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NEWS BOX

14 nations say China's South China Sea claims remain illegal

Manila.(Agency)

The United States, United Kingdom and 12 other Western and Asian countries on Sunday reaffirmed that China's sweeping claims in the South China Sea are illegal under a 2016 arbitration ruling. In a joint statement marking the July 12, 2016 decision, the countries said they rejected "destabilising" actions in the disputed waters that threaten regional peace.

The statement described the ruling by a tribunal set up in The Hague under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea as "a significant milestone and is final, legally binding and definitive". China, which rejected the ruling and continues to assert claims over virtually the entire sea passage, did not immediately respond on Sunday, but has recently said it would never recognise what it called an "illegal, null and void" decision.

China refused to take part in the arbitration, which was initiated by the Philippines in 2013 after a tense standoff in the contested waters a year earlier that ended with Beijing effectively seizing a disputed shoal. The tribunal largely ruled in favour of the Philippines, saying that under the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea, "there was no legal basis for China to claim historic rights to resources" in the South China Sea outside its regular territorial areas recognised under the convention. The joint statement said: "We reaffirm the Arbitral Tribunal's decision that there is no legal basis for China's expansive maritime claims in the South China Sea, including those based on 'historic rights'."

Pakistan, Saudi raise alarm over US-Iran clashes despite Islamabad Mou

Islamabad.(Agency)

Pakistan and Saudi Arabia have expressed concern over the rising conflict in West Asia, saying the recent clashes between the US and Iran threaten regional peace and stability. The concern was raised during a telephone conversation between Pakistan Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar and his Saudi counterpart Prince Faisal bin Farhan on Saturday. The call came a day after Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif held separate talks with the leaders of Iran and Qatar as part of efforts to revive the stalled US-Iran negotiations. Officials said diplomatic efforts had gathered pace to repair the broken peace process after the recent escalation and attacks on rival targets.

The US and Iran signed the Islamabad MoU on June 18, aimed at restoring peace in West Asia. This was followed by technical-level talks in Switzerland on June 21, with Pakistan and Qatar acting as mediators. According to Pakistan's Foreign Office, the two foreign ministers "exchanged views on the recent developments in the region and expressed deep concern over the escalations despite the signing of the Islamabad MoU between the United States and Iran in June 2026."

Iran closes Strait of Hormuz after firing warning shot at vessel

World.(Agency)

Iran on Sunday said it had closed the Strait of Hormuz after a vessel travelled on an "unapproved route" and was struck, warning that any retaliation over the incident would draw a "severe response."

The Navy of Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) said in a statement that "a vessel that had jeopardized maritime security by switching off its systems was struck and brought to a halt," but did not identify the ship or provide further details.

The IRGC said several ships attempted to pass through the strategic waterway using an "unauthorised route" and ignored repeated warnings to alter their course. The force announced that the Strait of Hormuz would remain closed "until further notice" and until "the end of US interference in this region."

The IRGC also warned that any acts of aggression against Iran "will be met with a severe response, and new enemy bases in the region will be targeted." The announcement came after senior US officials told reporters on Friday that Washington was demanding Iran publicly declare it would stop attacks on ships in the Strait of Hormuz and guarantee that all shipping lanes would remain open without tolls.

On Friday, US President Donald Trump said the United States and Iran had agreed to continue talks despite an escalation in hostilities during the week. He also declared that the ceasefire was over. A senior Iranian source told Reuters that Iran, the United States, Qatar and Pakistan had agreed to negotiate through talks that mediators were attempting to arrange for Saturday while Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araqchi.

Gulf on edge as Tehran retaliates after US hits 140 Iranian targets in fresh strikes

Missile and drone threats spread across the Gulf after fresh US strikes on Iran, prompting Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar and the UAE to activate emergency security measures. Iran claimed attacks on multiple US bases in the Gulf and warned that "the era of one-sided deals is over" as tensions escalated.

world.(Agency)

The Middle East is on the boil again after the United States launched a fresh wave of strikes on 140 Iranian targets on Sunday, following Tehran's announcement that it was closing the

Strait of Hormuz "until further notice". Hours later, Iran retaliated with missile attacks on Bahrain, Kuwait, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates, sharply escalating regional tensions.

The strikes prompted Gulf nations to activate air defence systems, tighten airspace security and issue emergency warnings, amid fears that the escalating US-Iran conflict could spread across the Gulf again and threaten one of the world's busiest maritime trade routes.

UAE ACTIVATES AIR DEFENCES

The United Arab Emirates announced that its air defence systems had intercepted a missile threat as Gulf states strengthened defensive measures.

The UAE did not immediately disclose



details about the intercepted missiles or identify their origin, but the announcement reflected growing concerns that the conflict could spread across the wider Gulf region.

KUWAIT INTERCEPTS HOSTILE AERIAL TARGETS

Kuwait's armed forces said they were actively intercepting hostile aerial targets within Kuwaiti airspace, although authorities did not immediately disclose how many objects had entered the country's skies or identify their origin.

Separately, Iran claimed it launched waves of drone attacks targeting US military facilities in Kuwait, saying explosive drones struck a Patriot air defence system, an ammunition depot and a radar installation. The claims have not been independently verified.

The developments marked one of the most serious security incidents involving Kuwaiti airspace recently.

US businessman who sold land to Jared Kushner for resort suspected of faking deeds

World.(Agency)

A Miami-based businessman wanted in Albania on accusations of laundering drug money is also suspected of forging ownership deeds for the land where Jared Kushner plans to build a multi-billion-dollar resort, according to case files from Albania's Special Structure Against Corruption and Organised Crime (SPAK) reviewed by the news agency Reuters.

The businessman, Artur Shehu, denies all accusations through his lawyer, Kujtim Cakrani, who confirmed that Albanian prosecutors have issued an arrest warrant seeking Shehu for laundering money linked to drug gangs.

According to the 200-page case files dated June 12, 2026, SPAK accuses Shehu and his associates of trafficking South American cocaine into European ports and laundering the proceeds by building a real estate empire using forged land-ownership documents.

"Reasonable suspicions are formed, based on evidence, that the above-mentioned assets were acquired through the use of forged documents," prosecutors wrote in the files.

"Nothing that has been alleged regarding Mr. Artur Shehu's character is true. He is neither a drug trafficker nor a forger of property documents," he said.

He added that Shehu was aware of the allegations but maintained "that the truth is entirely different from what the prosecution claims." A spokesperson for the US Justice Department declined to comment on whether US authorities had received any request from Albania to locate or detain Shehu in Miami.

LAND SALE FOR KUSHNER-BACKED RESORT

In April, Shehu sold a stretch of pristine Albanian coastline earmarked for the planned resort to Albania Land Development, a company owned by the Kushner-backed project's developers, Sazan Real Estate Development, along with other investors.

The SPAK files do not accuse Kushner, Sazan Real Estate Development, Albania Land Development or any other investors of wrongdoing.

Iran made poor choice, now they pay: Pete Hegseth after US strikes on Tehran

World.(Agency)

US Defence Secretary Pete Hegseth on Saturday said Iran was "paying the price" for its actions after the United States launched another round of military strikes against the country.

Hegseth made the remarks in a post on X while resharing a statement issued by the US Central Command (CENTCOM), which confirmed the latest military operation. "Iran made a poor choice. Now they pay," he wrote.

According to CENTCOM, the latest operation marked the third wave of US strikes against Iran this week. The military said the action was launched after Iran allegedly targeted a commercial vessel

transiting the Strait of Hormuz.

CENTCOM said the strikes began at 7.15 pm ET after forces of Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) "blatantly attacked" the Cyprus-flagged container ship M/V



GFS Galaxy. The fresh US strikes came shortly after Iran's IRGC Navy claimed it had intercepted and attacked a container ship attempting to exit the Strait of Hormuz through what it described as an unauthorised route after the

vessel allegedly ignored repeated warnings. The latest exchange marked a further escalation in tensions between Washington and Tehran, with both sides accusing each other of provoking the

confrontation in one of the world's most strategically important maritime corridors. The US military said Iran had been given "yet another opportunity" to comply with the Memorandum of Understanding following previous attacks on commercial shipping but had once again failed to do so.

"In response, the United States is imposing a heavy cost by continuing to degrade Iran's ability to attack civilian mariners and commercial ships freely transiting the strait," Centcom said.

Ex-UK MP Found Dead At Home With 'Serious Injuries', Murder Suspect Arrested

World.(Agency)

At least two people were killed and six others injured after a shooting at a street festival in Toronto, Canada, prompting a major police response as authorities searched for the suspect, according to BBC.

Toronto Police said they received reports of an active shooter on St Clair Avenue at around 8:12 pm local time. Officers arriving at the scene found six people suffering from gunshot wounds, while two victims



remain at large. Investigators have secured the area and urged

residents to avoid the neighbourhood as a heavy police presence continues and the investigation remains underway.

The shooting occurred during the annual Salsa on St Clair Latin Festival, a popular community event celebrating Latin culture with live music, dance performances and local food. The 22nd edition of the festival was being held on St Clair Avenue, a busy midtown Toronto street lined with shops and restaurants.

US launches fresh strikes on Iran after IRGC attacks ship, shuts Strait of Hormuz

World.(Agency)

The United States launched a new round of strikes against Iran on Saturday after Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) forces attacked the M/V GFS Galaxy, a Cyprus-flagged container ship transiting the Strait of Hormuz, the US military said.

The US Central Command (CENTCOM) said its forces began launching the strikes at 5:45 am, marking the third round of US strikes against Iran this week.

In a statement posted on X, CENTCOM said the attack on the commercial vessel left a civilian crew member missing. "A civilian crew member is missing, and the vessel is unable to

continue the journey due to an onboard fire and significant engine room damage," the statement said. CENTCOM said Iran had been given "yet another opportunity" to demonstrate adherence to the Memorandum of Understanding after being held accountable for earlier attacks on commercial vessels but "has again failed."

The US military said it launched the strikes in response to impose "a heavy cost" on Iran by continuing to degrade its ability to attack civilian mariners and commercial ships transiting the Strait of Hormuz.

CENTCOM said the strikes were carried out at the direction of the Commander



in Chief, President Donald Trump. US Defence Secretary Pete Hegseth, commenting on the strikes in a post on X, said: "Iran made a poor choice. Now they pay."

Meanwhile, Iran's Press TV reported explosions in Bushehr and Asaluyeh in southern Iran. Reports of explosions were also heard near Iran's Chabahar,

according to state television.

Iran's Mehr News Agency reported explosions on Qeshm Island, while Iran's state broadcaster IRIB said three explosions were heard in Bandar Abbas and two explosions in Sirik. The IRNA news agency also reported that more than 10 explosions were heard in the port city of Jask in the southern Hormozgan province.

IRAN CLOSES STRAIT OF HORMUZ

Strikes come hours after Iran said it considers the Strait of Hormuz closed once again after a vessel using an 'unauthorised route' was struck by a warning shot in the critical waterway, further jeopardizing the already tenuous ceasefire agreement.

Lindsey Graham, US Senator Who Pushed 500% Tariffs on India, Dies Suddenly; Was He Poisoned? Here's What We Know

Washington: U.S. Senator Lindsey Graham, the Republican lawmaker behind the proposed 500% tariff on countries such as India and China for buying Russian oil, has died at the age of 71 following a sudden medical emergency. While his death has sparked a wave of conspiracy theories online, there is no official evidence that Graham was poisoned or that foul play was involved. A four-term senator from South Carolina and a close ally of President Donald Trump on foreign policy, Graham was among the most influential voices in Washington on Russia, Iran and Ukraine. His death comes as Congress continues debating tougher sanctions aimed at cutting off Moscow's energy revenues.

The Man Behind the 500% Tariff Proposal

Graham was the chief sponsor of the bipartisan Sanctioning Russia Act, which proposed tariffs of up to 500% on imports from countries continuing to purchase Russian oil, natural gas or uranium if Moscow refused to end the Ukraine war. The legislation directly targeted major buyers of Russian energy, including India, China and Brazil, and raised concerns in New Delhi over its potential impact on India-U.S. trade relations. Graham repeatedly argued that purchases of discounted Russian crude were helping finance Russia's war effort.

Poisoning Claims Spread Online

Soon after Graham's death was announced, social me-



dia was flooded with claims suggesting he may have been poisoned because of his hard-line positions against Russia and Iran. **No such claims have been backed by evidence.**

U.S. authorities have not indicated any foul play, and no medical or investigative agency has linked his death to poisoning. Reports so far indicate that Graham suffered an apparent cardiac arrest following a brief illness.

Iranian Media Celebrates His Death

Graham's death also drew strong reactions in Iran, where he had long been viewed as one of Washington's fiercest anti-Iran voices. A vocal supporter of stringent sanctions on Tehran and military action against its nuclear and missile programmes, Graham had also strongly backed the Trump administration's strikes on Iranian nuclear facilities.

Following news of his death,

Iranian state television reportedly described Graham as a "warmongering and anti-Iranian U.S. senator" and openly welcomed his passing. The coverage quickly circulated online, adding fuel to conspiracy theories. However, the celebratory reaction from Iranian media does not constitute evidence of Iranian involvement. No U.S. agency or intelligence authority has linked Iran—or any other country—to Graham's death.

No Credible Evidence of Poisoning

Despite widespread speculation, there is no verified evidence that Lindsey Graham was poisoned. No autopsy findings, law enforcement statements or intelligence assessments released so far support allegations of assassination or foreign involvement.

Political Impact

Graham served in the Senate since 2003 and became one of the Republican Party's leading foreign policy hawks, championing strong support for Ukraine, tougher sanctions on Russia and Iran, and a more assertive U.S. global role. His death leaves uncertainty over the future of the sanctions bill targeting buyers of Russian energy. For India, it also removes the chief architect of the controversial proposal to impose 500% tariffs on countries importing Russian oil.

Fact Check: Claims that Lindsey Graham was poisoned remain unsubstantiated. While online speculation and reactions from Iranian state media have intensified conspiracy narratives, no official investigation or credible evidence supports those allegations.

Dhanbad MP Dhullu Mahto Sends Defamation Notice to Nirsa MLA Arup Chatterjee, Seeks ₹2 Crore Damages



RNS: Dhanbad MP Dhullu Mahto has served a legal defamation notice on Nirsa MLA Arup Chatterjee, alleging that the legislator made false and defamatory statements against him and his family during a recent press conference and through social media posts.

The notice, sent through the MP's legal counsel, claims that the allegations are baseless, factually incorrect and intended to malign his public image without any supporting evidence. It contends that the statements have caused serious damage to the MP's reputation.

In the notice, Mahto stated that while freedom of expression is a fundamental democratic right, it does not permit anyone to make unsubstantiated allegations that harm the dignity and reputation of an individual or their family. He asserted that the matter is not just about his personal reputation but also about upholding the rule of law.

Seven-Day Deadline

The legal notice gives the MLA seven days to:

- Issue a public written apology;
- Withdraw all allegedly defamatory statements;
- Remove the disputed content from social media and other public platforms; and
- Pay ₹2 crore as compensation for the alleged reputational damage.

The notice states that failure to comply within the stipulated period could lead to appropriate legal proceedings.

Wanted PLFI Member Rozdev Sahu Held in Khunti; Country-Made Pistol Seized

Ranchi: Khunti Police have arrested Rozdev Sahu alias Rozdev Sav alias 'Master' (42), an active member of the banned PLFI (People's Liberation Front of India), and recovered a country-made pistol along with six live cartridges from his possession.

Superintendent of Police Rishabh Garg said on Sunday that police received a tip-off on July 11 about the presence of the wanted extremist at his native village, Maharsiya. After verifying the information, a special raiding team led by Torpa SDPO Vijay Kumar Singh was formed.

The team raided the village and arrested Rozdev Sahu from his residence.

Based on his disclosure during interrogation, police recovered a country-made pistol and six live cartridges, which were seized.

An Arms Act case has also been registered against the accused, while further legal action is underway, the SP said.

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Arpita Mahila Mandal Organises Sawan Welfare Drive, Distributes Trolley Bags and Food Packets

by Apurva

Ranchi: Marking the Sawan festivities, Arpita Mahila Mandal, Ranchi, in collaboration with its Rajhara, Barkakana and Giridih chapters, organised a welfare drive for workers at Jawahar Nagar.

The drive was held under the leadership of Mandal President Preeti Singh, the initiative saw the distribution of 40 trolley bags and food



packets to sanitation workers, gardeners and other support staff, recognising their dedicated service while providing practical assistance for

their daily needs. Speaking on the occasion, Preeti Singh said that respecting and supporting the working class is a shared social responsibility.

She added that Arpita Mahila Mandal will continue to undertake welfare-oriented initiatives aimed at serving society.

The beneficiaries thanked the organisation and its members for the thoughtful gesture. The programme concluded successfully with the active participation and co-ordinated efforts of volunteers from the Ranchi, Rajhara, Barkakana and Giridih units of Arpita Mahila Mandal.

Shorties

India calls for immediate de-escalation of tension in West Asia

New Delhi: India has renewed its call for the immediate de-escalation of tensions in West Asia following an attack on the commercial vessel GFS Galaxy off the coast of Oman, which had Indian crew members on board. The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) condemned the attack, stating that 10 of the 11 Indian nationals aboard have been rescued, while one Indian crew member remains missing. The Indian Embassy in Oman is closely coordinating with Omani authorities, who are continuing search and rescue operations. India expressed gratitude to the Omani government for its swift assistance and reiterated its concern over the increasing attacks on commercial shipping in the region. The MEA also urged all parties to pursue ongoing diplomatic negotiations to restore peace, stability, and secure maritime navigation in West Asia.

9 Dead After Maharashtra Waste-to-Energy Plant Collapse; 83-Hour Rescue Operation Ends

Pune: The death toll in the collapse of a waste-to-energy plant in Maharashtra has risen to nine, with rescue teams recovering the body of the last missing worker after an intensive 83-hour search operation. The final victim, identified as Vaman Kasbe, was found buried under a massive pile of debris at around 1 a.m. on Sunday, bringing the rescue mission to a close. The tragedy unfolded on July 8 at the waste-to-energy facility in Moshi, where a huge mound of waste suddenly collapsed onto the plant's administrative building. At the time of the incident, 23 employees were inside the structure. According to officials, five workers escaped on their own, while nine others were rescued alive by emergency responders. However, nine workers lost their lives in the disaster, leaving families and colleagues in mourning. Authorities are investigating the cause of the collapse as questions are being raised over safety measures and waste management practices at the facility.

Prayers Suspended at Mosque Inside Kolkata Airport Amid Security, Relocation Talks

Kolkata: Prayers at the 136-year-old Bankra Mosque, located within the premises of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International Airport in Kolkata, were suspended from Saturday following security concerns and ongoing discussions over relocating the structure outside the airport boundary. The mosque is situated about 165 metres from the airport's secondary runway and has long been viewed as a potential risk to aviation operations and emergency response planning.

Airport authorities have stopped issuing entry passes to worshippers as the Centre and the West Bengal government continue talks on shifting the historic mosque beyond the airport premises while addressing safety and operational requirements.

Hyderabad to Get Three Bullet Train Corridors

Hyderabad: Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw on Saturday announced plans to develop Hyderabad into a major high-speed rail hub with three proposed bullet train corridors linking the city to Pune, Chennai, and Bengaluru. Speaking after the HYSEA GCCS & IT Roundtable in Hyderabad, Vaishnaw said the projects, backed by a ₹5,400-crore railway allocation for Telangana, aim to strengthen regional connectivity, boost economic integration, and transform Hyderabad into a key hub for high-speed rail. He described the initiative as a "game-changer" for the city and neighbouring regions.

India Declares One-Day National Mourning for Qatar's Father Amir Sheikh Hamad

New Delhi: The Government of India has declared one day of national mourning on July 13 following the death of Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al-Thani, the Father Amir of Qatar and the country's former emir.

The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) announced that the decision was taken as a mark of respect for the late leader, who passed away on Sunday.

During the national mourning, the National Flag will be flown at half-mast across India on all government buildings where it is regularly displayed. The government has also announced that there will be no official entertainment throughout the day.

In its statement, the MEA said the observance reflects India's respect and condolences for Sheikh Hamad, who played a pivotal role in Qatar's modern development and maintained close ties with India.

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From nuclear deal to Quad: The making of the India-US partnership in 21st Century

New Delhi. (Agency)

It was November 19, 1999. Republican presidential candidate George W. Bush was outlining his foreign policy vision when he said something few in Washington had heard from a major American politician before. "Often overlooked in our strategic calculations is that great land that rests at the south of Eurasia. This coming century will see democratic India's arrival as a force in the world."

At a time when India-US ties were still weighed down by decades of Cold War mistrust, it was a striking statement. Within a few years, it would begin to look prophetic.

9/11 AND THE NUCLEAR DEAL

An event just months after Bush entered the White House that accelerated the transformation. The September 11, 2001 attacks fundamentally reshaped Washington's approach to terrorism. For years, the US had largely sidestepped India's concerns over cross-border terrorism



emanating from Pakistan. 9/11 brought those concerns into sharper focus. As Washington prepared for military operations in Afghanistan, New Delhi emerged as an important partner, sharing intelligence and logistical support. In 2002, under Operation Sagittarius, the Indian Navy escorted 24 US-flagged vessels through the Strait of Malacca in support of American operations. The expanding security convergence was soon formalised. In 2005, the two countries signed the New Framework for the US-India Defense

Partnership, identifying maritime security and counterterrorism as its key pillars. The framework has been renewed twice since. The defining moment, however, came on July 18, 2005, when Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and President Bush announced the framework for the landmark India-US Civil Nuclear Agreement. Finalised in 2008, the deal ended India's decades-long isolation from global civil nuclear commerce, despite New Delhi remaining outside the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty and retaining its nuclear weapons programme. Washington successfully pushed for a special waiver from the Nuclear Suppliers Group that allowed India to engage in civilian nuclear trade. More than a nuclear pact, the agreement transformed India-US ties into a comprehensive strategic partnership.

GROWING PARTNERSHIP

The relationship had by then acquired a bipartisan character. Changes in political leadership in Washington.

Punjab Congress crisis: Channi’s rebellion brings back 2022 memories, high command faces another tough test

The campaign is the first step in India's bid to take its place in the Asia-Pacific bloc.

New Delhi. (Agency)

The latest trouble in Punjab Congress has brought back memories of the political turmoil that hit the party before the 2022 assembly elections. Former Chief Minister Charanjit Singh Channi's opposition to party's state President Amarinder Singh Raja Warring has added to the leadership's problems as it tries to resolve internal differences ahead of the upcoming electoral battles.

Congress general secretary in-charge of Punjab, Bhupesh Baghel, who was sent to Chandigarh to resolve the dispute, has returned to Delhi after meeting several state leaders, including Channi. According to sources, Channi and his supporters made it clear that they are not ready to accept Raja as the Punjab Congress president under any circumstances.

Baghel has said that he will submit his report to the Congress high command after his meetings. The party leadership will now decide the next course of action based on his assessment and other inputs available with it. In an apparent reference to Raja, Channi camp leader and Rajya Sabha MP Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa has clarified his position by saying the party does not need a "compromised leader". According to him, the state Congress president has not been aggressive enough in taking on the Punjab government.

Baghel's report and the high command's challenge

The Congress leadership has another report prepared by a committee comprising Ajay Maken, Meenakshi Natarajan and Bhajan Lal Jatav. Earlier, Rahul Gandhi and party president Mallikarjun Kharge had held meetings with Punjab Congress leaders and advised them to work together and fight elections with collective leadership.

Forced me to drink cow urine: Sena UBT leader's daughter-in-law alleges harassment

Thane. (Agency)

A sensational case has surfaced in Maharashtra's Thane, where a former parliamentarian and his son have been accused of performing black magic and inflicting mental and physical torture on his daughter-in-law. The woman has also claimed that she was forced to drink cow urine. A case has been filed in the matter, with Shiv Sena leader and ex-MP Vinayak Raut, and his son Gitesh Raut, the complainant's husband, named as accused.

Charges have also been invoked against two self-styled occultists, named Firoz Baba and Kazi Baba. The complainant, Girija, has claimed that she was forcibly made to drink cow urine by the accused. She has also alleged that they plucked strands of her hair from her head for use in occult practices. Firoz and Kazi Baba were allegedly involved in performing the alleged black magic, per the FIR. Further investigation is underway into the case.

Why hold polls if J&K run from Raj Bhawan: Omar Abdullah slams Centre

Jammu, Srinagar. (Agency)

Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah alleged Saturday attempts to engineer defections within the National Conference, accusing the Opposition Bharatiya Janata Party of trying to bribe one of his MLAs to defect.

Addressing party workers in Srinagar, Omar said the BJP should not consider the NC weak: "They are designated to the back seats and that's where they will remain." The remarks come ahead of the NC's statehood protests in Delhi, with Omar adopting an increasingly confrontational tone towards the Centre.

Referring to a conversation with one of the party MLAs from Jammu, he said, "An MLA from Jammu came and told me that a Supreme Court lawyer affiliated with the BJP offered him between Rs 20 to 30 crore, a ministry and statehood. No one sitting here will leave the party for Rs 20 crore or 100 crore."

Omar also lashed out at the Centre over the delay in restoring statehood to J&K while incentivising Ladakh despite widespread protests there.

PM Modi woos Sikh diaspora in New Zealand, highlights FCRA relief for Golden Temple

CHANDIGARH. (Agency)

With the Punjab Assembly elections due in 2027, less than a year away, the BJP is leaving no stone unturned to garner the support of the Sikh diaspora as it seeks to form a government in the border state, which still remains outside its political hold.

Wrapping up his New Zealand visit in Auckland, Prime Minister Narendra Modi reached out to the Sikh community, which forms a sizeable section of the Indian diaspora in New Zealand and maintains close ties with its native state of Punjab. He



highlighted his government's initiatives, from airlifting the Guru Granth Sahib out of Taliban-controlled Afghanistan to installing a 300-year-old relic at Guru Gobind Singh's birthplace in Patna. He also

referred to the construction of a ropeway to Hemkund Sahib to make the arduous Himalayan pilgrimage easier and said his government had resolved the difficulties faced by members of the Sikh community living abroad in connection with the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act (FCRA), which affected sewa at the Golden Temple. Addressing the Indian diaspora in New Zealand, with New Zealand Prime Minister Christopher Luxon in attendance, Modi highlighted steps taken to facilitate pilgrimages, preserve Sikh traditions and resolve issues flagged by the community. He used the closing leg.

Rs 626 crore for women empowerment in Chhattisgarh

The Chief Minister shared inspiring stories from his travels across the state, noting that the monthly Rs 1,000 assistance is doing far more than just covering basic needs.

New Delhi. (Agency)

In a boost to women's financial independence and dignity, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai on Saturday released the 29th installment of the state's flagship Mahtari Vandan Yojana. With a single click from his official residence, the CM transferred a staggering Rs 626.25 crore directly into the bank accounts of over 66 lakh women across the state via Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT). With this latest payout, the scheme achieves a milestone, bringing the cumulative financial support transferred directly to the state's women to an impressive `18,805.83 crore across 29



instalments. CM Sai congratulating the beneficiaries, hailed the initiative as a powerful engine for change. "The Mahtari Vandan Yojana has truly emerged as a shining symbol of women's dignity, financial independence, and economic empowerment," he stated. He

emphasised that the state government is deeply committed to driving up women's participation in the local economy and ensuring they become financially self-reliant. The Chief Minister shared inspiring stories from his travels across the state, noting that the monthly Rs 1,000 assistance is doing far more than just covering basic needs. Armed with steady financial support, many women have stepped into entrepreneurship—starting small businesses, launching tailoring and embroidery shops, and creating self-employment opportunities. For others, the funds have become a vital safety net used to secure better education for their children, quality healthcare.

Crowded libraries indicator of nation’s future, says Amit Shah

New Delhi. (Agency)

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Saturday inaugurated the Jayaprakash Narayan Public Library in the New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) area, describing the facility as a true measure of a nation's future and urging greater efforts to cultivate reading habits among young people.

Addressing the inaugural ceremony, Shah said the strength of a country should not be judged solely by its economic prosperity, industrial growth or bustling markets, but by the vibrancy of its libraries and the presence of young readers. "The future of a nation can best be assessed by seeing how

crowded its libraries are and whether young people are reading there," he said, adding that knowledge and wisdom form the foundation of nation-building and that libraries remain the primary institutions for nurturing both.

Calling for greater engagement with students, Shah urged the library administration to collaborate with schools in the surrounding areas and introduce children to the facility. "Bring young people here once. The books will do the rest. Once a person develops the habit of reading, they learn to distinguish between right and wrong on their own," he said.

The Home Minister said the library would



provide access to around 32,000 printed books and nearly one crore e-books. He also expressed hope that the Delhi government would integrate libraries across the city into a common network and strengthen their links with educational institutions. Shah also welcomed the

NDMC's decision to name the library after Loknayak Jayaprakash Narayan, recalling his contributions to the freedom movement and his commitment to public life. He noted that Narayan embraced different ideological streams over the course of his life while striving for excellence in every role. Shah also recalled Narayan's daring escape from Hazaribagh Jail during the Quit India Movement to rejoin the struggle against British rule. Chief Minister Rekha Gupta described the library as a valuable addition to the capital's educational infrastructure, particularly for students preparing for competitive examinations, including the UPSC.

What happens at Hormuz may not stay in the Gulf

The oil crisis of the last 100 days has underscored several global vulnerabilities. Energy prices flared, but strangely fell short of apprehensions. Hefty releases from the strategic petroleum reserves of International Energy Agency members, emerging South American supplies and re-routing of West Asian output through cross-country pipelines reined in prices to a considerable extent. For the first time, Shandong-based ‘teapot refineries’ bought Iranian light crude through shadow fleets at a premium to Brent crude.Iran’s oil exports averaged 1.5 million barrels a day in March and April despite disruptions at the Strait of Hormuz. However, the US blockade shaved 80 percent off Iranian exports from May onwards. Iran used oil tankers as backup storage and part of the ‘floating’ inventory is presumed to have been trans-shipped to near Malaysian waters to provide a limited financial bail-out.The oil market is highly prone to perceptions and predictions, as a portion of its trade is often shrouded in stealth. In a such a scenario, US President Donald Trump’s social media posts—oscillating between euphoric optimism and intimidation—confused the markets, and yet, succeeded in containing the situation. Energy remains an important facet in America’s economic hegemony. For long, the US has nurtured dreams of establishing petro-protectorates. In a historical involvement, the US supported British and Soviet troops during the Second World War in 1941 to occupy Iran and avert a Nazi takeover of the region’s oil resources. Its Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003 and Operation Odyssey Dawn in Libya in 2011 led to the decimation of the two petro-States.US military engagement in oil-producing nations is not just about global energy security, but a pursuit of hydrocarbon dominance. Episodes such as the 1953 Iran coup, the takeover in Venezuela this January and the present Iran conflict reaffirm the pattern.Riding on the crest of shale supremacy, Trump has visions of a great and powerful America, which in some ways is indisputable. But in the long run, external coercion will betray the economic rewards for the US. Despite recent skirmishes, it’s hoped that the US-Iran memorandum of understanding would lead to lasting peace and not merely be a calling card for a fragile interlude. It is too early yet to predict a timeline for the revival of pre-war oil flows. A lot rests on the intent of the warring parties. While the MoU offers Trump an off-ramp to strategically exit from the misadventure, it could embolden external attempts to weaken the US’s political relevance in West Asia.The suspension of sanctions on Iran’s oil exports—which now stands revoked—were expected to bring around 2 million barrels to the market per day. Though Iranian light crude remains a preferred grade for China’s private refineries because of its high yield of valuable distillates like jet fuel, their run rates at multi-year lows have limited demand. Chinese State refiners are seeking to revive buying Iran’s oil after a gap of almost seven years. However, the on-now-off-again sanctions waiver, convoluted payment modalities and continued EU restrictions have held most buyers at bay.Iran’s breakeven oil price to balance its fiscal calculations is estimated at over \$125 a barrel despite the low extraction cost of about \$10. Forced to sell at a discount to market benchmarks because of the protracted sanctions and reliance on shadow fleets, the Islamic republic has constantly battled stunted growth and low welfare spending. Now, Tehran would do well to sensitise itself to maintaining a pliant relationship with the neighbouring States. They may be tacit investors for rebuilding Iran’s industry.Most global energy giants hold equity stakes in exploration and production activities in the Persian Gulf. Sometimes, this comes in the form of a concession where international oil companies acquire a participating interest capped at a certain percentage. Such agreements typically run for more than three decades.

Credible data must fuel ethanol drive

Lack of independent, peer-reviewed studies to back the govt’s claims is worrisome

ALCOHOL is at the centre of a major controversy these days. The government policy to aggressively push ethanol-blended petrol has come under severe public scrutiny in recent weeks, though the policy has been in force since 2022. The original target to achieve 20% ethanol blending was 2030, but it was advanced to 2025. Many claims are being made about the benefits of this policy — from energy security and foreign exchange savings to farmers’ welfare. Yet vehicle owners are complaining of engine damage and a drop in mileage. In defence, the government says that the policy is evidence-based and backed by data, mostly citing unnamed and unpublished studies by industry associations. There are no independent, peer-reviewed studies to back the claims about the effects of ethanol-blended fuel on vehicles. If the fuel efficiency of cars using ethanol-blended petrol is lower — as admitted by car manufacturers now — and engines are getting damaged — as vehicle owners are complaining — then it is going to add to the economic costs. In addition, agriculture and food experts have warned that ethanol blending will affect food security as farmers shift from food crops to water-intensive sugarcane and ethanol companies use maize and rice as feedstock amid surging ethanol demand. The government needs to be clear about the policy goals and present convincing evidence about its benefits, instead of attributing motives to critics and dismissing public outrage about its negative impacts. People often cite the example of Brazil, where ethanol blending was introduced in the 1970s. Its long-term effects are emerging only now. The policy was a direct result of overproduction of sugar and was introduced under the influence of sugar lobbies. Over the past five decades, it has led to a massive change in land use, accounting for huge greenhouse gas emissions due to deforestation in the Amazon forests to make room for fuel crops. In any case, the climatic and soil conditions in India are not the same as in Brazil to support large-scale energy plantations. Like any new technology, green technologies — be it ethanol-blended petrol or electric vehicles — can have unintended adverse impacts when rolled out on a large scale. Just as the conduct of clinical trials before a new vaccine or medicine is introduced, all new technologies need to be field-tested under different conditions over a period of time, and the data should be made available to



meet regulatory standards, as a result of which cars with 40 times higher emissions were passed off as those meeting pollution standards. If indeed the ethanol policy is science-based, as claimed by the Petroleum Minister, the government must make public the findings of all the studies, if any, conducted to test fuel efficiency, long-term impact of blended fuel on various components and the engine, and data about testing on different types of vehicles under varied driving conditions. In addition, we need scientific evidence about the greenness of ethanol-blended fuel based on the full environmental and carbon footprint of ethanol — from feedstock production to real-life use in cars. Then, we need a cost-benefit analysis of the use of blended fuel. This is critical because of concerns relating to a drop in

mileage. If it is dropping even by 5% and car users are forced to buy more petrol, then the claims about economic benefits and foreign exchange savings also evaporate. Similar arguments apply to the electric vehicles (EV) policy announced by the Delhi government. It targets two-wheelers and three-wheelers, fixing deadlines for ending registration of petrol-driven motorcycles and three-wheelers. The Chief Minister has claimed that the policy is science-based, relying on selective data to justify the drastic measure. Government While it is true that two-wheelers account for 62% of the vehicle population in Delhi, they contribute only 15% of the transportation-related particulate matter (PM_{2.5}) emissions. Light and heavy commercial vehicles account for 39% of transportation emissions, though they make up less than 3% of the city’s vehicle population, according to the 2025 policy brief published by Gufran Beig of the National Institute of Advanced Studies (NIAS), Bengaluru. Going by this evidence, it seems that the biggest environmental and human health benefits would come by addressing emissions from commercial vehicles and buses. Public policies must have a graded system based on facts. In December 2025, the parliamentary standing committee on environment, dealing with air pollution in Delhi, had warned against taking a fragmented policy approach and recommended that measures be undertaken at the airshed level instead of at the state level. In the absence of such an approach, the EV transition in Delhi could give sub-optimal environmental benefits if polluting vehicles from Delhi find their way into neighbouring states and continue to contribute to emissions in the shared airshed. The exercise of public policymaking should be based on credible and relevant evidence and not on opinions, short-term gains, narrow political and business interests or ideology. The policy decisions should be transparent, unbiased and driven solely by the public good. Policymakers could use existing evidence or conduct new research to back their arguments. As new evidence becomes available, policies need to be reviewed and updated, besides taking into account all interconnected issues. At stake is the health of the people, the environment and the economy.

Global crackdown : Indictment vindicates India’s stand in Nijjar case

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THE US has indicted jailed gangster Lawrence Bishnoi and his close aide Goldy Brar for the 2023 murder of pro-Khalistan activist Hardeep Singh Nijjar, bolstering the Indian government’s claim that its officials were not involved in the contentious case. The move has belied then Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau’s allegations about an Indian hand in the killing. More importantly, the US Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) has red-flagged the growing global threat posed by transnational criminal syndicates. The well-coordinated “Operation Hard Ball”, involving law enforcement agencies from the US, Canada and Europe, demonstrates an unprecedented level of international cooperation against criminal networks engaged in murder, extortion, drug trafficking and racketeering. These syndicates, which respect no borders, are exploiting the Indian diaspora to sustain their operations. India Specific Content The breakthrough in the Nijjar



case augurs well for India-Canada relations, which have improved considerably ever since Mark Carney succeeded Trudeau last year. Ottawa has repeatedly given the impression that it no longer links India to

criminal activities on Canadian soil. The latest findings also highlight the importance of allowing criminal investigations to proceed on the basis of evidence rather than political speculation. The indictment reinforces New Delhi’s long-standing concerns about organised crime networks operating across continents despite their leaders’ incarceration (Bishnoi has been behind bars in India since 2015). The FBI’s allegations against an officer of the Punjab Police in an extortion-related probe indicate that the rot runs deep. It’s clear that criminal organisations have evolved into highly networked enterprises that can strike anytime, anywhere. Their activities cannot be tackled through isolated national efforts or politicised narratives. Instead, sustained intelligence-sharing, coordinated law enforcement and robust judicial cooperation are essential. It requires global solidarity as well as institutional integrity to combat the gangster menace.

The gatekeeper of democracy

The Supreme Court and Election Commission’s refusal to intervene in the Meenakshi Natarajan case was a consequence of constitutional design. But it raised an important question: should a returning officer’s interpretation of a difficult legal issue become decisive during an election?

The controversy surrounding the rejection of Meenakshi Natarajan’s Rajya Sabha nomination has generated more confusion than clarity. Many citizens have drawn one of two conclusions: either that the returning officer was legally correct because neither the Election Commission of India nor the Supreme Court intervened, or that their refusal to intervene reflects institutional partisanship. Neither inference is justified. The Supreme Court’s refusal to interfere flows primarily from the constitutional scheme under Article 329(b), as interpreted in N P Ponnuswami (1952) and reaffirmed in M S Gill (1977). Once the electoral process begins, courts ordinarily avoid interrupting it, leaving disputes to be examined after the election. Likewise, the ECI supervises elections but is not constituted as an appellate authority over every quasi-judicial decision of an RO during nomination scrutiny. Thus, non-intervention is not an adjudication on the merits; it is a consequence of constitutional design. The controversy concerned an alleged omission in Form 26, the statutory affidavit relating to criminal antecedents. The RO concluded that the omission was substantial enough to reject the nomination, while the candidate’s legal team argued that the proceeding in question did not legally require disclosure. Importantly, this was not a case where no hearing was granted. A speaking order was passed after considering objections. The dispute



not a criticism of any individual officer. ROs perform a demanding quasi-judicial function under severe time pressure. The issue is one of institutional design. Constitutional systems are built not on assumptions of infallibility but on carefully structured checks and balances. The RO occupies one of the most consequential yet least discussed positions in Indian democracy. During scrutiny, the officer interprets statutory provisions, evaluates objections and decides whether a citizen may contest an election. In almost every other branch of law, decisions affecting

valuable rights are accompanied by appellate or supervisory remedies. Tax assessments are appealable, administrative orders are reviewable, and criminal convictions may be suspended pending appeal. By contrast, a nomination rejection may effectively exclude a candidate from the electoral contest, while meaningful judicial scrutiny is postponed until after the election through a petition that may take years to conclude. Even if the challenge ultimately succeeds, the opportunity to contest that election cannot be recreated. Yet, the existing framework has a compelling constitutional rationale. The framers deliberately preferred uninterrupted elections over continuous litigation. If every rejected candidate could immediately seek interim relief, electoral schedules could become hostage to endless proceedings. Ballots must be finalised, campaigns must proceed and democratic continuity must be preserved. Article 329(b) embodies that wisdom. But democratic continuity is not the only constitutional value. Democratic participation is another. The requirement of disclosure through Form 26 serves an important public purpose. Voters have a right to know the criminal antecedents of candidates, and judicial decisions over the years have consistently strengthened the principle of electoral transparency. Deliberate suppression of material information cannot be lightly treated. The question, however, is different: what should be the consequence of a debatable omission? Election law should distinguish between disqualification and disclosure. A disqualification concerns a candidate’s

legal capacity to contest and may justify rejection. A disclosure requirement exists to secure the electorate’s right to informed choice. Where the alleged defect is an omission in an affidavit, and the candidate is present during scrutiny, and the omitted information is itself brought before the RO, one may legitimately ask whether transparency could, in appropriate cases, be achieved by placing the information on record rather than by excluding the candidature altogether. The electorate’s right to know and the electorate’s right to choose need not be treated as competing values. The law should strive to protect both. Indeed, the Representation of the People Act, 1951 recognises that nominations should not be rejected for defects that are not of a substantial character. The difficulty lies in determining what is “substantial.” At present, that determination may depend upon the legal interpretation of a single officer acting under considerable time pressure and without any contemporaneous institutional review. The solution need not be greater judicial intervention. Nor should Article 329(b) be diluted. Better institutional design may achieve the same objective. Parliament should consider distinguishing more clearly between curable and incurable defects in nomination papers and affidavits. Omissions capable of immediate correction without prejudice to any candidate should ordinarily be allowed to be rectified. The ECI, in turn, could issue comprehensive guidelines clarifying disclosure obligations at different stages of criminal proceedings—such as private complaints, FIRs, cognisance, charge-sheets and framing of charges—thereby reducing uncertainty and inconsistent interpretations.



एग्जाम में बच्चे के नहीं आए हैं अच्छे मार्क्स तो पेरेंट्स ऐसे करें गाइड

बोर्ड परीक्षा का नाम सुनते ही बच्चों के साथ-साथ उनके पेरेंट्स को भी टेंशन होने लगती हैं। बोर्ड परीक्षा के मार्क्स के आधार पर ही तय होता है कि बच्चा आगे किस विषय की पढ़ाई कर सकता है। स्वाभाविक रूप से, इससे बच्चों और पेरेंट्स पर अतिरिक्त तनाव पैदा होता है। वैसे तो हर छात्र बोरड्स में अच्छे मार्क्स लाने की पूरी कोशिश करता है। लेकिन जीवन हमेशा हमारी योजना के अनुसार नहीं चलता। कई बार बच्चे को अपेक्षित परिणाम नहीं मिल पाता है। इससे उसका मनोबल काफी गिर जाता है, जिससे वह पूरी तरह टूट सकता है। वहीं, दोस्तों, पड़ोसियों या रिश्तेदारों के बार-बार फोन करने से वह और भी परेशान हो सकता है। इसलिए इस समय माता-पिता को काफी संवेदनशील बनना होगा।

कई बार बच्चे को अपेक्षित परिणाम नहीं मिल पाता है। इससे उसका मनोबल काफी गिर जाता है, जिससे वह पूरी तरह टूट सकता है। वहीं, दोस्तों, पड़ोसियों या रिश्तेदारों के बार-बार फोन करने से वह और भी परेशान हो सकता है। इसलिए इस समय माता-पिता को काफी संवेदनशील बनना होगा।

सबसे पहले खुद को समझाएं कि बोर्ड परीक्षा जीवन का अंत नहीं है। यदि आप अपने बच्चे के सामने अपनी निराशा व्यक्त करते रहेंगे तो वह और भी अधिक दोषी महसूस करेगा। इस समय रिश्तेदार-पड़ोसी या दोस्तों के फोन आना स्वाभाविक है। लेकिन जितना हो सके इनसे बचें। क्योंकि इससे आपका बच्चा परेशान हो सकता है। इसके अलावा, फोन पर सामान्य रूप से बात करें। फोन पर 'नहीं, यह इतना अच्छा नहीं कर पाया।' जैसी टिप्पणी न करें। इससे आपके बच्चे की भावनाएं आहत होंगी।

बच्चे के सामने बार-बार चर्चा न करें कि किसका कितना अच्छा परिणाम आया और किसने कितने अंक प्राप्त किए। अपने बच्चे को यह पूछकर शर्मिंदा न करें कि उसके दोस्तों का रिजल्ट कैसा रहा। घर का माहौल सामान्य रखें। एक परीक्षा में खराब परिणाम का मतलब यह नहीं है कि पूरा परिवार एक साथ शोक मनाता रहे।

सबकी योग्यताएं या प्रतिभाएं समान नहीं होती हैं। अगर आपका बच्चा पढ़ाई में सामान्य है तो उससे टॉप करने या किसी चमत्कार की उम्मीद न करें। अपने बच्चे को समझाएं कि बोर्ड परीक्षा के मार्क्स ही उसकी एकमात्र पहचान नहीं है। वह किस तरह का व्यक्ति है, यही असली बात है। परीक्षा में आए अंकों से उसके प्रति आपका रवैया नहीं बदलेगा।

इस समय बच्चे को ज्यादा अकेला न रहने दें। अपने बच्चे के साथ बैठें और उसके साथ बातचीत और मौज-मस्ती करें। फिर उससे धीरे-धीरे उसकी भविष्य की योजनाओं के बारे में बात करें।

कई ऐसे लोग हैं जिन्हें परीक्षा में अच्छे परिणाम नहीं मिलते हैं। लेकिन उसके बाद भी उन्हें अपने मनपसंद विषय में पढ़ने का मौका मिला और उन्होंने जीवन में अच्छे परिणाम भी हासिल किए। अपने बच्चे को ऐसे लोगों का उदाहरण दें।

बच्चे को समझाएं कि स्कूल की परीक्षा ही जीवन का अंत नहीं है। उसके बाद जीवन में और भी कई परीक्षाएं होंगी। ऐसे कई लोग हैं जो परीक्षा में अच्छा प्रदर्शन ना कर पाने के बाद भी जीवन में सफल हुए हैं। यदि आपका बच्चा बुरे परिणामों को बिल्कुल भी स्वीकार नहीं कर सकता है तो आपको उसे परामर्श के लिए मनोवैज्ञानिक के पास ले जाना चाहिए। पेशेवर मदद लेने में कोई शर्म नहीं है।



बायोकेमिस्ट कोशिकाओं और अंगों के भीतर और उनके बीच संचार, मस्तिष्क के कार्य के तंत्र और वंशानुक्रम और रोग के रासायनिक आधारों में अपनी रुचि दिखाते हैं। जैव रसायन चिकित्सा, जैव प्रौद्योगिकी, पशु चिकित्सा और कृषि में व्यावहारिक प्रगति का आधार प्रदान करता है।

जैव रसायन क्या है ? जैव रसायन मूल रूप से कोशिकीय और आणविक स्तर पर जैविक प्रक्रियाओं के अध्ययन के लिए रसायन विज्ञान के सिद्धांतों का अनुप्रयोग है। जैव रसायन जीवित जीवों के रसायन विज्ञान और जीवित कोशिकाओं में होने वाले परिवर्तनों के आणविक आधार को देखता है और इस प्रकार यह जीवन विज्ञान और रासायनिक विज्ञान दोनों है। जैव रसायन हमारे शरीर को बनाने वाले घटकों को तोड़ने, चलाने, बनाने और मरम्मत करने वाली रासायनिक प्रतिक्रियाओं को सीखने के बारे में है। जैव रसायन बुनियादी विज्ञानों में सबसे व्यापक होने के कारण इसमें कई उप-विशेषताएं शामिल हैं जैसे कि जैव-रासायनिक विज्ञान, भौतिक जैव रसायन, तंत्रिका रसायन, क्लीनिकल जैव रसायन, आणविक आनुवंशिकी, जैव रासायनिक औषध विज्ञान और प्रतिरक्षा रसायन। बायोकेमिस्ट कोशिकाओं और अंगों के भीतर और उनके बीच संचार, मस्तिष्क के कार्य के तंत्र और वंशानुक्रम और रोग के रासायनिक आधारों में अपनी रुचि दिखाते हैं। जैव रसायन चिकित्सा, जैव प्रौद्योगिकी, पशु चिकित्सा और कृषि में व्यावहारिक प्रगति का आधार प्रदान करता है। एक बायोकेमिस्ट यह निर्धारित करना चाहता है कि ऐसी प्रक्रियाओं में प्रोटीन, न्यूक्लिक एसिड, लिपिड, विटामिन और हार्मोन जैसे विशिष्ट अणु कैसे कार्य करते हैं।

जर्मनी टेक्नोलॉजी में काफी आगे है और यहां का एजुकेशन सिस्टम भी कई देशों की तुलना में काफी बेहतर माना जाता है। ऐसे में तमाम भारतीय छात्र जर्मनी की ओर पढ़ाई का रुख करते ही हैं। वास्तव में उन्हें काफी सहूलियत भी मिलती है। चूंकि एजुकेशन डेस्टिनेशन के रूप में हाल-फिलहाल जर्मनी काफी पॉपुलर हो रहा है, और वहां क्वालिटी एजुकेशन भी बड़े पैमाने पर मिल रही है, इसलिए स्वाभाविक है कि वहां भारतीय छात्रों की संख्या भी लगातार बढ़ती जा रही है। एक अनुमान के मुताबिक प्रत्येक वर्ष 7 फीसदी से अधिक भारतीय छात्र वहां पढ़ने जा रहे हैं। आप कह सकते हैं कि जर्मनी में ऐसी क्या चीज है, जिसके कारण छात्र आकर्षित हो रहे हैं, तो इसका सबसे बड़ा कारण यह है कि वहां उचित शिक्षा की फीस बहुत कम है और न केवल शिक्षा की, बल्कि शिक्षा के बाद काम करने के लिए परमिट भी वहां आसानी से मिल जाता है। खास बात यह है कि अगर आप जर्मनी में शिक्षा लेना चाहते हैं, तो आप बेहतरीन स्कॉलरशिप भी पा सकते हैं। कुछ स्कॉलरशिप प्रोग्राम्स के बारे में,

एचडब्ल्यूके फैलोशिप जैसा कि नाम से ही स्पष्ट है और यह एक प्रतिष्ठित स्कॉलरशिप मानी जाती है। अगर आप एक काबिल वैज्ञानिक हैं, तो फैलोशिप प्रोजेक्ट के बेसिस पर जर्मनी में स्टडी के लिए रेग्युलर फैलोशिप और जूनियर फैलोशिप 3 और 10 महीने के लिए प्रदान की जाती है। जाहिर तौर पर यह एक आकर्षक फैलोशिप है, जो ब्राइट स्टूडेंट्स के लिए काफी मददगार साबित होती है। यूं भी विज्ञान के प्रयोगों में काफी धन की आवश्यकता होती है और इसीलिए इस स्कॉलरशिप प्रोग्राम को काफी हाईलाइट किया जाता है।

बायोकेमिस्ट्री में बनाएं अपना कैरियर

आवश्यक कौशल, स्कोप और वेतन

जैव रसायनज्ञों के लिए आवश्यक योग्यता

- ▶ एक प्रतिष्ठित संस्थान से बायोकेमिस्ट्री में स्नातक – बीएससी बायोकेमिस्ट्री।
- ▶ स्नातकोत्तर – यदि आप इस क्षेत्र में अपना कैरियर आगे बढ़ाना चाहते

बायोकेमिस्ट्री डिग्री से संबंधित नौकरियों में शामिल हैं :

- ▶ रिसर्च फैलो
- ▶ एनालिटिकल केमिस्ट
- ▶ जैव चिकित्सा वैज्ञानिक
- ▶ फार्मा एसोसिएट
- ▶ वयूए / एसी एसोसिएट
- ▶ हेल्थकेयर वैज्ञानिक
- ▶ क्लीनिकल जैव रसायन
- ▶ खाद्य सुरक्षा विश्लेषक
- ▶ नैदानिक अनुसंधान सहयोगी
- ▶ फोरेंसिक वैज्ञानिक
- ▶ अनुसंधान वैज्ञानिक
- ▶ विष विज्ञानी
- ▶ व्याख्याता / प्रोफेसर

बायोकेमिस्ट्री में कैरियर के अवसर लगभग असीमित हो सकते हैं :

सरकारी एजेंसियां, निजी शोध संस्थान, अस्पताल, सामाजिक और गैर-लाभकारी संगठन सभी को एक अच्छे बायोकेमिस्ट की तलाश रहती है। उनका एक सामान्य लक्ष्य है अनुसंधान करना, प्रयोग करना, परीक्षण करना और एड्स और कैंसर जैसी बीमारियों के इलाज का पता लगाना और यहां तक कि मानसिक विकारों के लिए भी।



हैं तो स्नातक होने के बाद एमएससी बायोकेमिस्ट्री जरूरी है।

- ▶ कुछ संस्थान बायोकेमिस्ट्री इंटीग्रेटेड कोर्स ऑफर करते हैं जो एक अच्छा विकल्प भी हो सकता है।
- ▶ एमएससी बायोकेमिस्ट्री स्नातकोत्तर, जो अनुसंधान में शामिल होना चाहते हैं, उन्हें नेट / गेट परीक्षा उत्तीर्ण होनी चाहिए, क्योंकि अधिकांश सरकारी और निजी संस्थान इसे नौकरी चयन के लिए एक आवश्यक मानदंड के रूप में रखते हैं।
- ▶ जैव रसायन अनुसंधान क्षेत्र में एक समृद्ध कैरियर के लिए पीएचडी डिग्री होना जरूरी है।
- ▶ कुछ विश्वविद्यालय चार साल का स्नातक पाठ्यक्रम प्रदान करते हैं जिसमें पहले से ही एक अनुसंधान प्लेसमेंट वर्ष शामिल होता है, जो आमतौर पर फार्मास्यूटिकल या बायोटेक्निकल उद्योग या एक शोध संस्थान में किया जाता है।

आवश्यक स्किल्स

- ▶ आवश्यक डिग्री का स्तर स्थिति के

आधार पर भिन्न होता है। कई सेंटेंस के लिए बायोकेमिस्ट्री में स्नातक की डिग्री पर्याप्त है, जबकि उन्नत शोध कार्य के लिए डॉक्टरेट की डिग्री अनिवार्य होती है। बायोकेमिस्ट्री या संबंधित क्षेत्र में स्नातक डिग्री प्रोग्राम में छात्र आमतौर पर गणित, भौतिकी और कंप्यूटर विज्ञान के पाठ्यक्रमों के अलावा, जैविक और रासायनिक विज्ञान में पाठ्यक्रम लेते हैं। बायोकेमिस्ट के लिए गणित और कंप्यूटर विज्ञान के पाठ्यक्रम महत्वपूर्ण हैं, क्योंकि उन्हें जटिल डेटा विश्लेषण करने में सक्षम होना चाहिए। स्नातक होने के बाद कुछ कार्य अनुभव प्राप्त करके अवसरों में सुधार किया जा सकता है जैसे कि किसी कंपनी या शोध प्रयोगशाला में इंटरनशिप। इच्छुक जैव रसायनज्ञों के लिए प्रयोगशाला अनुभव आवश्यक है; उन्नत शोध पदों के लिए पोस्टडॉक्टरेल शोध कार्य की आवश्यकता हो सकती है।

बायोकेमिस्ट्री फ़ेशर्स के लिए औसत वेतन इस प्रकार हैं:

- ▶ अनुसंधान संस्थानों में एंटी लेवल का वेतन (नेट / गेट के बिना) : रुपये 15,000 – 20,000 / – प्रति माह
- ▶ अनुसंधान संस्थानों में प्रवेश स्तर का वेतन (नेट / गेट के साथ) रुपये 20,000 – 30,000 / – प्रति माह
- ▶ बायोफार्मा कंपनियों में प्रवेश स्तर का वेतन रु.18,000/- से रु. 25,000/- प्रति माह
- ▶ अनुसंधान संस्थानों में अनुभवी के लिए औसत वेतन (नेट / गेट के बिना) : रुपये 25,00/- से 40,000/- रुपये प्रति माह
- ▶ अनुसंधान संस्थानों में अनुभवी के लिए औसत वेतन (नेट / गेट के साथ) : रुपये 30,000/- से रुपये 60,000 /- प्रति माह
- ▶ बायोफार्मा कंपनियों में अनुभवी के लिए औसत वेतन 30,000/- से 80,000/- रुपये प्रति माह
- ▶ अनुभव के साथ आपका वेतन सामान्य रूप से बढ़ता ही जाता है। पीएचडी की डिग्री और एक अच्छे कौशल के साथ आप बायोकेमिस्ट्री में एक सफल कैरियर बना सकते हैं।

- ▶ चिकित्सा, वैज्ञानिक, खेरी और स्प्रेडशीट सॉफ्टवेयर का ज्ञान मौलिक है।
- ▶ विभिन्न प्रकार के उपकरण जैसे गैस क्रोमैटोग्राफ और इलेक्ट्रॉन माइक्रोस्कोप का उपयोग सूक्ष्म जीवविज्ञानी द्वारा उचित रूप से किया जाना चाहिए।
- ▶ बायोकेमिस्ट्री व्यावसायिक रूप से एक मूल्यवान डिग्री है और यह महत्वपूर्ण उद्योगों की एक शृंखला में अच्छी तरह से भुगतान करने वाली नौकरियों के लिए काफी उपयोगी होती है। जैव रसायन के भीतर कार्य क्षेत्र विशाल है।

जर्मनी में करें पढ़ाई और स्कॉलरशिप भी पाएं

मैनहीम यूनिवर्सिटी डॉचलैंड स्कॉलरशिप

इस स्कॉलरशिप का नाम तो आपने सुना ही होगा। अगर आप बेहतरीन मेरिट पाते हैं, तो ग्रेजुएशन या पोस्ट ग्रेजुएशन के लिए आप इस स्कॉलरशिप हेतु आवेदन कर सकते हैं। रु. 24000 प्रत्येक महीने आपको स्कॉलरशिप के तौर पर दिए जाते हैं जो कि एक काफी आकर्षक स्कॉलरशिप मानी जा सकती है। विदेशों में अगर आपको इतनी रकम पढ़ाई के लिए मिलती है, वह भी प्रत्येक महीने तो वह आपकी शिक्षा में निश्चित तौर पर मददगार साबित होगी।

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स्कॉलरशिप पीएचडी की पढ़ाई करने वालों के लिए है चाहे इस्टीम जो भी हो अगर आप मास्टर डिग्री ले चुके हैं इस स्कॉलरशिप के लिए अप्लाई कर सकते हैं तकरीबन 6 महीने तक रु. 63000 तक आपको मिल सकते हैं रु. 32000 प्रत्येक महीने चुने हुए हैं स्कॉलर के बच्चों के लिए खर्च दिए जाते हैं तो जाहिर तौर पर आप को लाभ पहुंचा सकता है

जीएसएलएस फैलोशिप

विर्जवर्ग यूनिवर्सिटी, 3 सालों के लिए पीएचडी फैलोज को यह स्कालरशिप देती है। खास बात यह है कि इसमें आपको लाइफ



साइंस के किसी भी सबजेक्ट में डिग्री लेनी होती है। इस फैलोशिप में प्रत्येक वर्ष 4 लाख रिसर्च से सम्बंधित खर्च, यात्रा आदि पर खर्च किए जाते हैं।

साइंस और इंजीनियरिंग में डीएएडी इंटरनशिप

इंटरनशिप में करंट में चल रहे रिसर्च और भिन्न परियोजनाओं के हिस्से के तौर पर डॉक्टोरल स्टूडेंट्स, प्रोफेसर या साइंटिस्ट के साथ काम करने का मौका इसमें मिलता है। गणित, विज्ञान या फिर इंजीनियरिंग के स्टूडेंट अंतिम वर्ष में या उससे पहले भी इंटरव्यू के लिए आवेदन कर सकते हैं। इसमें ट्रेवल एलाउंस के लिए आपको प्रत्येक महीने 50 हजार रु. तक मिल जाते हैं, जो कि पढ़ाई करने वाले स्टूडेंट के लिए सफिशिएंट माने जा सकते हैं।

आईस्टाइन फैलोशिप जर्मनी

आईस्टाइन फोरम टाइमर एंड डैमर एंड बैज

फाउंडेशन भारत के ह्यूमैनिटीज, सोशल साइंस अथवा नेचुरल साइंसेज के छात्रों को यह फैलोशिप प्रोवाइड करता है। महान वैज्ञानिक अल्बर्ट आइंस्टीन के नाम पर शुरू की गयी इस फैलोशिप का मतलब बेहतर प्रतिभाओं को सामने लाना है।

बोहरिंगर इंगेलहिम फोर्ड्स पीएचडी फैलोशिप

भारत के बेहद जूनियर साइंटिस्ट इस स्कॉलरशिप का फायदा उठा सकते हैं। वे जर्मनी के हायर एजुकेशन डिस्ट्रिक्ट में पीएचडी कर सकते हैं। दाखिला लेने के बाद, स्कॉलरशिप के तहत साइंटिफिक रिसर्च और लाइव फील्ड एक्सपेरिमेंट के लिए इसमें फंड प्रोवाइड किया जा सकता है। आप यह जानकर हैरान रह जाएंगे कि मासिक भत्ते के रूप में तकरीबन 12 लाख रुपया दिया जाता है तो रु. 12000 रिसर्च एंड डेवलपमेंट भत्ता के तौर पर। इसके अलावा भी दूसरे भत्ते इसमें शामिल हैं।

NEWS BOX

Breel Embolo devastated after costly blunder vs Argentina ends his World Cup dream

New Delhi. (Agency)

Breel Embolo's FIFA World Cup campaign came to an abrupt end after the Switzerland striker was sent off for simulation during his side's quarter-final against Argentina on Saturday. Embolo was left ruing a costly dive after receiving a second yellow card following a VAR review.The striker, who had already been booked late in the first half, was initially awarded a free-kick by referee Joao Pinheiro, who cautioned Argentina midfielder Leandro Paredes. However, after reviewing the incident on the pitch side monitor, the referee overturned his decision, withdrew Paredes' booking and instead cautioned Embolo for



simulation.The dismissal came with the score locked at 1-1 and 18 minutes remaining, leaving Switzerland to play the closing stages with 10 men against the defending world champions.It was a dramatic twist in a contest that had swung in Switzerland's favour only moments earlier. Dan Ndoye had levelled the scores with a composed finish from a tight angle after exchanging passes with Ricardo Rodriguez, cancelling out Alexis Mac Allister's first-half opener, which had come from a Lionel Messi corner.Just minutes after the equaliser, Embolo chased a loose ball inside the Argentina half with Leandro Paredes tracking back. Pinheiro initially penalised the Argentina midfielder and produced a yellow card, but the incident was referred for an on-field review.After watching the replay on the pitchside monitor, the referee overturned his decision. The footage showed there had been no contact from Paredes, with Embolo appearing to go to ground before any challenge arrived.

Conor McGregor's comeback ends in injury heartbreak: What happened at UFC 329

New Delhi. (Agency)

Conor McGregor's highly anticipated return to the octagon after a five-year hiatus ended in immediate heartbreak at UFC 329, with a severe leg injury forcing a first-round stoppage against Max Holloway.The Irish superstar, making his first competitive appearance since breaking his tibia and fibula against Dustin Poirier in July 2021, suffered what appeared to be a catastrophic knee or lower-leg injury just seconds into the main event at the T-Mobile Arena in Las Vegas, Nevada, United States. The official stoppage came at just one minute and nine seconds of the very first round, leaving the capacity crowd in Las Vegas



stunned and casting serious doubt over the 37-year-old's future in mixed martial arts.The contest, a rematch 13 years in the making following McGregor's unanimous decision victory over Holloway in 2013, began with characteristic theatre. Sporting a new Mohawk and walking out to a wall of smoke, McGregor looked physically imposing and full of his trademark confidence. However, the bravado dissolved almost instantly upon the opening horn.Seeking to make an aggressive statement, McGregor rushed across the canvas and unleashed a leaping lead kick. As his right foot slapped against his opponent, the former two-division champion landed awkwardly, with his knee visibly buckling beneath his weight. Refusing to back down, McGregor attempted a second strike moments later, only to collapse instantly onto the canvas.

Messi's heated exchange with Portuguese World Cup referee goes viral: Don't be disrespectful

Lionel Messi found himself at the center of another viral World Cup moment, this time after a heated exchange with Portuguese referee João Pinheiro during Argentina's dramatic 3-1 extra-time win over Switzerland.

New Delhi. (Agency)

Lionel Messi was involved in a tense exchange with Portuguese referee Joao Pinheiro during Argentina's FIFA World Cup quarter-final against Switzerland on Saturday, with the confrontation quickly going viral on social media.The incident came during Argentina's dramatic 3-1 extra-time victory over 10-man Switzerland, a result that booked the defending champions a blockbuster semi-final against England in Atlanta on Wednesday.Messi's side kept alive their

bid to become the first nation to successfully defend the World Cup since Brazil in 1962, but one of the biggest talking points from the contest came long before the final whistle.The exchange took place in the first half as Switzerland prepared to take a free-kick. Standing in Argentina's defensive wall, Messi appeared unhappy with the manner in which Pinheiro instructed him to move back the required distance.Television cameras captured the Argentina captain responding immediately before approaching the referee again after the free-kick had been taken. According to lip-reading from the broadcast, Messi told the official, "Speak to me properly. Don't disrespect me. Speak to me properly. I spoke to you properly."Despite the animated conversation, Messi remained composed throughout the exchange, keeping his



hands behind his back while speaking to the referee. Pinheiro did not caution the Argentina captain, and the brief confrontation had no impact on the match.The clip quickly spread across social media, becoming one of the defining moments from a quarter-final packed with drama.Argentina eventually prevailed after Julian Alvarez and Lautaro Martinez struck in extra time to

seal a 3-1 victory, ending Switzerland's impressive World Cup run and sending the reigning champions into the last four. **WHO IS JOAO PINHEIRO?** Joao Pinheiro is one of Portugal's leading referees and has established himself among Europe's top officials.The 8-year-old made his debut in Portugal's top division in 2015 before receiving his FIFA badge a year later. Since then, he has officiated in the UEFA Champions League, Europa League and the 2025 UEFA Super Cup, performances that earned him selection for the 2026 FIFA World Cup.While his exchange with Messi dominated discussion online, Pinheiro chose not to take disciplinary action against the Argentina captain, allowing play to continue uninterrupted in one of the tournament's most dramatic quarter-finals.

FIFA World Cup semis: England vs Argentina, Spain vs France promise epic showdowns

New Delhi. (Agency)

The stage is set for a truly seismic conclusion to the 2026 FIFA World Cup as the 48-team tournament is whittled down to a final four of pure footballing royalty. Defending champions Argentina, a resilient England, an electric France, and a flawless Spain have navigated the treacherous knockout fields to stand just one match away from the sport's ultimate showcase, setting up two massive blockbusters that pit the clinical precision of Europe against the flair and unyielding passion of South America. The looming dream final offers a mouthwatering rematch of the legendary 2022 Qatar epic between Lionel Messi and Kylian Mbappe. While a sequel is firmly on the cards, getting



there will be anything but easy. Before either superstar can book a date with destiny, they must first survive two brutal semifinal tests against a stubborn England and a flawless, high-flying Spain.For world champions Argentina, the road to the final four has been anything but comfortable, defined by extra-time survival, narrow tactical victories, and flashes of world-class individual brilliance.Argentina booked

their place in the semifinals by surviving a relentless, chaotic scare against Switzerland in Kansas City on Saturday. Lionel Scaloni's side initially found comfort inside 10 minutes when Lionel Messi rolled back the years to carve open the Swiss defence, teeing up Alexis Mac Allister for a cool opener. However, Switzerland fought back with ferocious intent, levelling via Dan Ndoye in the second half. A red card to Swiss forward Breel Embolo threatened to derail the Europeans, yet they dragged the reigning champions into a gruelling extra-time period. It was there that Argentina's squad depth proved decisive. Julin lvarez shattered the deadlock in the 112th minute with a curler into the top corner before Lautaro Martinez put the gloss on a dramatic 3-1 victory with seconds remaining.

Erling Haaland's father blasts referee after Norway's World Cup exit to England

Miami. (Agency)

Alf-Inge Haaland, the father of Norway striker Erling Haaland, criticised the officiating after England defeated Norway 2-1 after extra time to reach the FIFA World Cup semi-finals in Miami on Saturday.Norway vs Engln, FIFA World Cup 2026: HIGHLIGHTS Jude Bellingham scored twice, including the extra-time winner, as England came from behind after Andreas Schjelderup had given Norway a first-half lead. The result ended Norway's historic World Cup run at the quarter-final stage.Following the final

whistle, football journalist Fabrizio Romano praised Bellingham on social media, prompting a sarcastic response



from Alf-Inge Haaland.The post quickly drew attention online as Norway's controversial exit became one of the major talking points after the quarter-

final.The Norwegian camp was left aggrieved by two major decisions during the contest.England's equaliser came in first-half stoppage time after a goal-kick appeared to brush an overhead camera cable before dropping into England's possession. Norway protested, believing play should have been stopped, but FIFA later said technology showed there had been no contact.The sensor in the Connected Ball showed no peak in the 'heartbeat of the ball' when in the air, and therefore no evidence that the ball touched the overhead wire and changed the movement of the ball," FIFA said in a statement.



Argentina 3-1 Switzerland, FIFA World Cup quarterfinal: Highlights It looked routine to begin with. Ten minutes on the clock and Alexis Mac Allister rose above two defenders, meeting Messi's corner and glancing it into the far corner. Arrowhead erupted. Blue and white smoke, thousands of voices, the whole stadium bouncing. Job done, surely. Argentina would cruise from here.They did not cruise. Not even close.Switzerland had other ideas. Murat Yakin sent his players out to press, to pass, to make life uncomfortable, and for long stretches of that first half they had the better of it. seriously enough.

A freer Zverev, an unstoppable Sinner. Wimbledon final promises blockbuster

Wimbledon 2026: Fresh off his maiden Grand Slam triumph at Roland Garros, Alexander Zverev faces his toughest test yet as world No.1 Jannik Sinner stands between him and a second straight major title.

New Delhi. (Agency)

Alexander Zverev finally buried his Grand Slam demons at Roland Garros last month, but an even sterner examination awaits him at Wimbledon.

Standing between the German and a second straight major title is world No.1 and defending champion Jannik Sinner, who has turned their rivalry into one of the most one-sided contests on the ATP Tour.Zverev arrives at Centre Court chasing yet another slice of history after becoming the first German man since Boris Becker to win a Grand Slam title, beating Flavio Cobolli in a gripping five-set French Open final. Having spent years carrying the tag of the best player never to win a major, the 29-year-old now has the opportunity to become the first man in the Open Era to follow up his maiden Slam triumph with another title at the very next major.Yet, unlike in



Paris, where he faced a first-time Grand Slam finalist, Sunday's challenge promises to be far tougher. Sinner has not only emerged as the dominant force in men's tennis over the last two seasons, but he has also enjoyed near-total control over his rivalry with Zverev.

The Italian has beaten the German in each of their last nine meetings, transforming what was once a closely fought battle into a daunting mental hurdle. More remarkably, Sinner has not dropped a set in any of their last six meetings, winning 14 straight sets against Zverev heading into the Wimbledon final. **SINNER INTO ANOTHER WIMBLEDON FINAL** If there were any lingering doubts over Sinner's form after his heartbreaking defeat in Paris, the defending champion has answered them emphatically at the All England Club.The 24-year-old delivered arguably.

Richa Chadha

Backs Dia Mirza After Son Avyaan Is Trolled: ‘She Gifted Me 1100 Trees’

Dia Mirza recently found herself at the receiving end of online trolling after a clip from Soha Ali Khan’s podcast went viral. In the video, the actor spoke about an incident involving her 5-year-old son Avyaan, who scolded a delivery agent for bringing coconut water in plastic bags with plastic straws. While Soha praised the child’s conviction, several social media users criticised Dia and her son, with some calling the episode an example of “entitled arrogance.” Amid the backlash, actor Richa Chadha has now come out strongly in support of Dia. Taking to X, Richa defended the actor’s long-standing work in the field of environmental awareness and also called out people for attacking a child.

Richa Chadha Defends Dia Mirza Amid Trolling

Richa reposted a note by a social media user who accused Dia of preaching ecological consciousness while allegedly driving a Jaguar. Responding to the criticism, Richa wrote a long note on X and

questioned why actors are often discouraged from speaking up. “Y’all wonder why actors don’t speak up? (Damned if you do, damned if you don’t!) Apart from the routine haranguing by the usual, brain-dead suspects, there’s also this! Of course punch up yaar, actors ki mental health ka kya hai. Aaye din suicides kar ke salacious news cycles ko feed bhi karna to artist ka kartavya hona chahiye. Haina? Women with privilege will be shamed if say anything outside the syllabus. Lipstick, bikini, GRWM, OOTD, make-up haul et al,” she wrote. Richa then highlighted Dia’s environmental work and said that people trolling her could at least do a basic search before making accusations. “Just FYI, @deespeak is involved with a bamboo paper company, means no trees are cut to manufacture paper, and WITHOUT, a plastic recycling start up that makes very cool sunglasses. She’s also produced a lovely short on the climate, it screens at PardaFaash, Mumbai, tomorrow 3.07.26. Check these things out, because if you can bully a 5 year old, you can also run a basic google search na,” Richa added. **Richa Chadha Says Dia Mirza Does Not Own A Jaguar** Richa also dismissed the claim that Dia owns a Jaguar. She said that she has only seen Dia use electric cars and added that the actor has personally inspired her through her environmental gestures.

Shreya Kalra's

BF Rishabh Jaiswal Defends Her For Revealing Akanksha Chamola's Bisexual 'Secret'

Shreya Kalra’s boyfriend, Rishabh Jaiswal, has come to her defence after she revealed that Akanksha Chamola is bisexual. The revelation was made on Netflix’s Lock Upp 2, and Rishabh took to social media to explain to fans how the “secret” had already been revealed by Akanksha to the show’s makers, and could likely be revealed eventually anyway.

unhone 3 secrets khud se creative team ko, Netflix team ko, Lock Upp team ko diye hain. As a lifeline use honge bakayda unhe bataya gaya hai.” He added that in Lock Upp 2, contestants can use these secrets as “lifelines” which can be revealed to stay on the show. Rishabh added, “Shreya ne uska wo lifeline bata diya, so it’s a part of the game. Usne aisa kisi ka moral dilemma ya moral preferences hamper nahi kiya hai.” He urged people to stop targeting Shreya and said, “Please us basis pe jo log judge kar rahe ho, please open your head guys.” He again reminded everyone that the information had been shared by Akanksha herself to be disclosed on the show. For the unversed, during an episode, Shreya asked Sufi Motiwala, “Am I going to be a bad person if I reveal it?” Sufi replied, “No, that’s the game.” She then claimed, “She is bisexual.” The camera immediately cut to Akanksha. Citing the rules of the show, Shreya said that the “secret” had now been used as part of the game; two of Akanksha’s lifelines were over, leaving her with only one remaining.

“Log keh rahe hain Shreya ne Akanksha Chamola ka secret reveal kar diya ki ‘She is bisexual’, ‘Uska haq nahi hai kisi ki sexuality pe baat karne ka’... Abhi main bata doon, mujhe internal baat pata hai.” Rishabh said in a video posted on Instagram. He said that Shreya did not reveal Akanksha’s personal information as she had already revealed it to the makers as a lifeline. Rishabh said, “Dekho jitney contestants gaye hain na,



'I'm An Artist, Not A Politician': Diljit Dosanjh On Being Asked About CJP Protest



Singer-actor Diljit Dosanjh recently interacted with fans during an Instagram Live session, where he answered questions on a variety of topics. Among the many queries, one fan asked him about the ongoing protest at Jantar Mantar led by the Cockroach Janta Party (CJP). While reacting to the question, Diljit made it clear that he prefers not to comment on it. He said that he was unaware of the situation due to his busy Aura Tour schedule. He also urged people to keep him out of protests, stating that he is not a politician and would rather remain focused on his work as an entertainer.

Diljit Dosanjh’s Reaction When Asked About CJP Protest At Jantar Mantar

When asked about the CJP protest at Jantar Mantar, Diljit appeared surprised, admitting that he was unaware of it as he had been occupied with his Aura Tour. He then urged people to keep him away from protests and political discussions because he considers himself an artist and not a politician. “Bro, keep me away from protests and such things. I am an artist. I am not a politician,” he said.

He further added that it is impossible for everything in the world to be perfect or entirely right. “Everything can never be right. Everything in this world can never be right,” he said. He also quoted a line from the Guru Granth Sahib, “Nanak dukhiya sab sansar, so sukhia jis naam adhaar.” Diljit further said that while his name is often dragged into such matters, he wishes well for both sides involved. He reiterated that he was not familiar with the issue and therefore did not have anything more to add.

Diljit Dosanjh’s Work Front

Diljit Dosanjh was last seen in the Imtiaz Ali directorial Main Vaapas Aaunga, a period drama set against the backdrop of the India-Pakistan Partition. The film, which also stars Naseeruddin Shah, Sharvati and Vedang Raina, has emerged as one of the notable successes of 2026, earning strong audience appreciation and steady box office growth on the back of positive word of mouth.

'Until She Feels She Has Found...': Stebin Ben On Kriti Sanon's Wedding Buzz Amid Kabir Bahia Dating Rumours



As rumours continue to swirl about Kriti Sanon’s relationship with businessman Kabir Bahia, the actress has received support from singer Stebin Ben, who is also her brother-in-law. Addressing the ongoing speculation around her personal life, Stebin said that choices related to marriage or relationships should never be made under societal pressure. He also praised Kriti’s journey in the Hindi film industry, commending her hard-earned success and growth as an actress.

Recently, while speaking to Galatta India, Stebin Ben, who is married to Nupur Sanon, reacted to the ongoing discussions around Kriti’s marriage and her relationship buzz. The conversation gained momentum after her younger sister Nupur got married earlier this year. Stebin shared that he is frequently asked about when Kriti intends to get married, but stressed that the decision should be entirely hers, without any outside expectations or pressure. He said, “I don’t know why people keep asking this. After her younger sister got married, everyone started saying, ‘Now it’s Kriti’s turn.’ Commending Kriti’s inspiring rise from a small-town girl to one of Bollywood’s top actresses, he said that someone who has worked so hard to build her career should never feel compelled to hurry such a significant life decision. Stebin added, “She is doing exceptionally good in her career. A girl coming from a small town who did well for herself and has grown on her own... Give her time. Until Kriti feels that she has found the best boy and is sure about marriage, she should not take that decision. Until you get that certainty, why do you have to rush into marriage? There is no hurry. Life is not running away.” Stebin further shared that he sees several similarities between his own journey and Kriti’s, noting that she carved her own path in the industry through hard work and determination. He praised her for achieving stardom on her own while remaining humble and deeply connected to her family. Expressing confidence in her future, he said her career looks exceptionally promising, adding that she has an impressive slate of films lined up until 2030 and continues to deliver back-to-back hits.

पाकुड़ स्टेशन पर ट्रेन से कटकर अज्ञात व्यक्ति की मौत, ओवरब्रिज के पास मिला शव, जीआरपी ने बाँड़ी कब्जे में लिया

पाकुड़,एजेंसी। पाकुड़ रेलवे स्टेशन के प्लेटफॉर्म संख्या दो पर ओवरब्रिज के पास ट्रेन की चपेट में आने से एक अज्ञात व्यक्ति की मौके पर ही मौत हो गई। घटना के बाद स्टेशन परिसर में अफरा-तफरी का माहौल बन गया। मृतक का शव प्लेटफॉर्म संख्या 2 पर ओवरब्रिज के समीप पोल संख्या 151/2 और 150/42 के बीच रेलवे ट्रैक के किनारे कटा हुआ पाया गया। सूचना मिलते ही जीआरपी के अधिकारी और जवान मौके पर पहुंचे और घटनास्थल का जायजा लिया।

पहचान की कोशिश जारी, यात्रियों से पूछताछ: घटना के बाद जीआरपी ने तत्काल कार्रवाई करते हुए आसपास मौजूद यात्रियों से मृतक की पहचान के लिए पूछताछ की, लेकिन किसी ने भी उसे पहचानने से इंकार किया। स्टेशन पर मौजूद अन्य लोगों से भी जानकारी जुटाने की कोशिश की गई, पर कोई सुरांग नहीं मिला। यात्रियों के अनुसार, आशंका जताई जा रही है कि संभवतः देर रात या सुबह के समय ट्रेन में चढ़ने या उतरने के दौरान वह व्यक्ति हादसे का शिकार हुआ होगा।

पोस्टमार्टम के लिए भेजा गया, जांच में जुटी पुलिस: फिलहाल जीआरपी ने शव को अपने कब्जे में लेकर पोस्टमार्टम के लिए भेजने की प्रक्रिया शुरू कर दी है। साथ ही मृतक की पहचान सुनिश्चित करने के प्रयास तेज कर दिए गए हैं, ताकि उसके परिजनों को सूचना दी जा सके। पुलिस का कहना है कि हर पहलू को ध्यान में रखकर जांच की जा रही है।

जमशेदपुर में एक ही रात 12 दुकानों के ताले तोड़े, नकदी व सामान पर चोरों ने किया हाथ साफ, दुकानदारों को मिले टूटे हुए ताले



जमशेदपुर (पूर्वी सिंहभूम),एजेंसी। जमशेदपुर के मानगो-डिमना रोड स्थित बाजार में देर रात चोरों ने बड़ी वारदात को अंजाम दिया। ओलीडीह थाना क्षेत्र के इस बाजार में अज्ञात बदमाशों ने एक ही रात में करीब 10 से 12 दुकानों के ताले तोड़ दिए और नकदी समेत कीमती सामान की चोरी कर ली। चोरों ने मुख्य रूप से किराना, मेडिकल और रोजमर्रा के सामान की दुकानों को निशाना बनाया। जिन दुकानों में चोरी की पुष्टि हुई है, उनमें श्याम जरनल स्टोर, विष्णु भंडार, मां वैभव वैष्णो मेडिकल, मनोज केजरीवाल का हार्डवेयर दुकान, रामाज्ञा आटा चक्की, राधा कृष्ण ट्रेलर और शुभम स्टोर शामिल हैं। इसके अलावा कई अन्य दुकानों के ताले तोड़ने का प्रयास भी किया गया।

दुकानों के टूटे ताले मिले, बिखरा मिला सामान: रविवार सुबह जब दुकानदार अपनी दुकानें खोलने पहुंचे, तो बाजार का दृश्य देखकर दंग रह गए। अधिकांश दुकानों के ताले टूटे हुए थे और अंदर सामान बिखरा पड़ा था। प्रारंभिक जानकारी के अनुसार, दुकानों के गल्लों में रखी नकदी, जरूरी सामान और अन्य कीमती वस्तुएं चोरी हुई हैं। हालांकि कुल नुकसान का आकलन अभी दुकानदारों द्वारा किया जा रहा है। घटना के बाद बड़ी संख्या में स्थानीय लोग और व्यापारी मौके पर जुट गए। इस दौरान बाजार में अफरा-तफरी का माहौल बना रहा और लोगों में आक्रोश भी देखने को मिला।

पुलिस जांच में जुटी, गश्त पर उठे सवाल: घटना की सूचना मिलते ही मानगो थाना पुलिस मौके पर पहुंची और पूरे क्षेत्र का निरीक्षण किया। पुलिस ने आसपास लगे सीसीटीवी कैमरों के फुटेज खंगालने की प्रक्रिया शुरू कर दी है। पुलिस का कहना है कि जल्द ही आरोपियों की पहचान कर उन्हें गिरफ्तार किया जाएगा। वहीं, इस घटना के बाद दुकानदारों ने पुलिस की रात्रि गश्त व्यवस्था पर सवाल उठाए हैं। व्यापारियों का कहना है कि अगर नियमित गश्त होती, तो इतनी बड़ी चोरी की घटना को रोका जा सकता था। उन्होंने प्रशासन से बाजार में सुरक्षा व्यवस्था मजबूत करने और रात में पुलिस निगरानी बढ़ाने की मांग की है।

अशोक नगर चोरीकांड:पुलिस गेट-2 पर कर रही थी जांच, चोर गेट-5 की बाउंड्री फांद भागा

रांची,एजेंसी। अशोक नगर में त्रिवेणी कंस्ट्रक्शन के संचालक अखिलेश पांडेय के घर हुई हॉर्स्प्राइल चोरी के बाद पुलिस गेट नंबर-2 पर जांच में जुटी थी, उसी दौरान चोर सुबह 5:01 बजे गेट नंबर-5 की बाउंड्री फांदकर फरार हो गया। दोनों गेटों के बीच दूरी करीब 250 मीटर है, फिर भी आरोपी पुलिस को चकमा देने में सफल रहा। जांच में सामने आया है कि भागने के दौरान चोरों ने ऑटो, होटल और कार बंदनकर पुलिस को भ्रमित करने की कोशिश की। अशोक नगर के कैंपस से बाहर निकलने के बाद एक आरोपी ने एक ऑटो रुकवाया और जेल मोड़ चलने को कहा। आरोपी करीब आधे घंटे तक ऑटो से शहर में घूमता रहा। इसके बाद वह न्यूक्लियस मॉल पहुंचा, फिर थडूपखना चलने को कहा। वहां कुछ दूर पहले उतर गया। 150 रुपए किराए के बदले उसने चालक को 500 रुपए देकर बाकी पैसे रखने को कहा। थडूपखना में दिखने के करीब 15 मिनट बाद आरोपी बिरसा चौक स्थित पार्क रीस्टो होटल पहुंचा। ऑटो चालक की पहचान हो चुकी है और उसने पुलिस को कई अहम जानकारीयां दी हैं।

देवघर से दो ब्राउन शुगर तस्कर गिरफ्तार



देवघर,एजेंसी। जिले में नशे के कारोबार के विरुद्ध चलाए जा रहे अभियान के तहत देवघर पुलिस ने बड़ी कार्रवाई करते हुए दो ब्राउन शुगर तस्करों को गिरफ्तार किया है। आरोपियों के कब्जे से कुल 4.04 ग्राम अवैध ब्राउन शुगर बरामद की गई है। पुलिस अधीक्षक, देवघर को गुप्त सूचना मिली थी कि दो व्यक्ति तालझारी से ब्राउन शुगर खरीदकर मोहनपुर थाना क्षेत्र के रामजोरिया स्थित यात्री शेड के पास इसकी खरीद-बिक्री कर रहे हैं। सूचना के सत्यापन और आवश्यक कार्रवाई के लिए पुलिस अधीक्षक के निर्देश पर अनुमंडल पुलिस पदाधिकारी (सदर) के नेतृत्व में एक विशेष छापामारी दल (एसआईटी) का गठन किया गया। गठित टीम ने त्वरित कार्रवाई करते हुए रामजोरिया स्थित यात्री शेड के पास छापेमारी की, जहां से दोनों संदिग्धों को गिरफ्तार कर लिया गया।

Jharkhand

कोडरमा घाटी में तेल टैंकर और हाईवा की टक्कर

ओवरटेक के दौरान हुई टक्कर, केबिनमें फंसा टैंकर चालक,बोकारो से नेपाल जा रहा था

कोडरमा,एजेंसी। कोडरमा जिले के सदर थाना क्षेत्र में भीषण सड़क दुर्घटना हो गई। रांची-पटना मेन रोड पर स्थित कोडरमा घाटी के सतपुलिया के पास एक तेल टैंकर और हाईवा के बीच जोरदार टक्कर हो गई।

हादसे में टैंकर चालक गंभीर रूप से घायल हो गया। घायल चालक की पहचान बिहार के छपरा जिले के निवासी 40 वर्षीय धर्मेन्द्र यादव के रूप में की गई है।

जानकारी के अनुसार धर्मेन्द्र यादव बोकारो से कच्चा तेल लेकर नेपाल जा रहे थे।

इसी दौरान घाटी से गुजरते समय सतपुलिया के पास एक खाली हाईवा ने उनके टैंकर को ओवरटेक किया और



अचानक सामने आकर धीमी गति से चलने लगा, जिससे यह हादसा हो गया।

टैंकर का अगला हिस्सा

क्षतिग्रस्त, चालक फंसा: प्रत्यक्षदर्शियों के अनुसार सतपुलिया के पास सड़क ढलान पर है। जिसके कारण टैंकर

सरकारी आईटीआई के लैब बनेंगे हाईटेक,ऐसे कोर्स शुरू होंगे जिनकी उद्योगों में अधिक मांग

रांची,एजेंसी। आईटीआई में कोर्स करने वाले युवाओं को उद्योगों की मदद से मिलेगा बेहतर प्रशिक्षण व जॉब

झारखंड के आईटीआई में जल्द बड़ा बदलाव देखने को मिलेगा। अब यहां केवल पारंपरिक ट्रेडों की पढ़ाई ही नहीं होगी, बल्कि उद्योगों की जरूरत के अनुसार आधुनिक तकनीक और नए कोशल भी सिखाए जाएंगे।

इसके लिए श्रम, नियोजन, प्रशिक्षण एवं कौशल विकास विभाग ने प्रधानमंत्री स्किलिंग एंड एम्प्लॉयबिलिटी ट्रांसफॉर्मेशन थ्रु अपग्रेडेड आईटीआई (पीएम-सेतू) योजना के तहत उद्योगों से साझेदारी के लिए रुचि मांगी है। विभाग ने एक्सप्रेसशन ऑफ इंटरेस्ट जारी किया है। राज्य में कुल 77 आईटीआई हैं। इनके इंपाक्टकर और लैब में बदलाव का प्रस्ताव है। इसके साथ ही पाठ्यक्रम में भी बदलाव किए जाएंगे।

पीएम-सेतू योजना का उद्देश्य सरकारी आईटीआई को आधुनिक और रोजगारोन्मुख प्रशिक्षण केंद्र बनाना है। इसके तहत झारखंड के चयनित आईटीआई में नई मशीनें



लगाई जाएंगी, आधुनिक प्रयोगशालाएं विकसित होंगी और डिजिटल लर्निंग की सुविधाएं उपलब्ध कराई जाएंगी। साथ ही ऐसे नए कोर्स शुरू किए जाएंगे, जिनकी आज उद्योगों में सबसे

ज्यादा मांग है।

ये होंगे लाभ: छात्रों को एडवांस मैयूफैक्चरिंग, इंडस्ट्री 4.0, ऑटिफिशियल इंटेलिजेंस (एआई), डिजिटल तकनीक, सेवा क्षेत्र और मल्टी-स्किल जैसे आधुनिक विषयों की ट्रेनिंग मिलेगी।

उद्योगों में ऑन-द-जॉब ट्रेनिंग, सॉफ्ट स्किल्स, करियर काउंसलिंग और प्लेसमेंट सहायता भी दी जाएगी, ताकि प्रशिक्षण पूरा होते ही युवाओं को रोजगार मिलने

की संभावना बढ़ सके।

ऐसी बन रही योजना: हब आईटीआई: औसतन 4 नए कोर्स शुरू होंगे, 10 पुराने कोर्स आधुनिक बनाए जाएंगे।

स्योक आईटीआई: दो नए कोर्स शुरू होंगे और आठ पुराने कोर्सों को अपग्रेड किया जाएगा। 'सरकारी आईटीआई संस्थानों को अपग्रेड किया जाएगा। इस योजना पर काम किया जा रहा है। इसके अच्छे परिणाम सामने आएंगे।

सरकार और उद्योग साथ में तैयार करेंगे योजना

इस योजना की सबसे खास बात उद्योगों की सीधी भागीदारी है। प्रत्येक आईटीआई क्लस्टर के लिए एक स्पेशल पर्सन व्हीकल (एसपीवी) बनाया जाएगा, जिसमें राज्य सरकार और उद्योग मिलकर संस्थान के विकास को योजना तैयार करेंगे। उद्योग केवल सलाह ही नहीं देंगे, बल्कि आधुनिक उपकरण उपलब्ध कराने, पाठ्यक्रम तैयार करने, प्रशिक्षकों को ट्रेनिंग देने, अप्रेंटिसशिप और छात्रों के प्लेसमेंट में भी महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका निभाएंगे। इस योजना में पहली बार उद्योगों की सीधी भागीदारी होगी। उद्योग और सरकार मिलकर आईटीआई का संचालन करेंगे। कंपनियां यह तय करने में मदद करेंगी कि कौनसे नए कोर्स शुरू हों, किस तरह का प्रशिक्षण दिया जाए और छात्रों को अप्रेंटिसशिप व नौकरी कैसे मिले।

उद्योगों को प्रशिक्षित मानव संसाधन मिलेंगे

झारखंड सरकार का मानना है कि इस पहल से आईटीआई की पढ़ाई पूरी करने वाले युवाओं को उद्योगों की जरूरत के मुताबिक कौशल मिलेगा। इससे उन्हें बेहतर रोजगार के अवसर मिलेंगे और राज्य के उद्योगों को भी प्रशिक्षित मानव संसाधन आसानी से उपलब्ध होगा। आधुनिक तकनीक, उद्योगों की भागीदारी और बेहतर प्लेसमेंट व्यवस्था के साथ झारखंड के आईटीआई युवाओं के लिए रोजगार का मजबूत माध्यम बनेंगे।

धनबाद में कॉस्मेटिक दुकान में चोरी करते महिलाएं पकड़ाई सीसीटीवी फुटेज से पहचान, पुलिस गिरोह से संबंध की कर रही जांच



धनबाद,एजेंसी। धनबाद के हीरापुर स्थित चाइना मार्केट में एक कॉस्मेटिक दुकान से हो रही लगातार चोरी की घटनाओं का आखिरकार खुलासा हो गया।

रविवार को दुकान संचालक और कर्मचारियों की सतर्कता के चलते दो महिलाओं को चोरी करते हुए रो हाथ पकड़ लिया गया। बताया जाता है कि पिछले दो-तीन दिनों से दुकान से महंगे कॉस्मेटिक सामान गायब हो रहे थे, जिससे दुकानदार काफी परेशान था।

बार-बार हो रही इस घटना के बाद उसने खुद ही जांच शुरू की। दुकान में लगे सीसीटीवी कैमरों

माहौल बन गया, लेकिन कर्मचारियों ने संयम रखते हुए दोनों को काबू में रखा।

इसके बाद तत्काल सदर थाना पुलिस को सूचना दी गई। मौके पर पहुंची पुलिस ने दोनों महिलाओं को हिरासत में ले लिया। दुकानदार ने पहले की चोरी से जुड़े सभी सीसीटीवी फुटेज भी पुलिस को सौंप दिए हैं।

संगठित गिरोह की आशंका, जांच में जुटी पुलिस: इस घटना के बाद पुलिस पूरे मामले की गंभीरता से जांच कर रही है। प्रारंभिक पूछताछ में यह पता लगाने की कोशिश की जा रही है कि दोनों महिलाएं अकेले काम कर रही थीं या किसी संगठित चोरी गिरोह का हिस्सा हैं। पुलिस यह भी जांच कर रही है कि शहर के अन्य बाजारों या दुकानों में हुई चोरी की घटनाओं से इनका कोई संबंध तो नहीं है। स्थानीय दुकानदारों ने इस घटना के बाद राहत की सांस ली है। पुलिस से बाजार में गश्त बढ़ाने की मांग की है।

कोडरमा में नेपाली दंपती के बीच मारपीट, पत्नी की मौत

सिर पर गहरा जख्म,कपड़ेमें नहीं लगा था खून,नेपाल भागने से पहले पकड़ाया

कोडरमा,एजेंसी। कोडरमा के सदर थाना क्षेत्र स्थित भंडरवा की मिटको कॉलोनी में नेपाली दंपति के बीच मारपीट के बाद पत्नी की मौत का मामला सामने आया है।

यह परिवार नेपाल के मोरंग जिले का रहने वाला है। मृतका का नाम रेशमा गजमई है। हत्या के आरोपी पति का नाम सुनील गजमई है। उसके दो बच्चे हैं। आरोपी की मां जिले के सेक्रेड हार्ट स्कूल में ही काम करती है। मामले खुलासा तब हुआ जब परिवार महिला की लाश लेकर नेपाल जाने की तैयारी कर रहा था। पुलिस ने उन्हें सेक्रेड हार्ट स्कूल के पास पकड़ लिया। पुलिस उनसे मामले को लेकर पूछताछ कर रही है।

मारपीट के बाद हत्या की आशंका: जानकारी के मुताबिक पूरा परिवार स्थानीय व्यवसाई महावीर यादव के यहां रहता था और घरेलू काम किया करता था। महावीर यादव ने बताया कि



रेशमा गजमई मृतका

सुनील अपने परिवार के साथ पिछले 7 महीने से उनके यहां काम कर रहा है। वह उनके घर की साफ-सफाई सहित अन्य काम करता है।



इधर शनिवार की सुबह वे अपने खदान पर चले गए थे।

शाम को उन्हें सूचना मिली कि सुनील की पत्नी की हत्या हो गई है,

● बच्चों और पति के बयानमें विरोधाभास

टइधर, आरोपी पति सुनील गजमई ने पुलिस को बताया कि शनिवार सुबह उसका पत्नी से विवाद हुआ था, जिसके बाद रेशमा ने अत्यधिक शराब पी ली। उसने दावा किया कि वह घर से बाहर चला गया था। शाम को लौटने पर पत्नी को मृत पाया। वहीं, बच्चों ने पुलिस को अलग कहानी बताई। बच्चों के अनुसार, झगड़े के दौरान सुनील ने रेशमा को धक्का दिया, जिससे वह घर में स्थित कुएं के पास लगे लोहे के घेरे पर गिर गई। उसके सिर में गंभीर चोट लग गई। बयान में विरोधाभास होने की वजह से मामला और गंभीर हो गया है। पुलिस ह्द पहलू की बारीकी से जांच कर रही है।

● सिर पर गंभीर जख्म,कपड़ेमें नहीं मिला खून

जांच के दौरान कई चौकाने वाले तथ्य सामने आए हैं। महिला के सिर पर गहरा जख्म पाया गया। शरीर और कपड़ों पर खून के निशान नहीं मिले, जिससे साक्ष्य मिटाने की आशंका जताई जा रही है। पुलिस यह भी पता लगा रही है कि खून से सने कपड़े कहां गए और शव को देर से निजी क्लीनिक क्यों ले जाया गया। थाना प्रभारी अरविंद कुमार के अनुसार, पोस्टमार्टम और फॉरेंसिक रिपोर्ट के बाद ही मौत के असली कारणों का खुलासा होगा।

जिसके बाद वे घर आए। उन्होंने बताया कि दोनों पति पत्नी शराब का सेवन करते

थे। दोनों के बीच आए दिन विवाद होते रहता था।

एक ही दिन तीन थाना क्षेत्रों में चेन स्नैचिंग, गिरिडीह में बाइक सवारों ने जेवर झपटे, घटना सीसीटीवी में हुई कैद



गिरिडीह,एजेंसी। गिरिडीह में शनिवार को चेन स्नैचरों ने तीन अलग-अलग थाना क्षेत्रों में महिलाओं को निशाना बनाया। नगर थाना क्षेत्र के बरगंडा, सुफस्सिल थाना क्षेत्र के सिहोडीह और पचम्बा थाना क्षेत्र के कृष्णनगर में हुई इन घटनाओं में बदमाशों ने लाखों रुपए की सोने की चेन झपट ली। पहली घटना शाम करीब सात बजे बरगंडा में हुई, जहां आशा देवी सैर पर निकली थीं। बाइक सवार दो बदमाशों ने उनके गले से करीब चार लाख रुपए की चेन छीन ली। यह पूरी घटना सीसीटीवी में कैद हो गई।

दो अन्य महिलाओं को बनाया निशाना: दूसरी घटना सिहोडीह में हुई, जहां संगीता देवी अपने रिश्तेदार के घर से लौट रही थीं। गली में पहुंचते ही हेलमेट पहने दो बदमाशों ने उनके गले से करीब डेढ़ लाख रुपए की चेन झपट ली। वहीं तीसरी घटना कृष्णनगर में दिनदहाड़े हुई। जब सोनी कुमारी अपने बच्चे को टयूशन छोड़ने जा रही थीं। अपाची बाइक सवार बदमाशों ने उन्हें भी निशाना बनाया। हालांकि इन घटनाओं के बावजूद महिलाओं ने हिम्मत नहीं हारी और तुरंत पुलिस को सूचना दी।

पुलिस तीनों मामले की कर रही जांच: इन तीनों घटनाओं के बाद स्थानीय लोगों में आक्रोश जरूर है, लेकिन साथ ही सुरक्षा को लेकर जागरूकता भी बढ़ी है। लोगों ने पुलिस गश्ती बढ़ाने और सुरक्षा व्यवस्था मजबूत करने की मांग की है।

अंतरराष्ट्रीय प्लास्टिक सर्जरी दिवस पर रिम्स में 13 जुलाई को स्मृति विवज और शैक्षणिक कार्यक्रम

रांची,एजेंसी। राजधानी रांची में स्थित राजेंद्र आयुर्विज्ञान संस्थान (रिम्स) के प्लास्टिक सर्जरी विभाग की ओर से अंतरराष्ट्रीय प्लास्टिक सर्जरी दिवस के अवसर पर 13 जुलाई को स्मृति विवज एवं शैक्षणिक कार्यक्रम का आयोजन किया जाएगा। कार्यक्रम का उद्देश्य प्लास्टिक सर्जरी के क्षेत्र में नवीनतम वैज्ञानिक जानकारीयों का आदान-प्रदान, चिकित्सकों के बीच अकादमिक संवाद को बढ़ावा देना तथा युवा चिकित्सकों को इस विशेषज्ञता से जुड़े नवीन शोध एवं तकनीकों से अवगत कराना है। आयोजन के दौरान प्लास्टिक सर्जरी विषय से संबंधित वैज्ञानिक प्रस्तुतियां, विशेषज्ञों के व्याख्यान और स्मृति विवज प्रतियोगिता आयोजित की जाएगी। इस अवसर पर प्लास्टिक सर्जरी के क्षेत्र में हो रहे नए अनुसंधानों, आधुनिक उपचार पद्धतियों और जटिल सर्जिकल तकनीकों पर भी विस्तार से चर्चा होगी।

कार्यक्रम में रिम्स के वरिष्ठ प्रशासनिक पदाधिकारी, विभिन्न विभागों के संकाय सदस्य, चिकित्सक, रेजिडेंट डॉक्टर तथा रांची के प्रतिष्ठित प्लास्टिक सर्जन भाग लेंगे। यह आयोजन चिकित्सकों और मेडिकल विद्यार्थियों के लिए ज्ञानवर्धक मंच प्रदान करेगा, जहां उन्हें विशेषज्ञों से सीधे संवाद करने और अपने अनुभव साझा करने का अवसर मिलेगा।



कार्यक्रम के मुख्य अतिथि रिम्स के निदेशक प्रो. डॉ. डी.के. सिन्हा होंगे। उनके साथ संस्थान के वरिष्ठ चिकित्सक एवं विभागाध्यक्ष भी उपस्थित रहेंगे।

यह कार्यक्रम रिम्स के न्यू एकेडमिक ब्लॉक स्थित लेक्चर थिएटर-2 (एलटी-2) में आयोजित किया जाएगा। प्लास्टिक सर्जरी विभाग के अनुसार, इस आयोजन का उद्देश्य चिकित्सा शिक्षा को प्रोत्साहित करने के साथ-साथ प्लास्टिक सर्जरी के प्रति जागरूकता बढ़ाना और इस क्षेत्र में उत्कृष्ट कार्य कर रहे विशेषज्ञों के अनुभवों को साझा करना है।

ई20 ईंधन के मुद्दे पर केजरीवाल पहुंचे पेट्रोल पंप, लोगों से किया संवाद

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। आम आदमी पार्टी (आआपा) के राष्ट्रीय संयोजक और दिल्ली के पूर्व मुख्यमंत्री अरविंद केजरीवाल ने राजधानी के एक पेट्रोल पंप और सर्विस स्टेशन का दौरा कर आम लोगों से बातचीत की। उन्होंने दावा किया कि इथेनॉल 20 ईंधन के इस्तेमाल से वाहन चालकों को कई तरह की समस्याओं का सामना करना पड़ रहा है। अरविंद केजरीवाल ने आज सोशल मीडिया प्लेटफॉर्म ‘एक्स’ पर एक वीडियो साझा करते हुए कहा कि सरकार ई20 को लेकर लगातार झूठ बोल रही है। उन्होंने आरोप लगाया कि जो भी इस मुद्दे पर आवाज उठाता है, उसे सरकार निशाना बना रही है। केजरीवाल ने कहा कि उन्होंने पेट्रोल पंप और सर्विस स्टेशन पर जाकर वाहन मालिकों और मैकेनिकों से बातचीत की। उन्होंने कहा कि अधिकांश लोगों ने ई20 ईंधन के कारण वाहनों की माइलेज कम होने और इंजन संबंधी खराबियों की शिकायत की।



जसोला में जर्जर इमारत गिराने के दौरान दीवार गिरी, मलबे में दबकर मजदूर की मौत

नई दिल्ली। दक्षिण-पूर्वी दिल्ली के सरिता विहार थाना क्षेत्र स्थित जसोला में जर्जर इमारत को तोड़ने के दौरान बड़ा हादसा हो गया। अचानक एक कमजोर दीवार भरभराकर गिर गई, जिससे तीन मजदूर मलबे के नीचे दब गए। हादसे में एक मजदूर की मौत हो गई, जबकि दो अन्य गंभीर रूप से घायल हो गए। पुलिस ने मामले में कार्रवाई करते हुए ठेकेदार को गिरफ्तार कर लिया है, जबकि भवन मालिक की तलाश जारी है। प्रशासन ने एहतियात के तौर पर परिसर को सील कर दिया है। पुलिस के अनुसार, 10 जुलाई को दोपहर करीब एक बजे प्लॉट नंबर-149, पॉकेट-1, जसोला में दीवार गिरने की सूचना मिली थी। सूचना मिलते ही सरिता विहार थाना पुलिस मौके पर पहुंची और राहत एवं बचाव कार्य शुरू करवाया। प्रारंभिक जांच में सामने आया कि पुराने और जर्जर भवन को तोड़ने का काम चल रहा था। इसी दौरान इमारत की एक कमजोर साइड वॉल अचानक ढह गई और वहां काम कर रहे चार मजदूर उसकी चपेट में आ गए। हादसे में 24 वर्षीय विजय की मलबे के नीचे दबने से मौत हो गई। उसे तत्काल एम्स ट्रॉमा सेंटर ले जाया गया, जहां डॉक्टरों ने मृत घोषित कर दिया। वहीं दो अन्य घायल मजदूरों का एम्स ट्रॉमा सेंटर में इलाज चल रहा है। एक अन्य मजदूर इस हादसे में सुरक्षित बच गया। घटना की सूचना पर क्राइम टीम ने मौके पर पहुंचकर निरीक्षण किया और साक्ष्य जुटाए।

वीकेंड पर दिल्ली एलजी ने मेट्रो में किया सफर, लोगों से की बातचीत

नई दिल्ली । दिल्ली के एलजी तरनजीत सिंह संधू ने मेट्रो में सफर किया। इस दौरान मेट्रो यात्रियों से बातचीत भी की। एलजी ने बातचीत की कुछ तस्वीरें सोशल मीडिया प्लेटफॉर्म पर शेयर की। एलजी ने सोशल मीडिया प्लेटफॉर्म एक्स पर लिखा, ‘कनॉट प्लेस जाते समय मैंने दिल्ली मेट्रो से सफर किया और रास्ते में साथ सफर करने वाले लोगों से बातचीत करने का मौका मिला। पहले की तरह ही, यह एक बहुत जानकारीपूर्ण अनुभव था। उनसे सीधे उनके रोजाना के सफर, नागरिक मुद्दों और हमारे शहर के लिए उनको उम्मीदों के बारे में जानना। ये बातचीत हमें याद दिलाती है कि अच्छा शासन लोगों की बात सुनने पर ही टिका होता है। नागरिकों के रोजमर्रा के अनुभवों से जुड़े रहने से यह पक्का होता है कि हमारी कोशिश लोगों की जरूरतों के हिसाब से हों, लोगों पर केंद्रित हों और सभी के जीवन की गुणवत्ता को बेहतर बनाने पर ध्यान दें।’ उपराज्यपाल संधू अपने खास अंदाज में सड़कों पर आम लोगों से मिल रहे हैं। वे दिल्ली प्रशासन के सबसे ऊंचे संवैधानिक पद पर रहते हुए भी लोगों तक पहुंचने के नए तरीके अपना रहे हैं। मेट्रो में सह-यात्रियों के साथ अपनी तस्वीरें पोस्ट करने के अलावा, एलजी ने सेंट्रल दिल्ली में पालिका बाजार के पास एक स्ट्रीट वेंडर के साथ अपनी बातचीत की झलकियां भी साझा कीं।

इमरान मसूद का भाजपा पर निशाना, बोले-धर्म नहीं, शिक्षा होनी चाहिए देश की सबसे बड़ी प्राथमिकता

नई दिल्ली । कांग्रेस सांसद इमरान मसूद ने केंद्र और भाजपा सरकारों की नीतियों की आलोचना करते हुए शिक्षा को देश की सबसे बड़ी प्राथमिकता बताया। उन्होंने भाजपा सांसद निशिकांत दुबे के उस बयान पर भी प्रतिक्रिया दी, जिसमें निशिकांत दुबे ने आरोप लगाया था कि 2004 से 2014 के बीच सोनिया गांधी और राहुल गांधी ने मुस्लिम वोट बैंक की राजनीति के लिए देश को कमजोर किया। कांग्रेस सांसद इमरान मसूद ने समाचार एजेंसी आईएनएस से बात करते हुए कहा कि निशिकांत दुबे को ऐसी बयानबाजी करने के बजाय नीति आयोग की रिपोर्ट पढ़नी चाहिए। रिपोर्ट में देश में बड़ी संख्या में स्कूल बंद होने पर चिंता व्यक्त की गई है। मसूद ने दावा किया कि देशभर में करीब 92,000 स्कूल बंद हो चुके हैं, जो बेहद गंभीर विषय है। सरकार को शिक्षा से जुड़े मुद्दों पर ध्यान देने की आवश्यकता है, न कि समाज को विभाजित करने वाले बयानों पर ध्यान देना चाहिए। छत्र किसी धर्म के नहीं होते, शिक्षा सबके लिए समान रूप से जरूरी है।

दिल्ली पुलिस ने 60 लाख की धोखाधड़ी के मामले में घोषित अपराधी को किया गिरफ्तार

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली । दिल्ली पुलिस ने 60 लाख रुपए की धोखाधड़ी के मामले में घोषित अपराधी को गिरफ्तार किया है। अधिकारियों ने जानकारी दी कि आरोपी सजा से बचने के लिए कानूनी कार्यवाही से भाग रहा था। अधिकारियों ने बताया कि सेंट्रल दिल्ली में घोषित अपराधियों और शहर-बंदर लोगों के खिलाफ एक विशेष अभियान लगातार चलाया जा रहा है। इस अभियान के दौरान, आईपी एस्टेट पुलिस थाने की टीम ने मुकेश कुमार नाम के एक घोषित अपराधी को गिरफ्तार किया। पुलिस के अनुसार, आरोपी के बारे में शुरुआत को एक सूचना मिली थी कि वह आईजीआई के डीमेंस्ट्रिक टर्मिनल में मौजूद है। इस पर तुरंत कार्रवाई करते हुए पुलिस टीम ने उसे दबोच लिया। 39 वर्षीय आरोपी मुकेश उत्तर प्रदेश के ग्रेटर नोएडा का निवासी है। रिकॉर्ड की जांच करने पर पता चला कि आरोपी मुकेश को दिल्ली की तीस हजारी कोर्ट की न्यायिक मजिस्ट्रेट (प्रथम श्रेणी) प्रीति की अदालत ने फिल्ट्रे साल 25 जुलाई को घोषित अपराधी करार दिया था।

विदेश नीति को लेकर अपनी प्रतिक्रिया दी। उन्होंने कहा कि अयोध्या राम मंदिर से जुड़े कथित चढ़ावा का मामला करोड़ों श्रद्धालुओं की आस्था से जुड़ा है और इसकी निष्पक्ष जांच होनी चाहिए। राष्ट्रीय पिछड़ा वर्ग आयोग की चेयरपर्सन साखी

आधी रात को ब्लू लाइन पर निकले डीएमआरसी के एमडी, स्टेशनों पर विकास कार्यों का लिया जायजा

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। दिल्ली मेट्रो की ब्लू लाइन पर यात्रियों की सुविधाओं की और बेहतर बनाने के लिए चल रहे विकास कार्यों का जायजा लेने के लिए दिल्ली मेट्रो रेल निगम (डीएमआरसी) के प्रबंध निदेशक डॉ. विकास कुमार और दरम्यानी रात अचानक निरीक्षण पर निकल पड़े। उन्होंने आधी रात से सुबह पांच बजे तक द्वारका सेक्टर-21 से नोएडा सिटी सेंटर तक कई प्रमुख मेट्रो स्टेशनों का दौरा कर चल रहे निर्माण और आधुनिकीकरण कार्यों की प्रगति की समीक्षा की। इस दौरान अधिकारियों को स्पष्ट निर्देश दिए गए कि विकास कार्यों के दौरान यात्रियों की सुरक्षा और सुविधा सर्वोच्च प्राथमिकता होनी चाहिए। डीएमआरसी के अनुसार, रात्रिकालीन निरीक्षण शुरुआत रात 12 बजे द्वारका सेक्टर-21 मेट्रो स्टेशन से शुरू हुआ। इसके बाद डॉ. विकास कुमार ने द्वारका सेक्टर-14, द्वारका मोड़, राजौरी



स्टेशनों पर चल रहे री-मॉडलिंग कार्य, नए एस्केलेटर लगाने, ऑटोमैटिक फेयर कलेक्शन (एएफसी) गेट के पुनर्रिखण (रिखलाइनमेंट) और अन्य यात्री सुविधाओं से जुड़े कार्यों की समीक्षा की। उन्होंने अधिकारियों से कहा कि सभी परियोजनाएं तय समय सीमा के भीतर उच्च गुणवत्ता के साथ पूरी हों और काम के दौरान यात्रियों को कम से कम असुविधा हो। डॉ. विकास कुमार ने कहा कि दिल्ली मेट्रो की प्राथमिकता

केवल सेवाओं का विस्तार करना नहीं, बल्कि मौजूदा नेटवर्क पर यात्रियों को बेहतर और सुरक्षित सुविधाएं उपलब्ध कराना भी है। उन्होंने निर्माण कार्यों में गुणवत्ता से किसी भी तरह का समझौता नहीं करने और सुरक्षा मानकों का पूरी तरह पालन करने के निर्देश दिए। डीएमआरसी अधिकारियों ने बताया कि परिचालन वाली मेट्रो लाइनों पर अधिकांश रखरखाव और बुनियादी ढांचे से जुड़े कार्य केवल रात के समय किए जाते हैं, जब मेट्रो सेवाएं बंद रहती हैं। इससे दिन में लाखों यात्रियों की आवाजाही प्रभावित नहीं होती और नियमित सेवाएं बिना किसी व्यवधान के जारी रहती हैं। डीएमआरसी का कहना है कि इस तरह के रात्रिकालीन निरीक्षण नियमित रूप से किए जाते हैं, ताकि विकास कार्यों की गुणवत्ता, प्रगति और समयबद्धता की निगरानी जा सके तथा यात्रियों को विश्वस्तरीय, सुरक्षित और सुविधाजनक मेट्रो सेवाएं उपलब्ध कराई जा सकें।

एनआईए ने पाकिस्तानी आतंकवादी शहजाद भट्टी समेत 8 लोगों के खिलाफ चार्जशीट दाखिल की

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। ने १1 नल इन्वेस्टिगेशन एजेंसी (एनआईए) ने इस साल जनवरी में अंबाला के बलदेव नगर पुलिस स्टेशन के पार्किंग एरिया में हुए कार बम धमके के मामले में आठ आरोपियों के खिलाफ चार्जशीट दाखिल की है। इनमें पाकिस्तानी गैंगस्टर से आतंकवादी बने शहजाद भट्टी का नाम भी शामिल है। भट्टी (जो अन्य आतंकवादी मामलों में भी वांछित है) और गिरफ्तार किए गए सात भारतीय नागरिकों के खिलाफ यूए (पी) एक्ट 1967, बीएनएस 2023, विस्फोटक पदार्थ अधिनियम 1908 और दूरसंचार अधिनियम 2023 की संबंधित धाराओं के तहत आरोप तय किए गए हैं। पाकिस्तानी नागरिक और हैडलर भट्टी के अलावा, चार्जशीट में शामिल अन्य आरोपियों



पंचकूला में विशेष एनआईए कोर्ट में दाखिल चार्जशीट में, आतंकवाद-रोधी एजेंसी ने आरोपियों की भूमिकाओं और भट्टी द्वारा रची गई उस साक्ष्य का विवरण दिया है, जिसका मकसद पुलिस प्रतिष्ठानों को निशाना बनाकर लोगों के बीच

दहशत फैलाना और अंबाला में बलदेव नगर पुलिस स्टेशन पर हमला करना था। एनआई की जांच के अनुसार, पाकिस्तानी आतंकवादी ने भारत में ऑपरेशनल मॉड्यूल

साथ मिलकर हमलों का समन्वय करने के लिए जिम्मेदार था। जांच के दौरान एनआईए ने पाया कि संभावित लक्ष्यों की रेकी करने के बाद बलदेव नगर पुलिस स्टेशन को निशाना बनाया गया था। कुछ आरोपियों ने गैस सिलेंडर और विस्फोटक सामग्री से भरी कार को पुलिस स्टेशन परिसर में खड़ा किया था और प्रचार-प्रसार के लिए घटना स्थल का वीडियो भी बनाया था। एनआईए की जांच से यह भी पता चला कि भट्टी ने सोशल मीडिया प्लेटफॉर्म और एंक्रिप्टेड कन्सुलिकेशन चैनलों के जरिए आरोपियों को भर्ती किया और उन्हें कट्टरपंथी बनाया। अलग-अलग डिजिटल, इलेक्ट्रॉनिक, दस्तावेजी और फोरेंसिक सबूतों से यह भी साबित हुआ कि हमले की योजना के दौरान आरोपी अपने हैंडलर के संपर्क में थे।

वृक्षारोपण अभियान की सफलता जीवित पौधों से मापी जाती है : विजेंद्र गुप्ता

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। दिल्ली विधानसभा अध्यक्ष विजेंद्र गुप्ता ने कहा कि वृक्षारोपण अभियान की वास्तविक सफलता लगाए गए पौधों की संख्या से नहीं, बल्कि उन पौधों के जीवित रहकर विकसित होने से मापी जाती है। यह बात विजेंद्र गुप्ता ने रोहिणी सेक्टर-14 स्थित चित्रगुप्त पार्क, डीडीए डिस्ट्रिक्ट पार्क में आयोजित मेगा वृक्षारोपण अभियान के दौरान कही।

यह अभियान दिल्ली विकास प्राधिकरण (डीडीए) द्वारा संपूर्ण एवं भारतीयम ट्रस्ट के सहयोग से पर्यावरण संरक्षण को बढ़ावा देने तथा स्वच्छ, हरित एवं स्वस्थ दिल्ली के निर्माण में जनभागीदारी को सशक्त बनाने के उद्देश्य से आयोजित किया गया। कार्यक्रम के दौरान लगभग 500 देशी जामुन के पौधे लगाए गए तथा स्थानीय प्रजातियों के वृक्षों के माध्यम से हरित क्षेत्र बढ़ाने पर विशेष बल दिया गया। सभा को संबोधित करते हुए विजेंद्र गुप्ता ने कहा कि निरंतर जनभागीदारी और दीर्घकालिक पर्यावरणीय प्रयासों के कारण रोहिणी आज दिल्ली के सबसे हरित क्षेत्रों में से एक बन चुका है। उन्होंने कहा कि डिस्ट्रिक्ट पार्क से प्रारंभ हुआ यह अभियान प्रत्येक घर तक पहुंचना चाहिए और इसे एक व्यापक जन आंदोलन का स्वरूप दिया जाना चाहिए, ताकि नागरिक दिल्ली की हरित संपदा के संरक्षण एवं विस्तार में सक्रिय भागीदारी निभाएं। विधानसभा अध्यक्ष ने कहा कि नीम और जामुन जैसे देशी वृक्ष स्थानीय पारिस्थितिकी तंत्र के लिए



सबसे महत्वपूर्ण दायित्व है। उन्होंने कहा कि पेड़ लगाना और उसे एक स्वस्थ वृक्ष के रूप में विकसित करना, दोनों में बहुत बड़ा अंतर है। हमारी जिम्मेदारी वृक्षारोपण के साथ समाप्त नहीं होती, बल्कि वहीं से प्रारंभ होती है। उन्होंने सभी नागरिकों से प्रत्येक पौधे का समर्पण भाव से संरक्षण करने की अपील की।

चढ़ावा चोरी के कारण राम मंदिर की प्रतिष्ठा को पहुंची टेस : अभिषेक सिंघवी

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। ऑल इंडिया कांग्रेस कमेटी के वरिष्ठ प्रवक्ता और राज्यसभा सदस्य अभिषेक मनु सिंघवी ने कहा कि अयोध्या में राम मंदिर के चढ़ावा चोरी के कारण राम मंदिर की प्रतिष्ठा को टेस पहुंची है। उन्होंने कहा कि चढ़ावा की लूट कोई ‘छोटी-मोटी चूक’ नहीं थी, बल्कि यह एक सुनिश्चित और संगठित लूट थी। यह बाते राजीव भवन स्थित दिल्ली प्रदेश कांग्रेस कमेटी दफ्तर में आयोजित प्रेस कॉन्फ्रेंस के संवाोधित करते हुए कही। इस मौके पर दिल्ली प्रदेश कांग्रेस कमेटी के अध्यक्ष देवेन्द्र यादव और महासचिव (संगठन) व संचार विभाग के चेयरमैन अनिल भारद्वाज भी मौजूद रहे। सिंघवी ने कहा कि राम मंदिर चढ़ावा की चोरी आस्था का अपमान है, करोड़ों भक्तों के भरोसे के साथ धोखा है। उन्होंने कहा कि आस्था अममोल है, जवाबदेही जरूरी है। उन्होंने कहा कि आस्था समर्पण मांगती है। लोकतंत्र पारदर्शिता की मांग करता है। पवित्र

स्थानों के लिए पवित्र मानकों का पालन होना चाहिए। देवेन्द्र यादव ने कहा कि श्री राम मंदिर सिर्फ ईंट-

सात-आठ लोगों को गिरफ्तार किया गया है, उन्हें जेल भेजने से पहले उनसे पूछताछ तक नहीं की गई।



पत्थर का ढांचा नहीं है, बल्कि यह करोड़ों भक्तों की आस्था का केंद्र है। उन्होंने कहा कि जब राम मंदिर में इतनी बड़ी चोरी होती है और प्रधानमंत्री चुप रहते हैं, तो यह कांग्रेस पार्टी को बिल्कुल मंजूर नहीं है, क्योंकि यह भक्तों के साथ धोखे का है। उन्होंने कहा कि जिन

अनिल भारद्वाज ने कहा कि राम मंदिर चढ़ावा चोरी ने करोड़ों भक्तों की भावनाओं को टेस पहुंचाई है। इस पूरे मामले को दबाने की कोशिश की जा रही है ताकि कुछ निचले स्तर के कर्मचारियों को गिरफ्तार करके बड़े लोगों को बचाया जा सके।

विश्व जनसंख्या दिवस पर एमसीडी स्वास्थ्य विभाग ने चलाया जनजागरूकता अभियान

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। विश्व जनसंख्या दिवस के अवसर पर दिल्ली नगर निगम (एमसीडी) के स्वास्थ्य विभाग द्वारा विभिन्न मातृ एवं शिशु कल्याण (एम एंड सीडब्ल्यू) केंद्रों तथा स्वास्थ्य इकाइयों में जनजागरूकता कार्यक्रमों का आयोजन किया गया। इस दौरान जनसंख्या स्थिरिकरण, प्रजनन स्वास्थ्य, परिवार कल्याण तथा स्वास्थ्य संबंधी सूचित एवं जिम्मेदार निर्णयों के महत्व पर लोगों को जागरूक किया गया। कार्यक्रमों के अंतर्गत शपथ ग्रहण समारोह, जागरूकता गतिविधियां तथा समुदाय स्तर पर विशेष जनसंपर्क अभियान भी चलाए गए। इन कार्यक्रमों में स्वास्थ्य अधिकारियों, स्वास्थ्यकर्मियों तथा लाभार्थियों ने उत्साहपूर्वक भाग लिया और स्वस्थ, सशक्त एवं सतत समाज के निर्माण के लिए अपने संकल्प को दोहराया। स्वास्थ्य विभाग ने कहा कि इस तरह के जनजागरूकता अभियान लोगों में परिवार नियोजन, मातृ एवं शिशु स्वास्थ्य तथा जिम्मेदार स्वास्थ्य व्यवहार को बढ़ावा देने में महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका निभाते हैं।



आदर्श नगर रेलवे स्टेशन पर रुकेगी दो प्रमुख ट्रेनें

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। केंद्रीय रेल मंत्री अश्विनी वैष्णव ने दिल्ली की मुख्यमंत्री रेखा गुप्ता के अनुरोध को स्वीकार करते हुए आदर्श नगर रेलवे स्टेशन पर दो महत्वपूर्ण ट्रेनों (दिल्ली-कालका एक्सप्रेस और दिल्ली-दौलतपुर चौक हिमाचल एक्सप्रेस) के उद्घाटन को मंजूरी दी है। यह जानकारी दिल्ली सरकार की ओर से जारी एक विज्ञप्ति में दी गई है। विज्ञप्ति के मुताबिक, केंद्रीय रेल मंत्री अश्विनी वैष्णव ने मुख्यमंत्री रेखा गुप्ता को पत्र भेजकर बताया कि उनके द्वारा भेजे गए अनुरोध पत्र स्वीकार लिया गया है। गाड़ी संख्या 14331 दिल्ली-कालका एक्सप्रेस और गाड़ी संख्या 14053 दिल्ली-दौलतपुर चौक हिमाचल एक्सप्रेस अब आदर्श नगर रेलवे स्टेशन पर भी रुकेगी। मुख्यमंत्री ने इस निर्णय पर प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी और रेल मंत्री अश्विनी वैष्णव का आभार व्यक्त करते हुए कहा कि दिल्ली सरकार नागरिकों की दैनिक जरूरतों और जनसुविधाओं को सर्वोच्च प्राथमिकता दे रही है। आदर्श नगर रेलवे स्टेशन पर इन दोनों ट्रेनों के



कालका की यात्रा करने वाले यात्रियों को सीधा लाभ मिलेगा। साथ ही हिमाचल प्रदेश के विभिन्न पर्यटन स्थलों की ओर जाने वाले पर्यटकों के लिए भी यह सुविधा अत्यंत उपयोगी सिद्ध होगी। इसी प्रकार दिल्ली-दौलतपुर चौक हिमाचल एक्सप्रेस के उद्घाटन से कुरुक्षेत्र, फतेहगढ़ साहिब, आनंदपुर साहिब तथा हिमाचल प्रदेश के विभिन्न क्षेत्रों

की यात्रा करने वाले श्रद्धालुओं एवं यात्रियों को बड़ी राहत मिलेगी। विशेष रूप से श्री फतेहगढ़ साहिब और श्री आनंदपुर साहिब जैसे महत्वपूर्ण धार्मिक स्थलों की यात्रा अब उत्तर और पश्चिम दिल्ली के लोगों के लिए पहले की तुलना में अधिक सरल और सुगम हो जाएगी। मुख्यमंत्री ने

कहा कि दिल्ली सरकार जनहित से जुड़े प्रत्येक विषय पर केंद्र सरकार के साथ समन्वय स्थापित कर नागरिकों को बेहतर सुविधाएं उपलब्ध कराने के लिए निरंतर कार्य कर रही है। आदर्श नगर रेलवे स्टेशन पर इन दोनों ट्रेनों के उद्घाटन की स्वीकृति इसी दिशा में एक महत्वपूर्ण कदम है, जिससे प्रतिदिन बड़ी संख्या में यात्रियों को सीधा लाभ मिलेगा।

टीमों ने 24 घंटे के भीतर पीड़ित कंपनी के दो कर्मचारियों द्वारा 37.5 लाख रुपए की लूट के नाटक का पर्दाफाश किया। बताया गया कि लूट



की लगभग पूरी रकम बरामद कर ली गई है और पुलिस ने 36.92 लाख रुपए, चार मोबाइल फोन और अपराध में इस्तेमाल की गई मोटरसाइकिल बरामद की है।पुलिस के अनुसार, 9 जुलाई को एक पीसीआर कॉल मिली थी जिसमें बताया गया था कि आउटर रिंग रोड पर बुराड़ी फ्लाईओवर के पास

उनके साथियों अभिषेक और योगेश ने चान्दी चौक से 45.5 लाख रुपए इकट्ठा किये थे, जिन्हें उनके मालिक के सरस्वती विहार स्थित घर पहुंचाना था। जहां मोहन दास और अभिषेक एक बरामद हुआ। जांच करने वालों को यह भी पता चला कि योगेश के कंधे पर चोट का जो निशान बताया जा रहा था, वह असली नहीं लग रहा था। पुलिस ने बताया कि

जिसमें राम मंदिर आंदोलन से जुड़े और वर्षों तक समर्पित भाव से कार्य करने वाले लोगों को भी निगरानी और प्रबंधन में उचित भूमिका दी जाए। राम मंदिर चढ़ावा विवाद की जांच के लिए गठित विशेष जांच दल (एसआईटी) का

उल्लेख करते हुए उन्होंने कहा कि जब तक जांच पूरी नहीं हो जाती, तब तक सभी को धैर्य रखना चाहिए और किसी निष्कर्ष पर पहुंचने से बचना चाहिए। बद्रीनाथ में दान से जुड़े कथित विवाद पर भी साखी निरंजन ज्योति ने कहा कि

संसार पूरी सतर्कता के साथ कार्रवाई कर रही है और वहां भी एसआईटी का गठन किया गया है। यह सकारात्मक बात है कि ऐसे मामलों का खुलासा हो रहा है। उनके अनुसार, निष्पक्ष जांच के बाद दोषियों पर कार्रवाई होगी, जिससे भविष्य

में कोई भी धार्मिक स्थल पर इस तरह की अनियमितता करने का साहस नहीं करेगा। उन्होंने धार्मिक स्थलों पर दान में गड़बड़ी को बहुत बड़ा पाप बताते हुए कहा कि आस्था से जुड़े मामलों में पारदर्शिता और जवाबदेही सबसे महत्वपूर्ण होनी चाहिए।

Pune building collapse exposes gross failure of state govt, says Supriya Sule

Pune (Agency): Nationalist Congress Party (SP) MP Supriya Sule has said that the loss of life in the building collapse incident at the Moshi garbage depot in Pune is "heart-wrenching" and exposes "gross failure" of the state government and the administration. The incident occurred at around 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday when a massive mound of garbage gave way and crashed onto the administrative building located inside the Moshi garbage depot operated by the Pimpri-Chinchwad Municipal Corporation. At the time of the collapse, a total of 23 people were trapped.

Meanwhile, the death toll in the Moshi garbage dump collapse in Pune's Pimpri-Chinchwad has increased to eight after rescue teams recov-

ered the bodies of seven more victims from the damaged administrative building of the Waste-to-Energy project on Saturday, officials said on Sunday.

"This incident is extremely tragic and unfortunate. The loss of lives in this event, which exposes a gross failure at the governmental and administrative levels, is heart-wrenching," she said in a post on X.

She stated that this incident is a clear example of governmental and administrative negligence and demanded strict action against those responsible. "This incident has brought to the forefront several issues, including the lax solid waste management in cities, and it is essential that these be discussed in detail and resolved accordingly," Sule said.



She also visited Sainath Hospital on Saturday night to meet the workers injured in the accident and inquire about their condition. During the visit, the injured workers recounted the harrowing details of the incident.

The NCP (SP) MP also consulted with the hospital's doctors and officials, issuing instructions to ensure the injured received prompt and high-quality

medical treatment. Sule demanded an impartial and thorough investigation into the entire matter and called for strict action against the guilty. She also urged that appropriate compensation be provided to the families of the deceased and to the injured workers.

"I request the government to conduct a thorough investigation into this accident. Those found guilty in this investigation should face appropriate action at the earliest. My heartfelt condolences to the workers who lost their lives in this incident. We all share in the immense grief that has befallen their families," she added.

Supriya Sule emphasised that formulating clear and effective policies for solid waste management and recycling in major

cities is the need of the hour. She stated that strict systems -- incorporating scientific methods and defined timelines -- must be implemented for waste management in every city to prevent such tragic incidents from recurring in the future.

She paid heartfelt tributes to all the workers who lost their lives in the accident and expressed her condolences to the bereaved families.

Meanwhile, one individual, believed to be buried beneath the garbage mound adjacent to the collapsed building, remains missing. Rescue personnel continue to carry out the search operation on a war footing. Officials said NDRF dog squads, along with specialised search equipment, are being used to locate the missing person.

Fresh tension grips Manipur as houses torched in Imphal West, security averts major clash, two held

Imphal (Agency): Fresh tension gripped Manipur's Imphal West district after miscreants allegedly torched several houses belonging to members of the Meitei community in the Kanto Sabal area, pushing the already volatile region to the brink of another major confrontation. Two suspected accused were arrested for their involvement in arson and mob violence, officials said on Saturday. Manipur Chief Minister Yumnam Khemchand Singh strongly condemned the incident.

The Chief Minister's Office in a post on its official X account said: "Chief Minister Yumnam Khemchand Singh today condemned the arson incident at Kanto Sabal village in Imphal West district and said that two accused individuals, including Kammang Lhouvum, Chief of Hengiang Village and Chairman of Leimakhong Area Protection Committee, have been arrested for involvement in arson and mob violence." Chief Minister Singh said that the state government has taken swift action to control the mob, is closely monitoring the situation, and has deployed state police and Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) in the area to contain it.

All security forces stationed there have been instructed to prevent recurrence of such incidents in the future, the



Chief Minister added. He also said that the state government is very concerned on the way such an incident erupted after a long period of peace in the state and considers it an attempt to derail the ongoing peace efforts. This incident underscores the presence of certain elements who, driven by vested interests, are actively working against the peace efforts, he added. A senior police official said that follow-

ing the arson, a mob of nearly 600 men and women attempted to advance towards Kanto Sabal areas. The security forces intervened promptly and prevented the mob from moving forward, thereby averting a potential communal clash, the official added. He said that an attempt by miscreants to set fire to more abandoned houses was also swiftly contained, ensuring that there was no loss of life. A case has been registered in connection with the incident, and further investigation is underway. Security forces remained on standby in the area and continued intensive deployment to maintain peace, law and order. The arson triggered panic across the locality, with hundreds of people belonging to the Meitei and Naga communities converging near Kanto Sabal in an attempt to extinguish the blaze. A massive deployment of Central security forces prevented the gathering from advancing towards the affected area, while tear gas shells were fired

to disperse the crowd and prevent the situation from spiralling out of control. Local residents alleged that the security forces failed to protect the houses from the attack by suspected Kuki miscreants, claiming that the houses were set ablaze despite the presence of security personnel. According to local people, a large number of individuals from the adjoining mountainous Kangpokpi district descended on parts of the Kanto Sabal area in Imphal West district and torched several houses belonging to members of the Meitei community.

The houses had remained abandoned since ethnic violence erupted in Manipur in May 2023. The locality is situated on the fringe of the Imphal Valley, adjoining the Kuki-majority Kangpokpi district, making it a sensitive area from the security perspective. On noticing the houses engulfed in flames, a large number of people from nearby localities rushed towards Kanto Sabal in an attempt to reach the affected area. However, they were stopped by the security forces, leading to a confrontation between the locals and the security personnel. The situation remained tense but under control, with security personnel maintaining a strong vigil in the area to prevent any further escalation of violence.

Over 31,000 cops, 240-plus observation points among extensive security measures for Ahmedabad's Rath Yatra

Gandhinagar (Agency): More than 31,000 police personnel will be deployed for the 149th Rath Yatra of Lord Jagannath in Ahmedabad on July 16, with the procession to be monitored through over 240 terrace observation points, 65 drones and more than 2,800 body-worn cameras as part of what the city police described as a "zero-risk" security strategy. The security and civic arrangements for the annual procession were reviewed by Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel at a high-level meeting in Gandhinagar ahead of the Ashadhi Bij festival, when the traditional Rath Yatra will take place.

The Chief Minister also directed the police to ensure the peaceful and safe conduct of around 230 Rath Yatras scheduled across Gujarat, including six mini Rath Yatras in Ahmedabad city, so that devotees can participate without disruption and that every possible precaution is taken to prevent any untoward incident. During the meeting, Chief Minister Patel instructed the Ahmedabad Municipal Commissioner Banchhanidhi Pani to make strict arrangements to prevent people from gathering around dilapidated buildings and structures located along the Rath Yatra route for viewing the procession.

Ahmedabad Police Commissioner Anupam Singh Gahlaut gave a presentation on the preparations being made for the event, saying that "the city police are working with complete alertness and preparedness to ensure the procession passes off peacefully under a 'zero-risk' approach with the



deployment of more than 31,000 police personnel". According to the presentation, Ahmedabad City Police will oversee the procession through more than 240 terrace observation points, 65 drones and over 2,800 body-worn cameras.

The Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation will also deploy 15 medical officers, 100 health personnel, 31 fire vehicles and 237 fire service personnel during the event. The 16-km Rath Yatra of Lord Jagannath will feature 101 trucks, 30 akhadas and 18 bhajan mandalis participating in the procession.

As part of preparations to maintain peace and communal harmony, Ahmedabad Police have organised 69 Peace Committee meetings, 79 Mohalla Committee meetings and around 178 meetings with religious leaders from different communities before the procession. Police Commissioner Gahlaut said: "Blood donation camps, night cricket and volleyball matches, Lok Dayra cultural programmes and interaction sessions with Gen Z had also been organised to further strengthen communal harmony." The review meeting was attended by Chief Secretary M.K. Das; Director General of Police (DGP) G.S. Malik; and other senior officials.

Vaigai dam level rises, easing drinking water concerns in five TN districts

Madurai (Agency): The water level in the Vaigai Dam, the primary source of drinking water and irrigation for five districts in southern Tamil Nadu, has risen significantly over the past few weeks, providing much-needed relief after fears of an impending water shortage triggered by a weak southwest monsoon. Located near Andipatti in Theni district, the 71-foot-high Vaigai Dam supplies water to Theni, Dindigul, Madurai, Sivaganga and Ramanathapuram districts. However, the southwest monsoon, which began in June, has remained below expectations, resulting in poor inflows into the reservoir and raising concerns about water availability during the coming months. Last month, the water level in the dam had dropped sharply to just 20 feet, prompting fears of a severe drinking water crisis in the five districts that depend heavily on the reservoir. The declining storage also casts uncertainty over irrigation prospects for the current agricultural season. The situation, however, improved after the catchment areas of the Mullaperiyar Dam received moderate rainfall. As inflows into Mullaperiyar increased, authorities released 300 cubic feet per second (cusecs) of water into the Vaigai Dam, gradually replenishing its storage



despite the continued weak monsoon over much of the region. According to the latest figures, the water level in the Vaigai Dam has now risen to 34 feet, marking a substantial recovery from last month's low. Public Works Department (PWD) officials said the available storage is sufficient to ensure uninterrupted drinking water supply to all dependent regions for the next two months. Officials said the rise in the reservoir level has effectively removed the immediate threat of drinking water scarcity in the five districts. Nevertheless, they cautioned that the reservoir has not yet reached a level that would permit the routine release of water for irrigation. Under normal circumstances, water is released from the Vaigai Dam in June every year for the first irrigation season in parts of Madurai and Dindigul districts.

Bomb threat at Mumbai's Taj Hotel declared hoax after security check

Mumbai (Agency): A bomb threat targeting the iconic Taj Hotel in Mumbai triggered a security alarm, prompting police and security agencies to conduct a comprehensive search operation at the premises before declaring that the threat was a hoax, said police on Sunday. According to officials, the Taj Hotel was placed on high alert after, at around 12:13 a.m., a man called the Navi Mumbai Police Control Room and allegedly claimed, "Dawood has planted a bomb at the Taj Hotel". The information was immediately relayed to the Mumbai Police Main Control Room. Following the alert, teams from the Colaba Police, the Crime Branch, and the Bomb Detection and Disposal Squad (BDDS) rushed to the Taj Hotel and launched an extensive security check. The hotel's main lobby, swimming pool, banquet halls, restaurants, parking area, outer premises, and other sensitive locations were thoroughly searched. After an exhaustive inspection, police confirmed that no suspicious object or explosive was found on the premises. The bomb threat was found to be a hoax. Technical investigation revealed that the threatening call originated from the Turbhe area of Navi Mumbai. Police have launched a search to identify and arrest the caller based on the mobile number used. Authorities are working with the Turbhe Police to trace and apprehend the suspect. The iconic hotel in the city's Colaba area was one of the primary targets in the 26/11 Mumbai terror and hundreds injured.



Kashmir advocacy group to intensify fight against drug addiction, women to lead awareness drive

Srinagar (Agency): The Kashmir Women's Organisation (KWO) has said the organisation will significantly intensify its campaign against drug addiction by placing women at the forefront of awareness, prevention and rehabilitation efforts under the Nasha Mukht Bharat campaign. Speaking to IANS on Saturday, KWO Chairperson Darakhshan Hassan Bhat, a PhD scholar, said that the KWO will expand awareness programmes, strengthen family support systems, facilitate counselling and rehabilitation through experts, and encourage women struggling with substance abuse to seek treatment without fear or social stigma. "The Lieutenant Governor, during the Gender Equity Fellowship event, asked us what we were doing under the Nasha Mukht Bharat campaign. We have already organised awareness drives and community outreach programmes, but now the time has come to accelerate our efforts," she said. Emphasising the wider social impact of drug abuse, Bhat said women are often the worst affected by addiction either directly or as mothers, daughters, wives and sisters of those battling substance abuse. She said empowering women is crucial to building stronger families and communities capable of resisting the menace of drugs. She added that women have the



potential to become powerful agents of social change and must play a leading role in the fight against addiction. Referring to the government's 100 days Nasha Mukht Abhiyan initiative, she said thousands of women had participated, and KWO is now preparing a comprehensive action plan to further strengthen its contribution in the coming months. Highlighting the organisation's achievements, Bhat said, "The KWO has directly engaged more than 20,000 women and reached over eight million people through digital platforms. The creation of a strong network of women leaders is one of the organisation's biggest accomplishments." She said that the KWO promotes women's leadership through initiatives such as the Gender Equity Fellowship, which equips participants with skills in leadership, communication, constitutional awareness, public policy, digital literacy and community engagement.

Why Yo-Yo Dieting May Not Be as Bad as Most People Think



Yo-yo dieting, known as weight cycling, is the repeated loss and gain of weight. It is noted to be driven by unsustainable diets, which is considered a health risk, in some cases even more harmful than remaining overweight. The diet has been associated with poor health effects like increased fat mass, loss of muscle mass, reduced metabolic rate, and a higher risk of diseases like type 2 diabetes and poor heart health. It is observed to slow down a person's metabolism and potentially trigger a biological drive to overeat.

Most people experience fluctuations in their body weight throughout their lives. However, researchers have observed that there is little evidence that yo-yo dieting is harmful, Professor Faidon Magkos of the Department of Nutrition, Exercise, and Sports at the University of Copenhagen observed. He and a colleague reviewed the available research in a comprehensive analysis.

"Many people refrain from trying to lose weight because they fear that subsequent weight gain may harm the body or their metabolism. Our review indicates that these concerns are largely unfounded. In most cases, the benefits of weight loss outweigh the potential risks of later weight gain," Magkos said.

What does the analysis show?

Researchers reviewed a range of studies, including observational studies, clinical trials, and animal studies, which examined the effects of repeated weight loss and eweight regain. A key finding, according to them, was that many studies were based on self-reported weight, which made it difficult to determine the cause and effect. Moreover, it remained unclear if the weight loss occurred due to deliberate attempts or underlying illnesses.

"When you take into account existing disease, ageing and overall exposure to obesity, the supposed harmful effects of yo?yo dieting largely disappear," Professor Norbert Stefan from the German Centre for Diabetes Research (DZD), University Hospital Tübingen and Helmholtz Munich explained.

Weight regain is not the same as harm

For individuals whose weight fluctuates, the researchers emphasised that many of the health benefits of weight loss are lost when weight is regained.

However, this does not mean that individuals are worse off than before the weight loss, Magkos clarified. "When the weight returns, you move back towards a level of risk similar to before, not beyond it. There is a crucial difference between losing benefits and causing harm."

According to the researchers, several large studies show that the degree of obesity itself-rather than weight fluctuations-appears to be the primary driver of the risk of metabolic disease.

Implications for weight loss and treatment

In recent years, weight?loss medication has become increasingly popular, and such treatments can lead to substantial weight loss that is often followed by significant weight regain if the medication is discontinued.

According to the authors, this pattern should not necessarily be interpreted as harmful. On the contrary, intermittent weight loss, even if not maintained permanently, can provide meaningful periods of improved metabolic health and quality of life.

Psychological Trauma: The Scars We Don't Name

Trauma has always been a mysterious word. Even researchers do not agree on one definition. For many, it is an extreme, shocking, life-threatening event. Something that takes years, even a lifetime, to recover from. But this is a very narrow understanding of a far more complex experience that is deeply embedded in the inner architecture of our being. There is also a generational difference in how we understand the word 'trauma'. Older generations were mostly denied the time to process it; millennials lacked the freedom to acknowledge it; and Gen Z is supposedly seen as using it too casually. While there are varied reasons for these differences, having the language to describe mental health has allowed younger generations to express their experiences more often and more openly. What concerns me is this. People often disqualify their own deep-seated suffering because they believe that trauma must be something much bigger, much more horrific. Mental health terminologies are there to serve us, to give us a lens through which we understand our emotions; they are not there to curtail or invalidate our feelings. The slow erosion of mental and physical health due to chronic stress, which takes the shape of trauma, is being dismissed or misunderstood. This is what compels me to demystify trauma. Trauma is an unhealed psychological wound - a deep-seated, unresolved emotional reaction to disruptive experiences. It could be the feeling of having felt unseen in childhood, years of conflict in a relationship, the loss of a loved one, or abuse that is now a hazy, confusing memory. Or it could be an accumulation of all of it, over time. Trauma can lie dormant within us for years, only to be triggered by a later experience. A seemingly familiar touch could suddenly trigger memories of a 'wrong' touch, making people experience the trauma all over again.

Many faces

The definition of trauma is broad precisely because it has many faces. Two people go through the same tragedy and emerge from it differently. Trauma is not what happens to us; it is what happens within us. We need to shift the focus from the event to the impact of the event.



Consider Samay. After a difficult divorce, Samay is required to pay alimony and sees his son only on weekends. In one version of this story, he finds some support-therapy he can afford, a few close friends and parents who stand by him, meaningful time with his son, and yoga in his routine that helps him cope. Over time, he begins to heal what was broken. In the second version, Samay faces blame at home, financial strain, and a growing bitterness from his child. He withdraws from friends and social settings, not wanting to revisit it his separation every time. Both scenarios are the same on paper: divorce. However, the situation around the event and the aftermath of it are what eventually define whether Samay develops symptoms of trauma.

Pain is in the details

As human beings, we are wired to adapt and survive. So, the more important question is often not what happened, but why it did not heal. Resilience is our ability to adapt to stress. It should not always be seen as a pedestal we all strive for; rather, it should be seen as a default setting, a baseline. Trauma thrives when we run out of tools for resilience. When we have stable relationships, a sense of purpose, manageable health, and early experiences of love in childhood, we are more likely to recover from trauma. When we adapt, we begin to survive. When we accept, we begin to heal. After a traumatic event, initial reactions such as withdrawal and emotional shutdown protect us from a flood of overwhelming emotions. But over time, if we do not process, adapt, and accept, trauma begins to take root in our biology, turning initial protection into a mental and physical invasion. A traumatic event heightens the survival part of the brain, known as the limbic system, and sup-

presses the more evolved part of our brain, known as the prefrontal cortex, which is responsible for higher-order thinking and planning. When we continue to relive the trauma beyond the traumatic event, we become extremely sensitive to fear in the environment, startled or numbed easily, and often mistrustful of the world around us.

The link to illness

Unresolved trauma is deeply linked to several mental and physical illnesses. It leads to premature ageing, corroding us from the inside - panic disorders, addictions, eating disorders, persistent depression, to name a few. It suppresses our immune system, disrupts the release of the hormone cortisol (commonly known as the stress hormone), and leads to inflammation in and around our vital organs. If unaddressed for long, trauma can cause our own cells to turn against us, leading to autoimmune diseases, such as lupus, diabetes, polycystic ovary syndrome, irritable bowel syndrome, multiple sclerosis, or rheumatoid arthritis. We are unfortunately unable to turn the clock back when that happens. Beyond our bodies, trauma takes root in our lives and within our relationships. First, through normalisation. We usually let it scream through our ordinary life in the background as we go about our day. Let's visualise this statistically. According to a 2007 pan-India study conducted by the Ministry of Women and Child Development, around 66% of children experience physical abuse, while more than half experience sexual abuse at least once in their lifetime. According to the National Family Health Survey (NFHS-5), 2019-21, one in three women experiences physical or sexual violence by an intimate partner at least once in her lifetime. A study published in the Indian

Journal of Psychological Medicine found that 31% of transgender people in India die by suicide, while 50% have attempted suicide at least once before the age of 20. This is a glimpse into vulnerable lives - children, women, and minorities. We have normalised trauma in our collective psyche in India. Second, trauma perpetuates in invisibility. It remains unspoken - in language, in emotion, and in relationships. This happens more in cultures like ours, in India. Because of stigma and our need to live by unrealistic social expectations, we don't communicate or address trauma. When we dismiss the very existence of trauma, it becomes impossible to resolve it.

Chaotic healing

We also tend to conflate trauma with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). Trauma can arise from a single event, repeated experiences, childhood adversity, or vicarious exposure to other people's trauma. PTSD, however, is a clinical diagnosis with specific symptoms. It is called a stress disorder because living under the weight of unprocessed chronic stress can take the shape of trauma. One feels like a tenant in their own body, feels constantly on edge or emotionally numb, re-lives a trauma as flashbacks, develop triggers such that a certain sound, smell, or thought related to a traumatic event sets off an alarm in the mind and body. And so, one may avoid or run away from people, places, situations, or things that remind them of the trauma, gradually shrinking their world. If trauma shapes how we suffer, healing shapes how we return to ourselves. More often, healing is chaotic and messy. Healing teaches us to live with our past peacefully, without letting it write our story for us. The goal of healing is to ensure that everyday stressors and trauma-related thoughts do not drag us back into old, unresolved patterns. In many cases, healing requires us to recognise patterns rooted in early experiences. As children, we lack the capacity to make sense of adversity. Yet those experiences do not disappear; they settle into our nervous system, shaping how we think, feel, and relate to others. No two people heal the same way.

Still Avoiding Rice Because of Diabetes? Doctor Says You May Not Need to



Rice has long been labelled the villain in a diabetes diet. But according to leading diabetologist Dr Anoop Misra of Fortis Healthcare, people with diabetes do not have to give up rice. The secret, he says, lies in how you eat it not whether you eat it.

Speaking on the Health Podcast with Sonal Mehrotra Kapoor, Dr Misra explained that rice should never be eaten on its own. Pairing it with vegetables and protein can significantly reduce the blood sugar spike that usually follows a rice-based meal.

Rice Should Never Be Eaten Alone

"People often ask me if they should stop eating rice altogether. I tell them no. The real question is not whether you should eat rice, but how you should eat it," said Dr Misra.

His advice is simple: never eat rice by itself. Before taking your first bite of rice, have a serving of vegetables or salad, followed by three to four tablespoons of a protein-rich food such as dal or rajma. "Start your meal with vegetables or salad. Then have three to four tablespoons of a protein source such as dal or rajma. Only after that should you eat rice. This double preloaf can significantly reduce the post-meal sugar spike," he explained. According to Dr Misra, eating protein before rice slows the absorption of carbohydrates, helping reduce the rise in blood sugar after meals.

The 'Double Preload' Method is Backed by Research

Dr Misra said the recommendation is supported by a Japanese study, which found that eating vegetables before carbohydrates helps lower post-meal blood glucose levels. "It is a very simple technique, but it works extremely well. We have seen impressive reductions in post-meal blood sugar levels. It also benefits people who need insulin, including pregnant women with diabetes and children with Type 1 diabetes," he added.

How Much Rice Can You Eat?

Dinner is another meal where people often get confused, Dr Misra noted.

"If you usually eat two rotis and want to include rice, replace one roti with about one-and-a-half bowls of rice. If you want to eat only rice, skip the rotis altogether, preferably choose brown rice and always follow the preloaf method," he said. He stressed that portion control is just as important as food sequencing. Instead of adding rice on top of an already carbohydrate-heavy meal, adjust the rest of the plate accordingly.

Rice May Raise Blood Sugar More Than Roti

Dr Misra pointed out that rice generally causes a higher blood sugar response than roti.

"Rice is usually more problematic than roti. That's why people with diabetes should always check their blood sugar after eating to understand how their own body responds," he said. He added that everyone's body reacts differently, making regular blood sugar monitoring essential for understanding individual tolerance.

Why a Bedtime Bowl of Curd May Help

Dr Misra also advised people with diabetes not to skip curd at night. "You can have curd for dinner or even later as a bedtime snack. If you don't prefer curd, a cup of milk is also a good option. A bedtime snack helps prevent blood sugar from dropping too low during the night and may also keep fasting sugar under better control the next morning.

Too Much Focus on Sad Faces? Science Finds Cue on Depression Risk in Children

If a child's attention inadvertently chooses to see sad faces, it can reveal much about their mental health, a study on depression risk in children has found out.

While for most cases of depression, a person gets diagnosed in adulthood but scientists assume the risk tends to increase much earlier in life, particularly around adolescence or even childhood. Some researchers at the Binghamton University's Mood Disorders Institute decided to investigate how depression develops through childhood and adolescence. Taking note of the factors like family history of mental illness and emotional experiences of children that mark their early life, the researchers thought of finding a way through which they could catch growing depressive tendencies much before they translate into a clinical disorder, significantly impairing a person's life.

Attention and depression link

Some literature has faintly established a connection between depression and a tendency to pay more attention to sad faces. However, it confused the scientists for



long whether it was caused by depression or was it the other way around where human attention biases were increasing risk of depression. The study aimed to see how both these factors could paradoxically predict one another. To see this, some researchers from University of New Mexico, followed 242 children and their mothers for two years. After each passing of six months, they returned for assessments.

While making observations, the scientists gave these children a pair of photographs to view. One was a control picture, displaying a person with neutral expressions. The other photo was emotionally charged and represented happiness or sadness or even anger.

While the kids were asked to see the pictures, an eye tracking machine recorded where their gaze wandered, to which picture and for how

long it stayed there.

They found that children whose mother had a history of major depressive disorder were more attentive towards sad faces.

If the children already had started to experience depression, they were more likely to pull away their eyes from the sad faces.

Why are the findings important?

Through this experiment, the researchers could establish how significantly depression changes what people choose to notice in their immediate environment.

It could possibly explain why people with depression are more likely to see negative emotions or situations around them.

For the longest, depression has been associated with chemical imbalance in the brain resulting in clinical symptoms, however, new evidence is showing how the disorder is a 'circuit-based' problem in which a person's brain may find it difficult to enter and leave some major brain states, making the affected person 'stuck' or 'entrapped' in a negative loop of thoughts and emotions.

Doctors Invariably Take Men's Pain More Seriously, Research Shows

Pain is a universal experience which rarely sees the age or sex of the person. However, the way it gets treated for both men and women has been a controversial theme in medicine with studies pointing out a slight disparity. Some studies have shown that women wait longer in emergency rooms for painkillers than men do, with other scholars saying that hidden gender stereotypes also affect the estimation of pain in a person.

Reportedly, there are existing notions that women are more sensitive to pain and express it in an exaggerated way. This has caused healthcare workers to often discount the intensity of their pain.

Inadequate pain management among women is a well documented concern in healthcare.

As per some estimates, about 25 per cent of the Indian adult population has chronic pain, with women having a higher percentage.

What is pain?

An unpleasant sensory and emotional experience associated with, or resembling that associated with, actual or potential tissue damage, said



the International Association for the Study of Pain (IASP). Interestingly, pain is one such physical parameter which is highly subjective and therefore hard to treat.

As per experts, it can be experienced in more than one form, be it dull, sharp, or throbbing. It can also vary from being acute, chronic or even episodic.

The National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke states that scientists understand acute pain better than chronic pain which is a combination of physical, genetic, psychological and environmental factors.

While the gender differences in pain have been document-

ed in medical literature, the underlying biological processes causing these changes are still unclear. As per a study published in the Journal of Pain, women are more likely to report pain than men and also express higher intensity for the same. Some scholars have tried to understand the connection between sex hormones and pain perception pathways which may be causing the differences in how each sex experiences pain and to what intensity.

Evidence also shows that a man's brain turns on the pain relief system more strongly than it happens among women.

Sex differences and pain bias

A study listed in the Journal of Pain states that health providers are more likely to prescribe psychological treatment for females than males and are also likely to offer analgesics or painkillers to men.

However, there have been contradictions. While some studies have shown females being judged more for being in pain as compared to men because of their facial expressions, other studies have shown that female pain has been discounted as the health providers found them to be catastrophizing pain or exaggerating facial expression. Another study (2016) published in the International Association for the Study of Pain found that the perception of a patient in the eyes of the healthcare provider can also affect the estimation of pain. If the provider sees the patient as 'untrustworthy', then this puts the patient at a disadvantage.

They also found that many providers trust self-reporting symptoms of men as closer to reality than those described by women.