruit Saplings From His Chaat Shop To Farmers

A fan of actress Madhuri Dixit handed out fruit saplings from his chaat shop in Jamshedpur, Jharkhand, to celebrate her film *Maa Behen*. Pappu Sardar, who runs his chaat shop in the busy Sakchi market, started this unique idea a day before World Environment Day, drawing crowds to his shop where songs from the movie played. Sardar bought 400 fruit saplings like mango, black berry, guava, and litchi, and carefully chose people who showed interest in gardening to make sure his effort would be meaningful. He said, "I am focusing on farmers and villagers who come to Jamshedpur for work, because I believe they will plant and care for the saplings, making this initiative successful."



*Maa Behen*, a dark comedy, was released on Netflix on Thursday. Sardar has been celebrating Madhuri Dixit's birthday every May 15 since 1998 with great excitement. He said the saplings would help the environment and also provide income once they bear fruit.

Sardar told PTI, "Following Prime Minister Narendra Modi's call for 'one sapling in the name of mother', I decided to give away 400 fruit saplings a day before World Environment Day

and to celebrate the release of Madhuri Dixit's *Maa Behen*.' He urged everyone to help protect the environment.

*Maa Behen* is a Netflix dark comedy directed by Suresh Triveni and stars Madhuri Dixit, Triptii Dimri, Dharna Durga and Ravi Kishan. The film follows a mother and her daughters whose lives spiral into chaos after they find themselves trying to cover up a crime in a neighbourhood where secrets rarely stay hidden. Blending family drama, crime and comedy, the Netflix original premiered on June 4.



## हादसे में एक व्यक्ति की मौत



**पूर्वी सिंहभूम, एजेंसी।** सोतारामडेरा थाना क्षेत्र स्थित मानगो बस स्टैंड में रविवार शाम एक हादसे में एक व्यक्ति की मौत हो गई। यह घटना बस स्टैंड के गेट नंबर-5 के पास हुई, जहां खड़ी बस के नीचे आराम कर रहे एक व्यक्ति को बस चालक की अनजाने में हुई लापरवाही भारी पड़ गई। प्रत्यक्षदर्शियों के अनुसार, मृतक काफी देर से एक बस के नीचे लेटा हुआ था। इसी दौरान चालक बस को आगे-पीछे करने लगा। चालक को इस बात की जानकारी नहीं थी कि बस के नीचे कोई व्यक्ति मौजूद है। जैसे ही बस को हिलाया गया, वह व्यक्ति उसकी चपेट में आ गया। बताया जाता है कि बस का पहिया उसके ऊपर चढ़ गया, जिससे उसकी मौत पर ही मौत हो गई। घटना के बाद बस स्टैंड परिसर में अफरा-तफरी मच गई। बड़ी संख्या में लोग घटनास्थल पर जुट गए और मामले की सूचना पुलिस को दी गई। सूचना मिलते ही सोतारामडेरा थाना पुलिस मौके पर पहुंची और शव को अपने कब्जे में लेकर जांच शुरू कर दी। पुलिस ने मृतक के शव को पोस्टमार्टम के लिए एमजीएम मेडिकल कॉलेज एवं अस्पताल भेज दिया है। समाचार लिखे जाने तक मृतक की पहचान नहीं हो सकी थी। पुलिस आसपास के लोगों से पूछताछ कर मृतक के परिजनों का पता लगाने का प्रयास कर रही है। थाना प्रभारी आनंद मिश्रा ने बताया कि दुर्घटना से जुड़े सभी पहलुओं की जांच की जा रही है। बस स्टैंड और उसके आसपास लगे सीसीटीवी कैमरों की फुटेज खंगाली जा रही है ताकि घटना के समय की वास्तविक स्थिति स्पष्ट हो सके। संबंधित बस और चालक की पहचान के बाद आवश्यक कानूनी कार्रवाई की जाएगी।

## सड़क हादसे में युवक की मौत, सड़क जांम

**पूर्वी सिंहभूम, एजेंसी।** परसुडीह थाना क्षेत्र के सलगाडुडी में सोमवार सुबह सड़क हादसे में 25 वर्षीय युवक सुमित मुंडा की मौत पर ही मौत हो गई। घटना के बाद क्षेत्र में भारी आक्रोश फैल गया। गुस्साए परिजनों, ग्रामीणों और भाजपा कार्यकर्ताओं ने शव को सड़क पर रखकर घंटों जाम कर दिया तथा प्रशासन के खिलाफ जमकर नारेबाजी की। इस दौरान दुर्घटना में शामिल डंपर में तोड़फोड़ भी की गई। मृतक सुमित मुंडा सलगाडुडी का रहने वाला था और भाजपा महिला मोर्चा मंडल अध्यक्ष सीमा मुंडा का पुत्र था। वह टाटा मोटर्स में टेका मजदूर के रूप में कार्यरत था। बताया जाता है कि सुमित प्रतिदिन की तरह सोमवार सुबह करीब 5:45 बजे बाइक से ड्यूटी के लिए घर से निकला था। इसी दौरान सलगाडुडी मुख्य मार्ग पर पीछे से तेज गति से आ रहे एक डंपर ने उसे अपनी चपेट में ले लिया। टक्कर इतनी भीषण थी कि डंपर का पिछला पहिया युवक के सिर को उचित मुआवजा, जिससे उसकी मौत पर ही मौत हो गई। हादसे के बाद चालक वाहन छोड़कर मौके से फरार हो गया। दुर्घटना की सूचना मिलते ही स्थानीय लोगों की भीड़ घटनास्थल पर उमड़ पड़ी। कुछ ही देर में भाजपा कार्यकर्ता और ग्रामीण भी वहां पहुंच गए। युवक की मौत से आक्रोशित लोगों ने सड़क पर शव रखकर आवागमन पूरी तरह बाधित कर दिया। सड़क जाम होने से दोनों ओर वाहनों की लंबी कतार लगा गई और पूरे इलाके में यातायात व्यवस्था चरमरा गई। घटना के बाद ग्रामीणों और परिजनों ने मृतक के परिवार को उचित मुआवजा, परिवार के एक सदस्य को नौकरी, दोषी चालक की तत्काल गिरफ्तारी तथा आवासीय क्षेत्र में डंपरों के परिचालन पर पूर्ण प्रतिबंध लगाने की मांग की। सूचना मिलने पर परसुडीह थाना प्रभारी अविनाश कुमार पुलिस बल के साथ घटनास्थल पर पहुंचे और स्थिति को नियंत्रित करने का प्रयास किया। पुलिस अधिकारियों ने परिजनों और प्रदर्शनकारियों से बातचीत कर उन्हें शांत करने की कोशिश की। बाद में पुलिस ने शव को अपने कब्जे में लेकर पोस्टमार्टम के लिए भेजने की प्रक्रिया शुरू की। समाचार लिखे जाने तक प्रशासन, स्थानीय जनप्रतिनिधियों और परिजनों के बीच मुआवजे तथा अन्य मांगों को लेकर वार्ता जारी थी।

**झारखंड में मानसून की दस्तक, सब्जियों को नुकसान:** भारी बारिश से खेतों में जलजमाव सब्जियों की कीमतों में 10 रुपए तक आया उछाल

**कोडरमा, एजेंसी।** झारखंड में मानसून ने दस्तक दे दी है। एक ओर जहां इसने चिलचिलाती गर्मी से राहत दी है, वहीं दूसरी ओर लगातार हुई बारिश ने खेतों में लगी साग-सब्जियों को नुकसान पहुंचाया है। इसकी वजह से सब्जियों की कीमतों में उछाल देखा जा रहा है। अचानक हुई मूसलाधार बारिश के कारण सब्जियों के खेतों में भारी जलजमाव हो गया है। इस जलभराव से सब्जियों में कीड़े लगने की संभावना बढ़ गई है, जिससे फसलें खराब हो रही हैं।

5 से 10 रुपए प्रति किलोग्राम की बढ़ोतरी: मौसम में आए इस बदलाव का सीधा असर अब सब्जियों की कीमतों पर दिख रहा है। झारखंड के सब्जी बाजारों में कुछ दिन पहले तक सस्ते दामों पर बिकने वाली सब्जियों के भाव में अचानक 5 से 10 रुपए प्रति किलोग्राम की बढ़ोतरी हुई है। तीन-चार दिन पहले 40 से 50 रुपए प्रति किलोग्राम बिकने वाला टमाटर अब 60 रुपए प्रति किलोग्राम हो गया है। इसी तरह, 30 से 40 रुपए प्रति किलोग्राम में मिलने वाली गोभी की कीमत भी बढ़कर 60 रुपए प्रति किलोग्राम हो गई है।

**जलजमाव के कारण तैयार सब्जियों में कीटाणु लग गए:** बैंगन, भिंडी और करेला जैसी अन्य सब्जियों के भाव में भी 5 से 10 रुपए प्रति किलोग्राम की वृद्धि दर्ज की गई है। सब्जी विक्रेताओं के अनुसार, कीमतों में इस अचानक उछाल का मुख्य कारण हाल ही में हुई बारिश है। खेतों में जलजमाव के कारण तैयार सब्जियों में कीटाणु लग गए हैं, जिससे वे खराब हो रही हैं और बाजार में उनकी आवक कम हो गई है। इधर, सब्जियों के दाम बढ़ने से आम लोगों की जेबों पर इसका खासा असर देखने को मिल रहा है। पेट्रोल, डीजल, एलपीजी और रोजमर्रा के दिनों में उपयोग किए जाने वाली वस्तुओं के दामों में वृद्धि के बाद अब साग-सब्जी के बढ़े दामों ने आम लोगों की चिंता बढ़ा दी है। बारिश के कारण कई जगहों पर खेतों में जलजमाव हुआ इधर, कृषि वैज्ञानिक डॉ. अजय कुमार राय के अनुसार कोडरमा में फिलहाल ज्यादा बारिश तो नहीं हुई है, लेकिन जितनी बारिश हुई है, अगर उसका पानी खेतों में जमा हुआ है तो वह खेतों में लगी सब्जियों के लिए नुकसानदेह साबित हो सकता है। उन्होंने बताया कि फिलहाल किसान इस बारिश के लिए तैयार नहीं थे, ऐसे में बारिश होने के कारण जिन जगहों पर खेतों में जलजमाव हुआ है, वहां लगे फसलों में कीड़े लगने की संभावनाएं बढ़ गई हैं। इस बारिश में विशेषकर टमाटर, लौकी, मिर्च, बैंगन जैसे फसलों के फूल झड़ जाने से उत्पादन में कमी आती है।

# रामगढ़ में 14 हाथियों ने 10 एकड़ फसलें की बर्बाद

घर की खिड़की और दीवार तोड़ी, मक्का, नेनुआ, भिंडी और बोदी की फसल खाए

**रामगढ़ (झारखंड), एजेंसी।** रामगढ़ के गोला प्रखंड में जंगली हाथियों के 14 सदस्यीय झुंड ने एक बार फिर ग्रामीण इलाकों में दहशत फैला दी है। बीती रात हाथियों ने कई गांवों में जमकर उत्पात मचाया, जिससे लोगों में भय का माहौल गहरा गया है। कोराबे गांव में सागर महतो के घर की खिड़की और दीवार को पूरी तरह क्षतिग्रस्त कर दिया गया। वहीं बिनोद महतो की राशन दुकान के गोदाम को तोड़कर उसमें रखा महुआ और चना खा गए। चनेसर महतो के खेत की सुरक्षा के लिए बनाई गई छहारादीवारी को भी हाथियों ने ध्वस्त कर दिया। अचानक हुए इस हमले से ग्रामीणों में अफरा-तफरी मच गई। लोग रातभर जागकर अनुरूप सारी में जुटे रहे।

**दामोदर पार कर गांव-गांव घूम रहा :** जानकारी के



अनुसार, हाथियों का यह झुंड बोकारो जिले के महुआटाड़ क्षेत्र से दामोदर नदी पार कर गोला प्रखंड के विभिन्न पंचायतों में पहुंचा है। हेसापोड़ा, खैराजारा, डुमरडीहा, सिंगारी, परसा डीह, कोराबे, बड़का जारा, डेटगढ़ा, मुरपा, कुवा, लिपीया, बुटगोड़वा, गंधनिया और सुवरी सहित कई

गांव इस झुंड की चपेट में हैं। इस दौरान करीब 10 से 15 एकड़ में लगी मक्का, नेनुआ, भिंडी और बोदी जैसी फसलें हाथियों ने खाकर और रौंदकर बर्बाद कर दी हैं। गणेश रजवार और कुलदीप रजवार समेत दर्जनों किसानों को भारी आर्थिक नुकसान उठाना पड़ा है। खेतों में तैयार फसल

नष्ट होने से किसानों की चिंता बढ़ गई है।

**खेत जाने से डर रहे किसान:** हाथियों के लगातार हमले से हालात ऐसे हो गए हैं कि किसान अब अपने खेतों में जाने से भी डर रहे हैं। दिन के समय भी वे डंडे लेकर समूह में खेतों की रखवाली कर रहे हैं। किसानों का कहना है कि थोड़ी सी भी चूक जानलेवा साबित हो सकती है। ग्रामीणों और पीड़ित किसानों ने वन विभाग से तत्काल हस्तक्षेप की मांग की है। उनका कहना है कि यदि जल्द ही हाथियों को जंगल की ओर नहीं खदेड़ा गया, तो नुकसान और बढ़ सकता है। साथ ही प्रशासन से क्षेत्र में गरत बढ़ाने और सुरक्षा के ठोस इंतजाम करने की मांग भी की गई है, ताकि लोगों को राहत मिल सके और वे सामान्य जीवन जी सकें।

## साइबर अपराध के आरोप में तीन आरोपित गिरफ्तार



**देवघर, एजेंसी।** जिले में साइबर अपराधियों के विरुद्ध चलाए जा रहे अभियान के तहत देवघर पुलिस को एक बड़ी सफलता मिली है। गुप्त सूचना के आधार पर संदिग्ध साइबर अपराधियों के खिलाफ चलाए गए छापेमारी अभियान में पुलिस ने तीन आरोपितों को गिरफ्तार किया

है। गिरफ्तार आरोपितों में तमीम अंसारी (26), तुलसी यादव (30) और राजेश कुमार यादव (25) शामिल हैं। तीनों देवघर जिले के रहने वाले हैं। पुलिस ने गिरफ्तार आरोपितों के पास से 04 मोबाइल फोन, 03 सिम कार्ड एवं 01 प्रतिबंधित (क्लोन) सिम बरामद किया है।

## झारखंड में मानसून की सक्रियता बढ़ी कांके में 86.4 मिमी बारिश दर्ज 19 जून तक बारिश-वज्रपात का येलो अलर्ट

**रांची, एजेंसी।** झारखंड में दक्षिण-पश्चिम मानसून की सक्रियता बढ़ने लगी है, जिससे राज्य के कई हिस्सों में मौसम का मिजाज बदल गया है। पिछले 24 घंटों के दौरान रांची जिले के कांके क्षेत्र में सबसे अधिक 86.4 मिलीमीटर वर्षा दर्ज की गई। मौसम विभाग ने सोमवार को यह जानकारी देते हुए बताया कि आगामी चार दिनों तक राज्य के विभिन्न जिलों में बारिश की गतिविधियां जारी रहने की संभावना है। मौसम विभाग के अनुसार, 19 जून तक झारखंड के कई जिलों में गर्जन के साथ बारिश और आकाशीय बिजली गिरने की आशंका है। इसे देखते हुए विभाग ने येलो अलर्ट जारी किया है।

लोगों को खराब मौसम के



दौरान सतर्क रहने तथा खुले स्थानों, पेड़ों के नीचे और बिजली के खंभों के आसपास जाने से बचने की सलाह दी गई है। विभाग की रिपोर्ट के मुताबिक, पिछले 24 घंटों में राज्य का सर्वाधिक तापमान डाल्टनगंज में 40.4 डिग्री सेल्सियस दर्ज किया

मिल रही है। मौसम वैज्ञानिकों का कहना है कि वातावरण में नमी बढ़ने और बादलों की आवाजाही के कारण उमस की स्थिति बनी हुई है। कई इलाकों में बादल छाने के बावजूद पर्याप्त बारिश नहीं होने से लोगों को चिपचिपी गर्मी का सामना करना पड़ रहा है। राजधानी रांची और आसपास के क्षेत्रों में सोमवार सुबह मौसम साफ रहा, लेकिन दोपहर बाद आंशिक रूप से बादल छाए रहे। विभाग का अनुमान है कि आने वाले दिनों में रांची सहित राज्य के अधिकांश हिस्सों में बारिश की गतिविधियों में और वृद्धि हो सकती है। सोमवार को रांची का अधिकतम तापमान 34 डिग्री सेल्सियस तथा न्यूनतम तापमान 21.4 डिग्री सेल्सियस दर्ज किया गया।

## हथियार के साथ दो अपराधी गिरफ्तार



**बोकारो, एजेंसी।** नावाडीह थाना क्षेत्र के भेंडारा-बाराडीह गांव में पुलिस ने कार्रवाई करते हुए हथियार के साथ घूम रहे दो अपराधियों को गिरफ्तार किया है। उनके पास से एक देशी पिस्टल, सात जिंदा कारतूस तथा एक स्कूटी बरामद की गई है। मामले की जानकारी रविवार को नावाडीह थाना परिसर में बेबेमो एसडीपीओ ने प्रेसवार्ता आयोजित कर यह जानकारी दी। एसडीपीओ ने बताया कि 13 जून की शाम पुलिस अधीक्षक बोकारो को सूचना मिली थी कि

भेंडारा-बाराडीह गांव में दो आपराधिक प्रवृत्ति के युवक हथियार के साथ घूम रहे हैं। सूचना के सत्यापन एवं आवश्यक कार्रवाई के लिए नावाडीह थाना पुलिस और सशस्त्र बल की टीम तत्काल मौके पर पहुंची। ग्रामीणों के सहयोग से दोनों संदिग्ध युवकों को पकड़कर उनकी तलाशी ली गई। तलाशी के दौरान उनके पास से एक सिल्वर रंग का 7.65 एमएम का देशी पिस्टल, 7.65 एमएम केएफ अंकित सात जिंदा

कारतूस तथा एक लाल रंग की हॉंडा ड्यूरो स्कूटी बरामद की गई। बरामदगी के बाद दोनों को गिरफ्तार कर लिया गया। गिरफ्तार आरोपितों की पहचान धनबाद जिले के बरोरा थाना क्षेत्र निवासी सूरज कुम्हार (24), और सागर कुमार खानी (22) के रूप में हुई है। इस संबंध में नावाडीह थाना (कांड संख्या 47/2026) दर्ज करते हुए आर्म्स एक्ट की विभिन्न धाराओं के तहत मामला दर्ज किया गया है। पुलिस मामले की गहन जांच कर रही है तथा गिरफ्तार दोनों आरोपितों को न्यायिक हिरासत में भेज दिया गया है। पुलिस के अनुसार गिरफ्तार सूरज कुम्हार के विरुद्ध बरोरा थाना में पूर्व से आपराधिक मामला दर्ज है। वहीं सागर कुमार खानी के खिलाफ भी वर्ष 2023 में बरोरा थाना में मारपीट एवं अन्य धाराओं के तहत मामला दर्ज है।

## कोडरमा के सतगावां में तेज रफ्तार ट्रक का कहर विपरीत दिशा से आ रहे ट्रक ने मारी टक्कर

**कोडरमा, एजेंसी।** कोडरमा जिले के सतगावां थाना क्षेत्र में भीषण सड़क हादसे में 30 वर्षीय युवक की मौत हो गई। यह दुर्घटना घोड़सीमर मोड़ के पास हुई, जहां एक अनियंत्रित ट्रक ने मोटरसाइकिल सवार को जोरदार टक्कर मार दी। मृतक की पहचान गाजेडीह निवासी दीपक कुमार के रूप में की गई है। हादसा इतना भयावह था कि टक्कर के बाद बाइक पूरी तरह क्षतिग्रस्त हो गई और दीपक कुमार ने घटनास्थल पर ही दम तोड़ दिया। इस घटना के बाद इलाके में शोक और आक्रोश का माहौल है।



**विपरीत दिशा से आ रहे ट्रक ने मारी टक्कर:** प्राप्त जानकारी के अनुसार, दीपक कुमार गोविंदपुर की ओर से अपनी मोटरसाइकिल पर सवार

बुरा हाल घटना की सूचना मिलते ही सतगावां थाना प्रभारी बबलू कुमार सिंह पुलिस टीम के साथ मौके पर पहुंचे और स्थिति का जायजा लिया। पुलिस ने शव को कब्जे में लेकर आवश्यक कागजी कार्रवाई पूरी की और पोस्टमार्टम के लिए सदर अस्पताल कोडरमा भेज दिया। इस घटना से मृतक के परिजनों का रो-रोकर बुरा हाल है। स्थानीय लोगों का कहना है कि खेतों में तेज रफ्तार और लापरवाह ड्राइविंग के कारण लगातार हादसे हो रहे हैं, लेकिन इस पर प्रभावी नियंत्रण नहीं हो पा रहा है। लोगों ने प्रशासन से सख्त कार्रवाई और सड़क सुरक्षा के ठोस उपाय लागू करने की मांग की है, ताकि भविष्य में इस तरह की घटनाओं को रोका जा सके।

## जंगली हाथियों के हमले से रेलवे लाइनमैन गंभीर रूप से घायल

**पूर्वी सिंहभूम, एजेंसी।** चाकुलिया वन क्षेत्र में सोमवार सुबह जंगली हाथियों के झुंड ने रेलवे ट्रैक पर कार्य कर रहे एक रेलकर्मियों पर हमला कर दिया। इस घटना में रेलवे लाइनमैन गंभीर रूप से घायल हो गए। जानकारी के अनुसार, पश्चिम बंगाल निवासी 53 वर्षीय संजीव सिन्हा भारतीय रेलवे में लाइनमैन के पद पर कार्यरत हैं। सोमवार सुबह वे चाकुलिया और कोकपाड़ा रेलवे स्टेशन के बीच सुनसुनिया रेलवे फाटक के पास रेलवे ट्रैक के निरीक्षण और मरम्मत कार्य में लगे हुए थे। इसी दौरान जंगल की ओर से करीब 13 जंगली हाथियों का झुंड रेलवे ट्रैक पार करते हुए वहां पहुंच गया। प्रत्यक्षदर्शियों के मुताबिक, हाथियों को अचानक अपने सामने देखकर संजीव सिन्हा संभल नहीं सके। इसी बीच झुंड के एक हाथी ने उन पर हमला कर दिया। बताया जाता है कि हाथी ने उन्हें सूंड से उठाकर जमीन पर पटक दिया, जिससे उनमें दोनों पैरों समेत शरीर के कई हिस्सों में गंभीर



चोटें आईं। घटना के बाद वहां मौजूद अन्य रेलकर्मियों में अफरा-तफरी मच गई और सभी सुरक्षित स्थानों की ओर भाग गए। घटना की सूचना मिलते ही वन विभाग और स्थानीय प्रशासन की टीम मौके पर पहुंची। घायल रेलकर्मियों को तत्काल उपचार के लिए अस्पताल पहुंचाया गया। चिकित्सकों के अनुसार उनकी हालत गंभीर बनी हुई है और उनका इलाज जारी है। हमले के बाद हाथियों का झुंड पुनः जंगल की ओर लौट गया। वन विभाग ने रेलवे कर्मचारियों और स्थानीय लोगों से हाथियों की गतिविधियों वाले क्षेत्रों में अतिरिक्त सावधानी बरतने की अपील की है।

## टेंपो-बाइक की टक्कर, युवक गंभीर रूप से घायल

**जामताड़ा, एजेंसी।** जामताड़ा जिले के नारायणपुर थाना क्षेत्र में सोमवार सुबह एक सड़क हादसे में 25 वर्षीय युवक मौसम शेख गंभीर रूप से घायल हो गया। लोहारगी पेद्रोल पंप के पास सुबह करीब 9 बजे टेंपो और बाइक की आमने-सामने की टक्कर हुई। घायल मौसम शेख नारायणपुर निवासी डेब्राल शेख का पुत्र है। प्रत्यक्षदर्शियों के मुताबिक, टक्कर इतनी भीषण थी कि युवक सड़क पर गिर गया और गंभीर चोटें आईं। घटना के बाद मौके पर अफरातफरी मच गई और बड़ी संख्या में ग्रामीण जमा हो गए। स्थानीय लोगों की मदद से घायल को तुरंत नारायणपुर सामुदायिक स्वास्थ्य केंद्र ले जाया गया। प्राथमिक उपचार के बाद, उसकी गंभीर हालत को देखते हुए उसे बेहतर इलाज के लिए धनबाद रेफर कर दिया गया।



**आक्रोश फैल गया।** ग्रामीणों ने आरोप लगाया कि रेफर किए जाने के बावजूद काफी देर तक 108 एंबुलेंस सेवा नहीं मिल पाई। अस्पताल परिसर में डॉक्टरों को मौजूद न होने से भी परिजनों को काफी परेशानी हुई। स्थिति बिगड़ने पर लोगों ने अस्पताल परिसर में हंगामा भी किया। स्थानीय ग्रामीण संजय मंडल ने बताया कि इस सड़क पर अक्सर दुर्घटनाएं होती रहती हैं, लेकिन स्वास्थ्य सेवाओं में कोई सुधार नहीं हो रहा है।

**रियाज अंसारी ने आरोप**

की सूचना मिलने पर पुलिस मौके पर पहुंची और ग्रामीणों को समझाकर स्थिति को शांत कराया। नाइट ड्यूटी पर तैनात चिकित्सक विवेक कुमार मंडल द्वारा घायल का प्राथमिक उपचार किया गया था। स्थिति गंभीर होने के कारण उसे बेहतर इलाज के लिए रेफर किया गया। अस्पताल में मौजूद एंबुलेंस पहले से खराब है और 108 एंबुलेंस सेवा भी विलंब से पहुंचती है, जिसके कारण निजी वाहन से घायल को धनबाद भेजा गया। - डॉ. ए.के. सिंह, स्वास्थ्य केंद्र प्रभारी, नारायणपुर

**बेल वाली फसल मचान बनाकर लगाने की सलाह:** हालांकि उन्होंने कहा कि किसान खेतों में जल निकासी की व्यवस्था कर इससे निजात पा सकते हैं। आने वाले दिनों में होने वाली बारिश से पूर्व किसानों को सतर्क रहने की भी उन्होंने सलाह दी है। साथ ही उन्होंने बेल वाली फसल जैसे लौकी, खीरा इत्यादि को मंडप (मचान) बनाकर लगाने की सलाह दी है।

## भारतीय नाविकों की मौत पर खरगे ने सरकार से देश के सामने स्थिति स्पष्ट करने को कहा

**एजेंसी नई दिल्ली।** कांग्रेस अध्यक्ष मल्लिकार्जुन खरगे ने ओमान के निकट हुए हमले में तीन भारतीय नाविकों की मौत के मामले में कहा कि घटना के तीन दिन बाद भी प्रधानमंत्री की ओर से कोई सार्वजनिक बयान या शोक संदेश नहीं आया है। इसलिए देश स्पष्टता चाहता है। इस हमले में मारे गए नाविकों के परिवार न्याय के हकदार हैं। खरगे ने सोशल मीडिया प्लेटफॉर्म 'एक्स' पर कहा कि वह पूरे देश के साथ मिलकर जान गंवाने वाले भारतीय नाविकों के प्रति शोक व्यक्त करते हैं। नाविकों के पार्थिव शरीर भारत पहुंच चुके हैं, लेकिन अब तक प्रधानमंत्री की ओर से कोई सार्वजनिक प्रतिक्रिया नहीं आई। कांग्रेस अध्यक्ष ने आरोप लगाया कि केंद्र सरकार की विदेश नीति के कारण भारत की वैश्विक प्रतिष्ठा और संप्रभुता को नुकसान पहुंचा है। राष्ट्रीय हितों से समझौता किया जा रहा है। पहले पूर्ववर्ती सरकारों की स्वतंत्र विदेश नीति के कारण विश्व भारत की बात गंभीरता से सुनाता था। उन्होंने कहा कि विदेश नीति के मामलों में भारतीय नागरिकों के जीवन को बाद में सोचने का विषय नहीं बनाया जा सकता। कांग्रेस अध्यक्ष ने मांग की कि सरकार इस पूरे घटनाक्रम पर देश के सामने स्पष्ट स्थिति रखे और प्रभावित परिवारों को न्याय दिलाने के लिए आवश्यक कदम उठाए।

## कपड़ों के शोरूम में लगी आग

**नई दिल्ली।** राजधानी में लगातार आग लगने का सिलसिला जारी है। दोपहर पश्चिमी जिला के राजीरी गार्डन मेन मार्केट स्थित एक दो मंजिला इमारत में चल रहे कपड़ों के शोरूम में अचानक आग लग गई। आग लगते ही वहां अफरा-तफरी मच गई। कपड़ों का शोरूम होने की वजह से आग तेजी से फैली और शोरूम का बड़े हिस्से को अपनी चपेट में ले लिया। सूचना मिलते ही दमकल विभाग की 9 गाड़ियां मौके पर पहुंचीं। दमकलकर्मियों ने राहत बचाव का काम शुरू किया और करीब 40 मिनट की मशक्कत के बाद आग पर काबू पा लिया। राहत की बात यह रही कि हादसे में कोई हताहत नहीं हुआ है। दमकल विभाग के अनुसार, दोपहर करीब 3:55 बजे राजीरी गार्डन मेन मार्केट स्थित थे-108 शोरूम में आग लगने की सूचना मिली। सूचना मिलते ही आग पास के फायर स्टेशन से सात गाड़ियों को मौके पर भेजा गया। लेकिन आग की भयानकता को देखते हुए दो अतिरिक्त गाड़ियों को मौके पर बुलाया गया। दमकल के अनुसार, करीब 300 वर्ग मीटर क्षेत्र में फैली इस दो मंजिला इमारत की पहली मंजिल पर आग लगी थी, जहां लहंगा-चोली का शोरूम था। आग लगने के समय शोरूम में कई कर्मचारी मौजूद थे, लेकिन समय रहते सभी सुरक्षित बाहर निकल गए। आग लगने के बाद पूरे बाजार क्षेत्र में हड़कंप मच गया। धुएं के घने गुब्बार और उठती लपटों को देखकर आसपास के दुकानदारों में दहशत फैल गई। दमकलकर्मियों ने तुरंत कार्रवाई करते हुए आग को अन्य दुकानों तक फैलने से रोक लिया।

## स्पा की आड़ में जिस्मफरोशी: ग्राहक बन पहुंची 'खाकी', ऐसी सर्विस हुई ऑफर; पांच महिला पकड़ी गईं, ये सामान बरामद

**दिल्ली।** मध्य दिल्ली के पहाड़गंज थाना क्षेत्र स्थित देशबंधु गुप्ता रोड एरिया में स्पा की आड़ में जिस्मफरोशी का रैकेट चलाया जा रहा था। पुलिस को इसकी भनक लगी तो फौरन एक टीम का गठन कर नकली ग्राहक भेजा गया। बाद में नकली ग्राहक बनकर अंदर गए सिपाही ने टीम को इशारा किया तो वहां छापेमारी की गई। पुलिस ने मौके से स्पा के मैनेजर-ऑपरिटर को गिरफ्तार किया। इसकी पहचान सावेद अली उर्फ शाबिर (29) के रूप में हुई है। पुलिस ने स्पा सेंटर से करीब 4200 रुपये और अन्य आपत्तिजनक सामान बरामद किया है। स्पा सेंटर से पांच महिलाओं को नैतिक कार्य करने के आरोप में पकड़ा गया है। पुलिस मामले की जांच कर रही है। मध्य जिला के पुलिस उपयुक्त रोहित राजबीर सिंह ने बताया कि उनकी टीम को 13 जून को खबर मिली कि डीबीजी रोड स्थित एक स्पा सेंटर में जिस्मफरोशी का रैकेट चलाया जा रहा है। खबर मिलने के बाद तुरंत एक टीम का गठन किया गया। सिपाही ललित को सादे कपड़ों में नकली ग्राहक बनाकर स्पा सेंटर में भेजा गया। इस बीच बातचीत के दौरान स्पा सेंटर के लोगों ने ललित से शारीरिक संबंध बनाने की बात की। बातचीत के बाद साढ़े 1800 रुपये में तय हो गया। ललित ने आरोपियों को रुपये सौंप दिए। इसके बाद उसने बाहर इंतजार कर रही अपनी टीम को इशारा कर दिया। टीम ने अचानक वहां पर छापेमारी की।

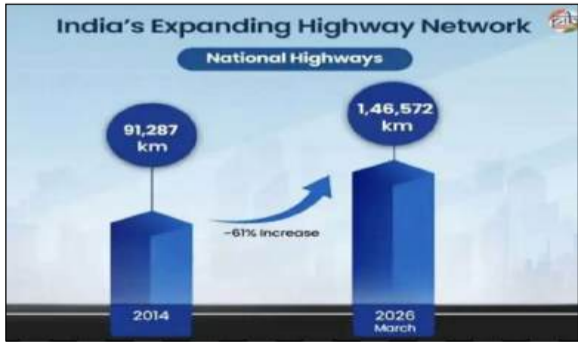
## एक झटके में बुझ गए दो घरों के चिराग: दिल्ली-अलवर रोड पर दर्दनाक हादसा, कार ने ऑटो को मारी जोरदार टक्कर

**नई दिल्ली।** दिल्ली-अलवर रोड पर आकेड़ा थाना क्षेत्र में सुबह एक दर्दनाक सड़क हादसे ने दो परिवारों की खुशियां छीन लीं। तेज रफ्तार स्विफ्ट कार और ऑटो के बीच हुई भीषण टक्कर में दो लोगों की मौत हो गई, जबकि पांच अन्य गंभीर रूप से घायल हो गए। हादसे के बाद घटनास्थल पर चीख-पुकार और अफरा-तफरी का माहौल बन गया। जानकारी के अनुसार एक ऑटो नहूँ से सवारियों को लेकर बड़कली की ओर जा रहा था। इसी दौरान सामने से तेज गति में आ रही एक स्विफ्ट कार ने ऑटो को जोरदार टक्कर मार दी। टक्कर इतनी भयंकर थी कि ऑटो पूरी तरह क्षतिग्रस्त हो गया और उसमें सवार लोग सड़क पर दूर-दूर जा गिरे। हादसे में शाहपुर घागस निवासी दिलशाद पुत्र जुबेर की मौत हो ही मौत हो गई।

## 12 वर्षों में 61 प्रतिशत बढ़ा राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग नेटवर्क : केंद्र

**एजेंसी नई दिल्ली।** देश में पिछले 12 वर्षों में अवसंरचना विकास और राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग नेटवर्क के विस्तार में अभूतपूर्व बदलाव दर्ज किया गया है। साल 2014 में सड़क नेटवर्क लगभग 91,287 किलोमीटर था, जो वित्त वर्ष 2025-26 में 61 प्रतिशत बढ़कर 1,46,572 किलोमीटर से अधिक हो गया है। राष्ट्रीय राजमार्गों के इस तीव्र विस्तार और वैश्विक स्तर की अवसंरचना ने देश की आर्थिक प्रगति को गति दी है और माल बुलाई लागत को कम किया है। केंद्रीय सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्रालय ने बताया कि साल 2013-14 में सड़क निर्माण की औसत गति 11.6 किलोमीटर प्रति दिन थी, जो साल 2025 में बढ़कर करीब 34 किलोमीटर प्रति दिन पहुंच चुकी है।

लक्ष्य है, जिसमें से मार्च 2026 तक 22,590 किलोमीटर सड़कों का निर्माण पूरा किया जा चुका है। मंत्रालय के अनुसार, करीब 1,386 किलोमीटर लंबा दिल्ली-मुंबई



एक्सप्रेस-वे पूरा होने पर देश का सबसे लंबा नियंत्रित प्रवेश एक्सप्रेस-वे बन जाएगा। प्रधानमंत्री मोदी ने हाल ही में 5 जून को इसके दिल्ली-देहरादून आर्थिक गलियारे का उद्घाटन 14 अप्रैल 2026 को हुआ था। इसमें राजाजी राष्ट्रीय उद्यान के पर्यावरण संवेदनशील क्षेत्र को सुरक्षित रखने के लिए 12 किलोमीटर लंबा एरिया का सबसे लंबा एलिक्ट्रिक वन्यजीव गलियारा बनाया गया है।

दिल्ली को द्वापिका एक्सप्रेस-वे के दिल्ली खंड का उद्घाटन अगस्त

# विश्व हिन्दू परिषद मनाएगा अशोक सिंहल की जन्म शताब्दी

**एजेंसी लखनऊ।** विश्व हिन्दू परिषद इस वर्ष सितंबर माह से वर्षभर देशभर में अशोक सिंहल की जन्म शताब्दी मनाएगी। जन्म शताब्दी समारोह के तहत देशभर में विभिन्न कार्यक्रमों का आयोजन किया जाएगा। इसके लिए एक केंद्रीय स्तर पर और एक प्रांत पर समिति बनेगी। इसी समिति के तहत सारे कार्यक्रम संपन्न होंगे। विश्व हिन्दू परिषद के प्रवक्ता अम्बरीष ने हिन्दुस्थान समाचार को बताया कि शताब्दी समारोह समिति के तहत होने वाले विभिन्न कार्यक्रमों की रूपरेखा अयोध्या में 27 व 28 जून को होने वाली केंद्रीय प्रबन्ध समिति की बैठक में बनेगी। यह बैठक

श्रीराम सेवक पुरम स्थित तीर्थ यात्री निवास में होगी। इस बैठक में विधिप के केंद्रीय महामंत्री संगठन मिलिंद पराडे,



केंद्रीय सह संगठन मंत्री विनायक राव देशगुण्डे, विधिप के अध्यक्ष अलाक कुमार एडवोकेट, केंद्रीय महामंत्री बजरंग

लाल बांगड़ा सहित परिषद के सभी केंद्रीय पदाधिकारी उपस्थित रहेंगे। इसके अलावा विश्व हिन्दू परिषद के क्षेत्र के पदाधिकारी तथा देशभर के सभी प्रांतों के प्रतिनिधि शामिल होंगे। प्रवक्ता अम्बरीष ने बताया कि केंद्रीय प्रबन्ध समिति की बैठक में अशोक सिंहल की जन्म शताब्दी मनावने की कार्ययोजना पर अंतिम मुहर लगेगी। अम्बरीष ने बताया कि हिन्दुओं के शौर्य को जाग्रत करने वाले सामाजिक समरसता के अग्रदूत, हिन्दुत्व के पुरोधा, विश्व के सबसे बड़े जनादोलन श्रीराम जन्मभूमि आन्दोलन के सर्वोच्च सेनापति पूज्य अशोक सिंहल के योगदान के बारे में जन्म शताब्दी वर्ष के दौरान समाज को बताया जाएगा। अशोक

## योग को जन-जन तक पहुंचाने की पहल, आयुष मंत्रालय ने ऑनलाइन सेशन में बनाया रिकॉर्ड का लक्ष्य

**एजेंसी नई दिल्ली।** अंतरराष्ट्रीय योग दिवस 2026 से पहले आयुष मंत्रालय के अधिकारियों और कर्मचारियों की ओर से देशव्यापी गिनीज वर्ल्ड रिकॉर्ड बनाने की कोशिश के तहत ऑनलाइन योग सेशन में हिस्सा लिया गया। इस पहल में केंद्रीय राज्य मंत्री प्रतापराव जाधव भी शामिल हुए। इस दौरान आयुष मंत्रालय के सचिव राजेश कोटेचा ने कहा कि इस साल के अंतरराष्ट्रीय योग दिवस की थीम 'स्वस्थ उम्र बढ़ने के लिए योग है। इसी के अनुसार हम योग दिवस के कार्यक्रम आयोजित कर रहे हैं। मंत्री प्रताप जाधव के नेतृत्व में इस दिशा में कई कदम उठाए गए हैं। उन्होंने कहा कि योग को लेकर कई कार्यक्रम आयोजित किए जाएंगे, जिनमें से एक है योग 365। इसका मतलब साल के 365 दिन योग करना है। इसके तहत गिनीज वर्ल्ड रिकॉर्ड बनाने की कोशिश की जा रही है। उन्होंने कहा कि आयुष मंत्रालय के यूट्यूब चैनल पर मुफ्त योग प्रशिक्षण का आयोजन किया गया।

इसमें लाखों लोग इस कार्यक्रम से जुड़े। हमारी कोशिश गिनीज वर्ल्ड रिकॉर्ड बनाने की ही नहीं, बल्कि स्वस्थ जीवन और स्वस्थ विश्व पर हम सब का ध्यान है। इसके लिए हम लोग एकजिंत हुए हैं। आज के कार्यक्रम में आए सभी लोगों का धन्यवाद करता



हूं। इन लोगों ने बहुत बड़े संकल्प के प्रति अपनी प्रतिबद्धता जताई है। सचिव राजेश कोटेचा ने आगे कहा कि इस कार्यक्रम के लिए इंस्ट्रुमेंटल टीम का विशेष धन्यवाद करता हूं। उन्होंने कहा कि इसमें संख्या का ही महत्व नहीं है; हमारी

ओर से विश्व भर में संदेश भेजने की कोशिश की जा रही है कि योग हमारे जीवन में कितना उपयोगी है और हम लोगों को 365 दिन योग करना चाहिए। उन्होंने आगे कहा कि 21 जून को प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी की ओर से कोलकाता में प्रमुख योग कार्यक्रम को

लीड किया जाएगा। उन्होंने कहा कि अगर आप प्रत्यक्ष रूप से कार्यक्रम में शामिल नहीं हो पाते हैं तो वचुंअली रूप से जुड़ें और प्रधानमंत्री के साथ योग करें। उनके साथ योग की तस्वीर लेकर सोशल मीडिया पर पोस्ट करें।

## वेल्स डॉक बाजार के लिए 12 डॉक्यूमेंट्री परियोजनाओं का चयन, तीन को मिलेगा 3 लाख का अनुदान

**एजेंसी नई दिल्ली।** राष्ट्रीय फिल्म विकास निगम (एनएफडीसी) ने 19वें मुंबई अंतरराष्ट्रीय फिल्म महोत्सव के दौरान आयोजित होने वाले वेल्स डॉक बाजार के दूसरे संस्करण के लिए 12 चयनित डॉक्यूमेंट्री परियोजनाओं की घोषणा की है। यह आयोजन 16 से 18 जून तक मुंबई में होगा, जिसमें डॉक्यूमेंट्री, लघु फिल्म और एनिमेशन क्षेत्र से जुड़े फिल्मकार, निर्माता, वितरक, प्रसारक और उद्योग विशेषज्ञ भाग लेंगे। इस नई पहल के तहत वेल्स डॉक बाजार 2026 में शामिल तीन सर्वश्रेष्ठ परियोजनाओं को 3 लाख रुपए की नकद अनुदान राशि देने की घोषणा की है। यह अनुदान उन परियोजनाओं को दिया जाएगा जो अपनी रचनात्मकता, प्रभावशाली कहानी, कलात्मक गुणवत्ता और

वैश्विक दर्शकों तक पहुंचने की क्षमता का प्रदर्शन करेंगी। सूचना एवं प्रसारण मंत्रालय ने

155 प्रविष्टियां प्राप्त हुईं, जिनमें से 12 परियोजनाओं का चयन किया गया है। इनमें चार परियोजनाओं को



जारी जानकारी में बताया वेल्स डॉक बाजार रिकमेंड कार्यक्रम के लिए इस बार 19 देशों और 35 भाषाओं से

वर्क-इन-प्रोग्रेस लैब के लिए चुना गया है, जहां फिल्मकार अपनी फिल्मों के रफ कट अंतरराष्ट्रीय विशेषज्ञों के समक्ष प्रस्तुत कर मार्गदर्शन प्राप्त करेंगे। वहीं, आठ परियोजनाओं को वेल्स डॉक बाजार के लाइव-अप में शामिल किया गया है। ये फिल्में पूर्ण हो चुकी हैं या पोस्ट-प्रोडक्शन के अंतिम चरण में हैं और इनके लिए बिक्री, वितरण तथा प्रदर्शन के अवसर तलाशे जाएंगे। सभी चयनित 12 परियोजनाएं 16 जून को आयोजित ओपन पिच सत्र में खरीदारों, वितरकों, प्रसारकों, स्ट्रीमिंग प्लेटफॉर्मों और फिल्म महोत्सव प्रतिनिधियों के सामने अपनी परियोजनाओं का प्रस्तुतीकरण करेंगी। आयोजन का एक प्रमुख अंक 'व्यूडिंग रूम' भी होगा, जहां सभी 155 परियोजनाओं को डिजिटल लाइब्रेरी के रूप में प्रदर्शित किया जाएगा।

## टीएमसी में विभाजन रोकने को ओम बिरला से मिले सागरिका घोष और कीर्ति आजाद

**एजेंसी नई दिल्ली।** तृणमूल कांग्रेस में विभाजन को लेकर बागी सांसदों की बैठक के बीच सांसद कीर्ति आजाद और सागरिका घोष ने लोकसभा अध्यक्ष ओम बिरला से मुलाकात की है। दोनों सांसदों ने उन्हें जापन सौंपा और अपनी बात रखी। मुलाकात के बाद सांसद कीर्ति आजाद ने पत्रकारों को बताया कि सुप्रीम कोर्ट की सविधान पीठ ने कहा है कि दसवीं अनुसूची के अनुच्छेद 4 में स्पष्ट उल्लेख है कि किसी भी दल में विभाजन (स्प्लिट) मान्य नहीं हो सकता। महाराष्ट्र में जो हुआ, वह गलत था। इसी मुद्दे को लेकर हमने अपना आवेदन विधानसभा अध्यक्ष को सौंप दिया है। उन्होंने विश्वास जताया कि अध्यक्ष अब तक की तरह निर्णयों और कार्रवाइयों के अनुसार कार्यवाही करेंगे। उधर, दिन भर

तृणमूल कांग्रेस के बागी सांसदों की भारतीय जनता पार्टी के नेता और केंद्रीय मंत्री भूपेंद्र यादव के आवास पर बैठक हुई है। तृणमूल कांग्रेस के बागी सांसद आज ही लोकसभा अध्यक्ष ओम बिरला से मुलाकात कर



सकते हैं। इस बैठक में भाजपा सांसद निशिकांत दुबे भी मौजूद रहे। बागी सांसद अरूप चक्रवर्ती ने 22 सांसदों के होने का दावा किया है। इस बैठक में टीएमसी के शताब्दी, माला रॉय, प्रसून बनर्जी और सायनी घोष भी शामिल हुए।

## ग्रेट इंडियन बस्टर्ड संरक्षण परियोजना को बड़ी सफलता, 3 नए चूजों का जन्म

का उद्देश्य ग्रेट इंडियन बस्टर्ड की आनुवंशिक विविधता बढ़ाना और शिकारियों से होने वाले खतरों को कम करना है। इस उपलब्धि के साथ संरक्षण केंद्र में ग्रेट इंडियन बस्टर्ड

लुप्तप्राय राज्य पक्षी (गोडवण) को विलुप्त होने से बचाना है। इस परियोजना के तहत संरक्षण प्रजनन केंद्र राजस्थान के जैसलमेर में डेज़र्ट नेशनल पार्क के पास 'सैम' और



की कुल संख्या बढ़कर 94 हो गई है। उल्लेखनीय है कि ग्रेट इंडियन बस्टर्ड संरक्षण परियोजना राजस्थान सरकार द्वारा 5 जून 2013 को शुरू किया गया था जिसका उद्देश्य इस अत्यंत

'रामदेवा' में स्थापित किए गए हैं। यहाँ कृत्रिम गर्भाधान जैसी तकनीकों और वैज्ञानिक तरीकों से अंडों को सेकर चूजों को सफलतापूर्वक पाला जा रहा है।

## राहुल गांधी के जन्मदिन पर दिल्ली में युवा कांग्रेस का 'मेगा जॉब फेयर'

**एजेंसी नई दिल्ली।** भारतीय युवा कांग्रेस ने नेता प्रतिपक्ष राहुल गांधी के जन्मदिन पर 19 जून को दिल्ली के तालकटोरा स्टेडियम में 'मेगा जॉब फेयर 2026' आयोजित करने की घोषणा की है। कांग्रेस ने केंद्र सरकार पर बेरोजगारी और पेपर लीक की घटनाओं को रोकने में विफल रहने का आरोप लगाया। कांग्रेस मुख्यालय में आयोजित पत्रकार वार्ता में युवा कांग्रेस अध्यक्ष उदय भानु चिब और दिल्ली कांग्रेस संगठन प्रभारी अनिल भारद्वाज ने मेगा जॉब फेयर का पोस्टर जारी किया। इस मौके पर उदय भानु चिब ने कहा कि 19 जून को आयोजित होने वाले जॉब फेयर में करीब 150 कंपनियों भाग लेंगी। युवाओं का उनकी योग्यता के आधार पर साक्षात्कार होगा और चयनित अभ्यर्थियों को मौके पर ही ऑफर लेटर दिए जाएंगे। रोजगार मेले से संबंधित समस्याओं के समाधान के लिए हेल्पलाइन नंबर भी जारी किया जाएगा। चिब ने कहा कि पिछले वर्ष भी तालकटोरा स्टेडियम में आयोजित मेगा जॉब फेयर में 18 हजार युवाओं ने पंजीकरण कराया था, जिनमें से लगभग सात हजार युवाओं को ऑफर लेटर दिए गए थे। इससे पहले जयपुर और कटन में भी ऐसे रोजगार मेले का आयोजन किया गया था। दिल्ली कांग्रेस संगठन प्रभारी अनिल भारद्वाज ने दावा किया कि पिछले वर्ष आयोजित रोजगार मेले के पहले ही दिन 3,500 युवाओं को रोजगार मिला था और इस बार यह संख्या और बढ़ने की उम्मीद है।



## दिल्ली की मुख्यमंत्री रेखा गुप्ता ने यमुना किनारे सफाई अभियान का किया नेतृत्व, कई भाजपा नेता भी हुए शामिल

**एजेंसी नई दिल्ली।** दिल्ली की मुख्यमंत्री रेखा गुप्ता ने यमुना घाट पर 'यां यमुना नदी तट सफाई अभियान' का नेतृत्व किया। इस दौरान दिल्ली सरकार के मंत्रियों, विधायकों और भाजपा कार्यकर्ताओं ने यमुना नदी के किनारे स्थित कई घाटों पर बड़े पैमाने पर सफाई अभियान चलाया। इस अभियान में अलग-अलग संगठनों के हजारों वॉलंटियर्स और पार्टी नेताओं ने भी हिस्सा लिया। इस मौके पर दिल्ली की मुख्यमंत्री रेखा गुप्ता ने कहा, 'आज यहाँ अलग-अलग संगठनों के हजारों वॉलंटियर्स ने 'श्रमदान' में हिस्सा लिया। हमारी भारतीय जनता पार्टी के सभी कार्यकर्ताओं ने भी सफाई अभियान में भाग लिया और 'श्रमदान' के जरिए योगदान दिया। रविवार सुबह 6 बजे से ही यमुना की सफाई का अभियान लगातार चला रहा है। सैकड़ों टुक कूड़ा यहाँ से निकला है। यमुना में लोगों ने पूजन सामग्रियों, भगवान के वस्त्र और मूर्तियाँ और टूटे पात्र फेंक देते हैं। ऐसे में हम घर

का पूजन सामग्री साफ करके किस भगवान को खुश कर रहे हैं। मां यमुना नदी गंदी तो कोई भी भगवान प्रसन्न नहीं होगा। यमुना सफाई जहाँ



सरकार का पूर्ण रूप से दायित्व है, वहीं नागरिकों को इसके प्रति अपनी जिम्मेदारी समझनी होगी। यहाँ रहने वाले सभी लोगों को यमुना में कूड़ा न फेंकने का संकल्प लेना होगा।' सीएम रेखा गुप्ता ने कहा, 'आज 22 किमी लंबाई वाले यमुना तट पर कई संस्थाओं के वॉलंटियर्स और भाजपा

कार्यकर्ताओं ने सफाई की। यह स्वच्छता अभियान लगातार जारी रहेगा। दिल्ली सरकार पूरी मुस्तेदी से काम करेगी और सभी लोगों को भी

दिल्ली में कई वॉलंटरी संगठन 28 अलग-अलग जगहों पर यमुना की सफाई में जुटे हुए हैं।' भाजपा विधायक उमंग बजाज ने कहा, 'आज पूरी दिल्ली में भाजपा कार्यकर्ता यमुना की सेवा में सफाई अभियान चला रहे हैं। जैसा कि आप जानते हैं, प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी की जनसेवा के 12 साल पूरे हुए हैं। इस मौके पर पार्टी कार्यकर्ता यमुना घाटों की सफाई कर रहे हैं।' भाजपा सांसद योगेंद्र चंदोलिया ने कहा, 'दिल्ली भाजपा अध्यक्ष हर्ष मल्होत्रा के नेतृत्व में मुख्यमंत्री रेखा गुप्ता, पूरी कैबिनेट, दिल्ली के सभी सातों सांसद, भाजपा विधायक, नगर पार्षद और हजारों पार्टी कार्यकर्ता यमुना सफाई अभियान के लिए एक साथ आए हैं।'

बड़े पैमाने पर चलाए गए अभियान में यमुना घाट, आईटीओ घाट और कार्लिनो कूज समेत कई जगहों पर सभी लोगों ने मिलकर सफाई की और नदी के किनारे की सफाई की मुहिम के तहत श्रमदान किया।

## मोदी-ट्रंप मुलाकात से पहले कांग्रेस ने अमेरिकी नीति और व्यापार समझौते पर जताई चिंता

**एजेंसी नई दिल्ली।** प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी और अमेरिकी राष्ट्रपति डोनाल्ड ट्रंप के बीच 17 जून को फ्रांस में प्रस्तावित मुलाकात से पहले कांग्रेस ने केंद्र सरकार से भारत के राष्ट्रीय हितों से जुड़े मुद्दों को

मजबूती से उठाने की मांग की है। पार्टी ने कहा है कि भारत को ओमान तट के निकट अमेरिकी करवाइव में तीन भारतीय नाविकों की मौत, भारत-अमेरिका व्यापार समझौते तथा अमेरिकी प्रशासन के हालिया रवैये जैसे विषयों पर अपनी

चिंताओं को स्पष्ट रूप से सामने रखना चाहिए। कांग्रेस महासचिव (संचार) जयराम रमेश ने सोशल मीडिया मंच एक्स पर जारी बयान में कहा कि प्रधानमंत्री मोदी शीघ्र ही अमेरिकी राष्ट्रपति डोनाल्ड ट्रंप से मुलाकात करने

वाले हैं। ऐसे में देश के नागरिक यह जानना चाहते हैं कि क्या प्रधानमंत्री अमेरिकी करवाइव में तीन भारतीय नाविकों की मौत के मुद्दे पर भारत की कड़ी आपत्ति दर्ज करेंगे और क्या वे अमेरिकी विदेश मंत्री मार्को रूबियो द्वारा

विदेश मंत्री एस. जयशंकर के साथ हुई बातचीत में प्रयुक्त भाषा का विषय भी उठाएंगे। जयराम रमेश ने भारत-अमेरिका व्यापार संबंधों को लेकर भी चिंता व्यक्त की है, जिसने भारतीय किसानों और शरूत उद्योगों के हित प्रभावित कर सकते हैं। उन्होंने कहा कि अमेरिकी उच्चतम

दौरे पर आने वाले हैं। कांग्रेस का आरोप है कि प्रस्तावित अंतरिम व्यापार समझौते के तहत केंद्र सरकार ने ऐसे कदम उठाए हैं, जिसने भारतीय किसानों और शरूत उद्योगों के हित प्रभावित कर सकते हैं। उन्होंने कहा कि अमेरिकी उच्चतम

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उल्लेख किया, जिसमें भारत द्वारा अगले पांच वर्षों में 500 अरब डॉलर के अमेरिकी सामान खरीदने की संभावित प्रतिबद्धता की बात कही गई थी। उन्होंने कहा कि इस प्रकार के बयान कई गंभीर सवाल खड़े करते हैं।

# Avoid deploying Indian seafarers in conflict zones: Govt

**New Delhi, Agency:** The Directorate General of Shipping (DGS) has advised maritime recruitment and placement agencies to restrict deployment of Indian seafarers to conflict areas until further orders, days after three Indian seafarers onboard MT Settebello were killed after the US military strike on the commercial vessel off the Oman coast.

The DG Shipping in a circular said masters of vessels operating in or transiting through the Gulf region, including the Strait of Hormuz and adjoining waters, are advised to maintain heightened security awareness, closely



monitor navigational warnings received and advisories issued from security agencies, and implement all applicable ship security measures and Company Security Procedures.

"This directorate further reiterates that all RPSL companies and shipping companies (maritime

recruitment and placement agencies) are advised to restrict deployment or send Indian seafarers to conflict areas until further orders. However, companies may carry out crew change in emergency situations with the consent of crew members," it said.

The circular noted that recent developments in the Gulf region, particularly in and around the Strait of Hormuz and the Gulf of Oman, have resulted in multiple security incidents involving merchant vessels carrying Indian seafarers.

Incidents involving MT Marivex, MT Settebello and MV Jalveer during past few days have highlighted the

increasing risks faced by commercial ships operating in the region.

It added that the Directorate General of Shipping is closely monitoring the evolving situation in coordination with the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Ministry of External Affairs, Indian Navy, Indian Missions abroad and other stakeholders concerned to ensure the safety and welfare of Indian seafarers.

The circular said asked maritime companies and stakeholders to exercise the highest degree of vigilance and caution while operating in the conflict zone.

## Kapil Sibal demands disqualification of TMC rebel MPs, says 'merger' move not possible

**New Delhi, Agency:** Senior Supreme Court lawyer and Rajya Sabha MP Kapil Sibal has slammed the rebel Trinamool Congress (TMC) MPs who announced their merger with the Nationalist Citizens Party (NCP), saying they "cannot merge with a political party" and that such a move is possible only if the TMC itself decides to do so.

Describing the development as "a joke", Sibal said in a post on X that "Indian Democracy has become the 'theatre of the absurd'."

He asserted that the rebel MPs cannot merge with another political party and called for their disqualification.

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"The rebels of the TMC legislative party cannot merge with a political party; that can hap-



pen only if the TMC wished to do so! Disqualify them!" Sibal said.

Notably, 20 rebel TMC MPs met Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla on Sunday, seeking recognition as a separate bloc and announcing their merger with the Bengal-based Nationalist Citizens Party. The group also said it would support Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led NDA in the House.

## FSSAI targets 'healthy', 'organic' and 'zero maida' claims on food labels

**New Delhi, Agency:** As health-conscious consumers increasingly look for products marketed as "healthy", "organic" and "zero maida", Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has turned the spotlight on food branding, issuing notices to several food business operators over claims and trade names that it says could mislead consumers. The notices - covering more than a dozen products and trade names - it said were issued for "violating of provisions of Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006, regarding misleading brand names, trade names, and product claims". The regulator has directed food business operators to strictly comply with labelling and display regulations aimed at preventing consumer deception. The action reflects growing regulatory scrutiny of health, nutrition and ingredient-based marketing claims.

As per a list shared on X by FSSAI, among the products flagged were The Health Factory's "Zero Maida" Whole Wheat Bread and "Zero Maida" Pizza Base. FSSAI said the trade names and associated claims were likely to mislead consumers and appeared to be in contravention of applicable regulations.



## IGNOU PhD admissions 2026 begin

candidates can apply for 36 courses till July 1

**New Delhi, Agency:** The Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) has started the online admission process for 36 PhD programmes for the July 2026 session, Regional Director of IGNOU Regional Centre Karnal, Dr Dharampal, said on Sunday.

Interested candidates can submit their applications online till July 1 through IGNOU's official website and the university's PhD admission portal.

"The university is offering PhD programmes in Psychology, Anthropology, Political Science, Public Administration, Biochemistry, Chemistry, Geography, Geology, Life



Sciences, Mathematics, Sanskrit, Hindi, English, Computer Science, Education, Distance Education, Environmental Science, Fine Arts, Theatre Arts, Music, Dance, Social Work, Management, Commerce, Nutrition Science, Child Development, Home

Science, Vocational Education, Development Studies, Gender and Development Studies, Translation Studies, French, Arabic, and Journalism and Mass Communication," Dharam Pal said.

He said that admissions will be conducted as per the University Grants Commission (UGC) Regulations, 2022, regarding the minimum standards and procedures for the award of PhD degrees.

Candidates may apply under four categories - UGC-NET JRF, UGC-NET (eligible for Assistant Professor and PhD), UGC-NET (eligible for PhD only), and the university-

level entrance examination. An interview/viva-voce will be mandatory for applicants in all categories.

Dharampal said that IGNOU offers both full-time and part-time PhD programmes. Selected scholars will be required to complete their coursework at the university headquarters in New Delhi, with a minimum attendance requirement of 80 per cent.

The application fee has been fixed at Rs 2,000. Detailed information regarding eligibility, subject-wise seats, reservation policy, admission procedure and entrance examination syllabus is available on the university website, he added.

## Uddhav Thackeray meets party MPs amid defection rumours; 8 killed as pick-up vehicle falls into well in Maharashtra

**New Delhi, Agency:** Amid speculation that some Shiv Sena (UBT) MPs may defect, party chief and former Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray on Sunday held a meeting with party MPs at Matoshree in Mumbai.

Dismissing rumours of an internal rift, party leader and Rajya Sabha member Sanjay Raut said that apart from him, three other MPs attended the meeting in person, while five joined virtually, including one over phone.

The development comes amid speculation over what is being referred to in political circles as 'Operation Tiger' --



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**New Delhi, Agency:**

Eight people, including four women and four children, were killed while seven others were injured on Sunday when a pick-up vehicle carrying them plunged into a roadside well in Malshiras tehsil in Solapur district, police said.

Police said 15 people, hailing from Pandharpur and mostly relatives and neighbours, were returning from Mhaswad after visiting a temple when the incident occurred near Tandulwadi village.

"As per the preliminary information, the pick-up vehicle carrying 15 people suddenly veered off around 5 pm, entered a farm on the road-



side, and fell into a well. It appears that the driver lost control of the wheel. Eight people, including four women and four children, were killed while seven others sustained injuries," said Atul Kulkarni, Superintendent of Police, Solapur.

He said the vehicle is being

pulled out of the well, and the injured people were rushed to the hospital.

Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis has expressed grief over the loss of lives in the accident and announced a financial assistance of Rs 5 lakh to the next of kin of each deceased person.

## Mob disrupts railway traffic in Bihar amid exam rush

**New Delhi, Agency:** The police fired in the air, burst tear gas shells and took recourse to lathi-charge when a mob disrupted railway traffic on the outskirts of Patna, alleging a lack of trains to accommodate aspirants for a competitive exam, officials said on Sunday.

Six people have been arrested, and a search is on to track down others involved in the mayhem at Patliputra station, where security personnel and railway officials were also left injured in stone-pelting.

According to Amresh Kumar, the Inspector General in charge of the Railway Protection Force for East Central Zone, which covers a major part of Bihar, trouble erupted around midnight when "more than 200



young men, posing as students appearing for competitive exams" turned up at the Patliputra station.

Kumar said trains had been ferrying students to various parts of the state for the exams of the Excise Department scheduled on Sunday. "The troublemakers alleged that arrangements were inadequate and squatted on the tracks, demanding a special train that could help them reach their destination in time," he said.

The IG, who had reached the spot along with a contingent of RPF and GRP, said that the police informed the railway authorities about the sudden rush and, around 2 am a special train arrived.

However, those squatting on the tracks refused to budge, and when police personnel tried to disperse them, they indulged in stone throwing, he said.

"Normalcy was restored at the station, where tight security arrangements are in place, by 3 am. Though, as a last resort, we had to order lathi-charge and firing of tear gas shells," he added.

According to a statement issued by the office of SP, Railway, Patna, "Eight rounds were also fired in the air" to disperse the mob, and though an unspecified number of security personnel

and other officials were injured in the stone-pelting, no hurt to passengers or damage to railway property was reported.

The IG said, "It appears that many of the young men at the station were anti-social elements who actually wanted to foment trouble so that the exams would get cancelled. Their antics affected traffic at the station where two passenger and a goods train remained stranded for hours. Other trains which had to pass through Patliputra station were run on alternative routes till normalcy was restored." He also said RPF and GRP have got in touch with Patna Police, with whom CCTV footage of the station will be shared to identify those involved in vandalism.

## Kharge slams PM for 'silence' on Indian seafarers' deaths in Gulf

**New Delhi, Agency:** Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge on Sunday slammed Prime Minister Narendra Modi for maintaining "silence" over the killing of Indian seafarers in Oman in an American action, alleging that it had "belittled India's global standing and sovereignty".

In a post on X, Kharge also accused the Prime Minister of "surrendering" national interests and criticised the use of the "Vishwaguru" narrative to project India's global image.

"Even as the mortal remains of Indian seafarers killed in Oman by American action arrive in India, I join the nation in mourning the loss of the three Indian seafarers. Three days have passed since this tragic incident. Yet, there has been no public statement at all or even a condolence message from PM Narendra



Modi," said the Leader of the Opposition in the Rajya Sabha.

Targeting the Prime Minister, Kharge also referred to Modi's slogan "Desh nahi jhukne dunga", and alleged that India's global standing and sovereignty had been weakened. Our National interests are being surrendered on a daily basis; and you have the audacity to sugarcoat it with the "Vishwaguru" narrative," he alleged. Kharge said that India used to be a "Vishwaguru" when it maintained its strategic autonomy and followed the policy of 'Non-Alignment'.

# International Day of Family Remittances

## Honoring the Global Workforce That Supports Millions

Every year on June 16, the world marks the International Day of Family Remittances (IDFR), a global observance dedicated to recognizing the remarkable contributions of migrant workers who send money home to support their families and communities. Behind every remittance transaction is a story of sacrifice, determination, and hope. For millions of households worldwide, these funds are not merely financial transfers; they are a lifeline that sustains livelihoods, finances education, supports healthcare, and creates opportunities for a better future. Migration has long been a part of human history. People move across borders seeking employment, safety, education, and improved living conditions. Today, hundreds of millions of migrant workers live and work outside their countries of origin. While they contribute significantly to the economies of their host nations, they also maintain strong ties with their families back home. One of the most visible expressions of this connection is the money they regularly send to loved ones.

Remittances have become one of the most important sources of external financing for developing countries. In many nations, the total amount of remittances received

annually surpasses foreign aid and even foreign direct investment. This demonstrates the critical role migrant workers play in supporting economic growth and poverty reduction.

At the household level, remittances provide financial security. Families use these funds to purchase food, pay rent, cover utility bills, and meet daily expenses. For many low-income households, remittances are the primary source of income. They help families withstand economic shocks, inflation, unemployment, and unexpected emergencies.

Education is one of the sectors most positively influenced by remittance income. Parents working abroad often prioritize their children's education, using earnings to pay school fees, buy books, purchase uniforms, and support higher education. As a result, children in remittance-receiving households frequently enjoy better educational opportunities than they otherwise would.

Healthcare is another area where remittances make a profound difference. Access to quality healthcare can be costly, especially in developing regions. Money sent by migrant workers enables families to afford medical consultations, medications,



surgeries, and preventive healthcare services. This contributes to improved health outcomes and greater resilience against illness.

Beyond meeting immediate needs, remittances help families build assets and invest in their futures. Some households use remittance income to purchase land, improve housing, start small businesses, or invest in agricultural activities. Such investments create opportunities for income generation

and long-term economic stability.

The rise of digital technology has transformed remittance services. Mobile banking applications, online transfer platforms, and digital wallets have made sending money faster, safer, and more convenient. Migrants can now transfer funds within minutes, allowing families to receive support quickly during emergencies.

Despite these advances, challenges remain. High transaction

costs continue to reduce the amount of money families ultimately receive. International organizations have repeatedly emphasized the need to lower remittance fees and improve access to affordable financial services. Achieving this goal would allow more resources to reach households directly.

The COVID-19 pandemic highlighted the resilience of migrant workers. Even as many migrants faced job losses, salary reductions, and economic uncertainty, they continued to support their families. Their determination helped millions of households cope with the crisis and demonstrated the vital role remittances play during emergencies.

Women are increasingly contributing to global remittance flows. Female migrant workers often send a substantial portion of their earnings home, supporting children's education, healthcare, and household needs. Their contributions have become a key driver of social and economic development in many regions.

The International Day of Family Remittances also emphasizes financial inclusion. Receiving remittances often encourages families to engage with formal banking systems.

## How Family Remittances Drive Economic Growth and Reduce Poverty Around the World

These financial transfers, known as remittances, play a vital role in improving the lives of millions of families and strengthening economies across the developing world. More than just a source of household income, remittances have become a critical driver of economic growth, poverty reduction, financial inclusion, and social progress.

Across the globe, migrant workers leave their home countries in search of better employment opportunities. Some work in construction, agriculture, healthcare, manufacturing, domestic services, and technology industries. While pursuing economic opportunities abroad, they remain closely connected to their families and communities through regular financial support.

For many households, remittances represent a dependable source of income. Unlike some forms of international assistance that may fluctuate based on political or economic conditions, remittances are often sent consistently because they are motivated by family responsibility. Migrant workers continue support-



ing loved ones regardless of changing economic circumstances, making remittances one of the most stable financial flows in the world.

One of the most significant impacts of remittances is poverty reduction. In many developing countries, families receiving money from relatives abroad are better able to meet basic needs such as food, housing, clothing, healthcare, and education. This additional income helps reduce financial stress and improves living standards.

Research has consistently shown that remittance-receiving households tend to experience lower poverty

rates than households without access to such financial support. The money helps families avoid debt, manage emergencies, and cope with economic shocks such as unemployment, inflation, or crop failures.

Rural communities often benefit the most from remittance flows. In many agricultural regions, households face seasonal income fluctuations and limited employment opportunities. Remittances provide a reliable source of financial stability that helps families navigate difficult periods and maintain economic security.

Education is another area where remittances cre-

ate lasting benefits. Families frequently invest a significant portion of remittance income in their children's education. School fees, books, uniforms, transportation, and higher education expenses become more affordable. As a result, children from remittance-supported households often achieve higher educational attainment and improved career prospects.

The long-term impact of educational investment extends beyond individual families. Better-educated populations contribute to stronger labor markets, increased productivity, and enhanced economic competitiveness. In this way, remittances support national development through investments in human capital.

Healthcare outcomes also improve through remittance income. Families can afford medical treatment, preventive care, medications, and health insurance. Access to better healthcare contributes to improved quality of life and greater resilience against illness and disease.

## The Human Story Behind Family Remittances – Sacrifice, Separation, and Hope Across Borders



Migration is one of the defining features of the modern world. People leave their homes for many reasons, including employment opportunities, education, safety, and economic advancement. For most migrant workers, however, migration is not simply a personal journey. It is a family decision driven by the hope of improving living conditions and creating opportunities that may not be available at home.

The decision to migrate is rarely easy. Leaving behind parents, spouses, children, and friends involves emotional challenges that can last for years. Migrants often miss birthdays, anniversaries, school events, family celebrations, and important milestones. Despite these sacrifices, many continue working abroad because they believe the benefits for their families outweigh the personal hardships.

The money they send home serves as a lifeline for millions of households. For families living in developing countries, remittances often cover essential expenses such as food, rent, utilities, healthcare, and education. In some households, remittances are the primary source of income and provide the foundation for financial security.

Behind every transaction is a story of effort and commitment. A construction worker spending long hours on a building site, a nurse working night shifts in a foreign country, a domestic worker caring for another family's children, or an agricultural laborer working in difficult conditions may all share a common goal: supporting loved ones back home. Parents are among the most significant contributors to global remittance flows.

Many mothers and fathers migrate to ensure their children have access to better education, healthcare, and opportunities.

Their earnings help pay school fees, purchase books, and support higher education. While they may be physically distant, their financial support remains a constant presence in their children's lives.

Children often become the primary beneficiaries of remittances. Improved access to education allows them to pursue careers and opportunities that may not have been possible otherwise. In many cases, the sacrifices made by one generation create pathways to success for the next.

The emotional impact of migration is complex. Families may experience financial improvements while simultaneously coping with separation. Children may grow up with one or both parents living abroad. Grandparents frequently assume caregiving responsibilities, helping maintain family stability while parents work overseas.

Modern communication technology has helped bridge some of these distances.

Video calls, messaging applications, and social media platforms enable families to stay connected despite living in different countries. Migrants can participate in important moments, offer advice, and maintain emotional bonds through digital communication.

Nevertheless, technology cannot fully replace physical presence. Many migrant workers describe feelings of loneliness, homesickness, and isolation. Living in unfamiliar environments, adapting to different cultures, and overcoming language barriers can be challenging experiences.

The International Day of Family Remittances highlights these human dimensions of migration. It reminds the world that remittances are not merely financial transactions.

## Digital Innovation and the Future of Family Remittances

While the observance celebrates the dedication and sacrifices of migrants, it also draws attention to the systems that make remittances possible. In recent years, technological innovation has transformed the way money is sent across borders, creating faster, safer, and more affordable methods of transferring funds. As digital technology continues to evolve, the future of family remittances is being reshaped in ways that could benefit millions of people worldwide.

For decades, sending money internationally was often a slow and expensive process. Migrant workers frequently relied on traditional money transfer agencies, banks, or informal channels. Transactions could take several days to complete, and fees often consumed a significant portion of the money intended for families.

For low-income migrant workers, these costs represented a major burden. A worker earning modest wages abroad might spend a considerable

amount on transfer fees every time money was sent home. Over the course of a year, these expenses could reduce the total financial support available to families.

Recognizing this challenge, governments, international organizations, financial institutions, and technology companies have invested heavily in improving remittance services.

Their efforts have resulted in a digital revolution that is changing how migrants connect financially with loved ones.

One of the most significant developments has been the growth of mobile banking. Mobile phones have become powerful financial tools,



enabling users to send, receive, and manage money through simple applications. In regions where traditional banking infrastructure is limited, mobile financial services have expanded access to millions of people.

Digital wallets have also become increasingly popular. These platforms allow users to store funds electronically and transfer money almost instantly.