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US court postpones Nikhil Gupta sentencing in Pannun assassination plot to November 20

world.(Agency)

A US federal court has postponed the sentencing of Nikhil Gupta, who pleaded guilty to his role in an alleged plot to assassinate Sikh separatist leader Gurpatwant Singh Pannun, to November 20. The 54-year-old Gupta had earlier admitted to attempting to contact a hitman to carry out the killing of Pannun, who holds dual US and Canadian citizenship. The US District Court for the Southern District of New York had originally scheduled Gupta's sentencing for September 25. However, prosecutors sought an adjournment after the "intended murder victim" requested to participate in the sentencing hearing. Meanwhile, according to a report, Gupta's sentencing had previously been scheduled for May 29. While court filings do not name the victim, Pannun's counsel has publicly identified him as the target of the alleged murder-for-hire plot. In a letter filed with the court, prosecutors said the unnamed victim "wishes to participate in the sentencing" but would be out of the country on September 25. They therefore asked the court to postpone the hearing. Judge Victor Marrero granted the request and rescheduled the sentencing for November 20 at 10 am. Gupta pleaded guilty on February 13 to all three charges against him: murder-for-hire, conspiracy to commit murder-for-hire, and conspiracy to commit money laundering in connection with the alleged plot to kill Pannun. The murder-for-hire charge carries a maximum sentence of 10 years in prison, while the conspiracy to commit murder-for-hire charge

New York woman pleads guilty after picking up Indian migrants who crossed US-Canada border

world.(Agency)

A 43-year-old New York woman has pleaded guilty to her role in an international human smuggling conspiracy that illegally brought people, primarily from India, into the United States through its northern border.

Stacey Taylor of Plattsburgh was involved in a failed smuggling operation in January 2025, when she attempted to transport four people who had illegally crossed the US-Canada border.

According to court documents, US Border Patrol agents stopped Taylor's vehicle near Churubusco, New York, during the early morning hours of January 20, 2025. Four men were found inside the vehicle—three from India and one from Canada. Authorities determined that the men had crossed the border on foot without inspection in freezing weather, traveling through a wooded area before getting into Taylor's waiting vehicle. Investigators later found coordinates and pickup instructions on Taylor's cellphone, indicating that she had been directed to the men's location. Taylor told law enforcement that she had picked them up and expected to be paid for transporting them farther into the United States..

North Korea launches another missile toward sea ahead of US-South Korean military drills

SEOUL.(Agency)

North Korea on Wednesday performed its second ballistic missile test in less than a week, its neighbors said, a likely protest of the upcoming South Korea-US military drills that North Korea views as an invasion rehearsal. South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff said a ballistic missile fired from the North's eastern coastal Wonsan area around 6 am flew more than 700 kilometers (435 miles). The Japanese Defense Ministry also detected the launch, saying the weapon landed in waters outside its exclusive economic zone, between the Korean Peninsula and Japan.

The launches, within days of each other, were seen as part of North Korea's extended run of weapons tests as the country has refused to return to talks with the US and South Korea for years. Experts say North Korea often uses its rivals' military training as a pretext to boost its own testing activities. It is aligned with authorities based in Benghazi, while the internationally recognised Government of National Unity is based in the capital Tripoli and controls much of the west. South Korea's military said it remains ready to repel any provocation by Pyongyang in cooperation with the United States. South Korea's national security council called North Korean ballistic missile launches "acts of provocation" and urged the North to halt them immediately.

Judge bars Trump administration from implementing order to limit mail voting

BOSTON.(Agency)

A federal judge on Tuesday ruled against President Donald Trump's executive order that sought to create a federal voter list and directly involve the U.S. Postal Service in election operations in a way that would limit mail voting. U.S. District Court Judge Indira Talwani had already halted the order Trump signed in March, his second one attempting to set national election rules. On June 25, she sided with Democratic state attorneys general in granting summary judgment, preventing the core parts of Trump's order from taking effect. Tuesday's ruling creates another legal hurdle for the Trump administration to overcome should it get the initial injunction lifted by the U.S. Supreme

Court. "That it is now less than 90 days before the November 3, 2026 midterm elections underscores the critical need for an injunction to prevent Defendants from changing election rules on the eve of the election," she wrote. The Trump administration in late July requested that the Supreme Court halt lower court decisions that have blocked the sweeping changes in nearly half the country. In the latest lawsuit, Talwani, who was nominated by Democratic President Barack Obama, sided with the League of Women Voters and other voting rights groups. Her ruling granting a preliminary injunction barred the Postal Service from taking any steps to implement the order for this year's midterm elections. She said the administration has so far declined to

defend the constitutionality of the executive order. "The executive branch has no authority to regulate elections,"



she wrote. In response to the ruling, the White House noted that Trump has called for Congress to pass a stalled bill to restructure American elections. "The entire Trump Administration will continue lawfully enacting the agenda President Trump was elected to enact —

which includes the safety and security of American elections," White House spokeswoman Lauren Bis said in a statement. "This campaign pledge from the President is why millions of Americans sent him back to the White House." Voting rights groups hailed the decision. "This ruling is a victory for voters and for the Constitution," Marcia Johnson of the League of Women Voters said in a statement. "Neither the president nor the U.S. Postal Service has the authority to rewrite election rules." Plaintiffs argued in two lawsuits, both filed in federal court in Boston, that the Republican president's order should be found unconstitutional because the states and Congress, not the president, have the power to set election rules.

Bill in US Senate to ensure support to Tibetan cause beyond lifetime of Dalai Lama

WASHINGTON.(Agency)

A bipartisan group of US Senators have introduced a bill to ensure American support for the cause of Tibet beyond the lifetime of the 14th Dalai Lama. Senators Jeff Merkley, a Democrat from Oregon and Jim Risch, a Republican from Idaho, introduced the Assuring the Future of Tibet Act (AFTA) in the US Senate recently.

The bill seeks to recognise the Central Tibetan Administration (CTA) as the legitimate representative of the Tibetan people and the continuity of governance established by the Dalai Lama. It also seeks to direct the US Secretary of State to engage with Sikyong, the political leader of the Tibetan government-in-exile

and designated representatives at the most senior levels. The bill also seeks to support the Tibetan people's human rights and right to



self-determination by advocating at the UN for CTA observer status and equal access across the UN system. The bill has been co-sponsored by Senators Tim Kaine, Todd Young, Jacky Rosen, and Rick Scott. The legislation is the Senate companion to the bill introduced

on May 22, 2026, in the House of Representatives by Congressmen Jim McGovern and Michael McCaul. "I thank Senators Merkley and Risch for introducing this vital bill and Senators Kaine, Young, Rosen, and Scott for serving as its original co-sponsors. The International Campaign for Tibet (ICT) looks forward to working with Congress towards its swift passage," said ICT President Tencho Gyatso. "At a time when China is accelerating its campaign to erase Tibetan identity, this bill sends a powerful message—that America's support for the Tibetan people, their democratic institutions, and the Tibetan people's right to determine their own future is unwavering," she said.

Candlelight vigil in Islamabad honors 10 climbers killed on Broad

ISLAMABAD.(Agency)

Mountaineers, diplomats and members of civil society gathered in Pakistan's capital Tuesday evening for a candlelight vigil honoring 10 climbers killed in an avalanche on Broad Peak, as rescuers described an arduous mission to bring their fellow climbers down from one of the world's highest mountains. Rain fell as mourners lit candles and prayed for the dead, shielding the flickering flames from the downpour as they gathered on the open lawns of a sports complex in Islamabad to remember the climbers who never returned from the mountain. The vigil came days after search teams ended an operation that recovered the remains of eight climbers. Two

bodies have not yet been recovered. Among the dead was renowned British-Nepali mountaineer Nirmal Purja. Nepal lost six climbers in the July 30 disaster, when a massive avalanche struck an international expedition. Nepal's ambassador to Pakistan, Rita Dhital, joined the vigil and paid tribute to the climbers as candles were lit in their memory. She recalled meeting Purja at her Islamabad home before the expedition and said he would often tell her, "Giving up is not in my blood." She thanked Pakistani climbers and rescuers who went onto the mountain in dangerous weather to search for the missing climbers and recover their bodies. Dhital particularly praised renowned Pakistani mountaineer Sirbaz Khan, who led the recovery

team, as well as the Alpine Club of Pakistan, the military and government officials involved in the operation. The bodies of all six Nepalese climbers have been returned to their families, she said. Khantold The Associated Press that he and his team had set out hoping they would find the missing climbers alive. "I had hoped that I would hug them after finding them alive," he said. Instead, the rescuers found climbers buried beneath the avalanche. Khan said the team used shovels to dig through the snow and pull out the bodies one by one. Seeing fellow mountaineers dead on the mountain was difficult, he said, but the rescuers composed themselves and began the equally difficult task of bringing the bodies down, using ropes and makeshift stretchers.



Communist Party. "This move is, in reality... aimed at creating the false impression for the international community that the CCP has jurisdiction over waters east of Taiwan and blatantly infringing upon our national sovereignty and maritime rights and interests," the Mainland Affairs Council (MAC) said in a statement. The Indonesian military did not immediately respond to AFP's request for comment. China's announcement came as Taiwan holds its largest military drills of the year, aimed at preparing its population for a potential Chinese invasion. Beijing deploys warships, fighter jets and coast guard vessels around Taiwan on an almost daily basis to assert its claim of sovereignty.

In June, Chinese ships began to patrol an area of the Western Pacific near Taiwan's east coast, which Taipei branded as "provocative" and "expansionism in disguise". During that operation, the China Coast Guard for the first time radioed cargo ships passing Taiwan for information about their crew and destination.

Iranian-backed Houthis kill six in attack on vessel in Bab el-Mandeb

Bogota.(Agency)

Yemeni authorities said six people were killed by Iran-backed Houthi rebels attacking a vessel in the Bab el-Mandeb strait, while U.S. forces fired on a ship they said was trying to break a blockade of Iran's ports. Four crew members and 2 allied fighters killed, Yemen says. Yemen's coast guard said the dead included four crew members and two members of the government-allied National Resistance Forces. Houthis fired three ballistic missiles at the Yemeni commercial vessel, according to the Transportation Ministry of Yemen's internationally recognized government. They are the first known deaths from Houthi attacks on shipping off Yemen in the latest bout of fighting in the Arab country. With the Strait of Hormuz effectively shut down by Iran, there has been a renewed focus on the Red Sea and Bab el-Mandeb strait at Yemen's southern tip, which is an alternate route for Saudi Arabia to ship

its oil. The deadly vessel strike came amid Houthi attacks on the government-held port city of Mokha on the Red Sea and other areas of the country. Dozens of government troops and civilians have been killed in attacks since last week, according to the Yemeni military. The strikes are part of an escalation by the Houthis against government forces in Yemen and oil facilities in neighboring Saudi Arabia, which supports the Yemeni government, and the kingdom's shipping in the Red Sea. The Houthi attacks could reignite Yemen's civil war following a 2022 truce, and open a new front in the Middle East war.

Mohammed Abdul-Salam, the Houthis' chief negotiator and spokesperson, accused Saudi Arabia in a social media post of exploiting the ceasefire to tighten an air and sea blockade it imposed in 2015.

He said the Houthis are open for negotiations but any settlement must include lifting the blockade. US fires on



ship it said was trying to break blockade of Iran. The U.S. military said Tuesday that its forces fired on a Panamanian-flagged ship in the Gulf of Oman that tried to evade the American blockade on Iranian ports. The move came as U.S. President Donald Trump tries to keep economic pressure on the Islamic Republic. U.S. Central Command said

the vessel had ignored warnings to stop, prompting an American helicopter to fire missiles into the engine room of the M/V Vela Nova, disabling the ship. The statement did not say whether the ship's crew suffered any casualties.

Trump on Tuesday night insisted that the U.S. military has "total control" over the Strait of Hormuz, despite the fact that Iran has kept up its attacks on ships in the waterway, largely impeding traffic there.

"Iran is going fine, going just absolutely fine," he told reporters after a trip to Ohio. "We totally control the Strait of Hormuz. We have control over it. Nobody else. Only us," Trump said. Central Command said it has redirected 55 commercial vessels attempting to run the blockade, disabled three noncompliant vessels and boarded two. The U.S. Navy currently has more than 15 warships, including two aircraft carriers and an amphibious assault ship, stationed in the waters of the Arabian Sea.

Pakistani National Arrested in Bengal Over Suspected ISI Spy Network Targeting Army, BSF

Kolkata: In a major security operation ahead of Independence Day, the West Bengal Special Task Force (STF) has arrested a Pakistani national suspected of having links with Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) in an alleged espionage case involving sensitive information related to the Indian Army, BSF and railway infrastructure.

The accused, identified as Rana Rauf alias Wahab Alam, is reportedly a resident of Faisalabad, Pakistan.

He was arrested in the Bangaon area of North 24 Parganas, close to the India-Bangladesh border.

Another person suspected of assisting him has also been taken into custody, according to reports.

Fake identity, cross-border trail

Investigators suspect Rauf had spent years in Nepal before entering India and allegedly concealed his Pakistani identity after crossing into West Bengal.

According to the investigation, he allegedly operated under the name "Wahab Alam" and used forged Indian identity documents to establish a local identity. Investigators are now trying to determine how the documents were obtained and whether an Indian network helped him secure them.

Reports also indicate that the STF is examining his movements between Nepal, India and the proposed route towards Bangladesh, with investigators probing whether



these movements were connected to his alleged espionage activities.

Army, BSF and Railways allegedly in focus

The investigation has raised concerns over alleged attempts to gather information about Army deployments and movements, BSF activities

and railway infrastructure and operations. Investigators are examining what information was allegedly collected, whether it was transmitted to handlers outside India and how long the suspected intelligence-gathering activity had been continuing. The case is particularly significant because

railway networks and military movements can have strategic implications during heightened security situations.

STF probes possible wider spy network

The arrest has also triggered a wider investigation into the

possibility that Rauf was not operating alone. The second suspect arrested by the STF is being questioned to establish the nature of his association with Rauf. Investigators are also looking for possible facilitators who may have helped with accommodation, identity documents, communications or movement across borders. Authorities are further examining allegations that Rauf attempted to identify or recruit Indian nationals in Nepal for an espionage network. These allegations are yet to be established through the ongoing investigation.

Bangladesh route under scanner

Investigators are also looking into an alleged plan by Rauf to leave India through Bangladesh. His movements near the India-Bangladesh border are therefore being closely examined.

The probe is expected to focus on whether the suspected escape route was connected to his alleged contacts outside India and whether other members of the network were waiting to assist him.

Security agencies step up vigilance

The arrest comes at a time when Indian security agencies are maintaining heightened vigilance ahead of Independence Day on August 15. The BSF has already intensified security along the western border under its annual Operation Alert, citing threats including infiltration and cross-border activities. The latest case also follows

other recent investigations into alleged Pakistan-linked espionage networks.

In May, the National Investigation Agency (NIA) arrested Kolkata resident Zafar Riaz alias Rizvi, alleging that he had been recruited by Pakistan Intelligence Officers to pass confidential security-related information. The West Bengal STF is now trying to establish the full extent of the suspected network, its contacts and whether any sensitive information was actually compromised. The allegations against the arrested suspects remain subject to investigation, and further arrests or charges could follow as investigators trace the suspected cross-border links.

Mumbai Kurla Landslide: Death Toll Rises to 7, Several Feared Trapped Under Debris

by Ashis Sinha

Mumbai: A pre-dawn landslide in Mumbai's Kurla area has triggered a massive rescue operation after debris buried homes and people, with the death toll rising to seven and several others feared trapped underneath, according to the latest reports.

The landslide occurred at around 3:48 am on Wednesday, according to information shared by the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation's (BMC) Mumbai Fire Brigade. Heavy rain in the city has added to the challenges faced by rescue teams working at the site.

Rescue teams race against time

Emergency personnel have launched an intensive search-and-rescue operation to locate those who may still be trapped beneath the rubble. Specialised victim-location cameras are being used to scan gaps inside the debris and detect possible signs of life. Officials are carefully clearing the debris as rescuers fear that survivors could be trapped in confined spaces



beneath the collapsed material. Several injured people have also been rescued and shifted to hospitals, including Kurla Bhabha Hospital and Rajawadi Hospital, according to reports.

Civic officials reach accident site

Mumbai Mayor Ritu Tawde and senior civic officials visited the affected area to take stock of the situation and oversee the ongoing relief and rescue efforts. Police, fire brigade personnel and civic disaster-response teams have been deployed at the site. The bodies recovered

so far have been sent to hospital for further procedures, while authorities continue to verify the identities of the victims.

Death toll may change

The casualty figure has changed as rescue operations progressed. Initial reports put the number of fatalities at two, later rising to six and then seven, underscoring the continuing uncertainty as rescuers work through the rubble. Officials have not ruled out the possibility of more casualties if additional victims are found beneath the debris.

Police probe underway

The police and civic authorities are investigating the circumstances that led to the landslide. The probe will examine the condition of the affected structures and the role of heavy rainfall and other local factors.

For now, the priority remains finding survivors and clearing the debris safely. The Kurla tragedy comes as Mumbai continues to battle intense monsoon conditions, with rain-related incidents posing repeated challenges for the city's emergency and civic authorities.

ED Arrests Former Chhattisgarh Congress Treasurer in ₹3,000-Crore Liquor Scam

Raipur: The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has arrested former Chhattisgarh Pradesh Congress Committee treasurer Ramgopal Agrawal in connection with its money-laundering probe into the alleged ₹3,000-crore liquor scam.

Agrawal was arrested on Tuesday under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA). The ED alleges that an organised liquor syndicate generated illegal proceeds



through irregularities in the state's excise system during 2019-23. According to the agency, part of the alleged cash proceeds was delivered to

Agrawal at the then Congress office, Rajiv Bhawan in Raipur. Investigators are examining the alleged money trail and Agrawal's suspected role in the

network. The wider case has previously involved politicians, government officials and businesspersons. The ED has also attached properties allegedly linked to the proceeds of crime.

Agrawal's arrest is expected to intensify the political battle between the BJP and Congress in Chhattisgarh. The allegations are part of an ongoing investigation and remain subject to judicial scrutiny.

Shorties

Railways Approves Kavach 4.0 for 660 Route Km



New Delhi: Indian Railways has approved the deployment of Kavach Version 4.0 across 660 route km of the Izzatnagar Division of North Eastern Railway at an estimated cost of ₹295 crore.

The project has been sanctioned under the umbrella work for providing Kavach with an LTE communication backbone on the remaining sections of Indian Railways. An indigenous Automatic Train Protection (ATP) system, Kavach is designed to prevent collisions and Signal Passed at Danger (SPAD) incidents. It continuously monitors train movements and can automatically apply brakes when necessary, enhancing safety and reliability, including during dense fog and other adverse weather conditions.

Parliament Clears Bill to Rename Kerala as Keralam

New Delhi: Parliament has passed the Kerala (Alteration of Name) Bill, 2026, paving the way for changing the state's official name from Kerala to Keralam in the First Schedule of the Constitution.

The Rajya Sabha cleared the Bill today, a day after it was passed by the Lok Sabha. Replying to the debate, Minister of State for Home Nityanand Rai said the Kerala Assembly had unanimously passed a resolution in 2024 seeking the change, noting that Keralam is the state's name in Malayalam. Rai said the Union Cabinet approved the proposal in February 2026, following which the legislation was introduced in Parliament to honour the state's request.

FIR Against 500 After Ranchi Assembly Siege

Ranchi: Police have registered an FIR against around 500 protesters, including 100 named persons, over the clash during the students' Assembly siege demanding a CBI probe into JPSC examinations. Police alleged obstruction of duty, assault on personnel, stone-pelting and abusive behaviour, with several policemen reportedly injured.

A separate FIR was filed at Lalpur police station over an ABVP Jharkhand march on August 8 for allegedly breaching barricades and obstructing police. Meanwhile, 102 BJP leaders and workers detained during Monday's siege of the Chief Minister's residence were released on PR bonds. Police said no FIR has been registered against them so far and further action will follow the investigation.

S.R. DAV Pundag Hosts Book Exhibition on National Library Day



by Sangeeta Pandey

Ranchi: S.R. DAV Public School, Pundag, organised a book exhibition to mark the birth anniversary of S.R. Ranganathan, regarded as the Father of Library Science, and National Library Day.

Principal Dr. Tapas Ghosh, in the presence of Librarian Savita Jha, inaugurated the exhibition, which featured a diverse collection of books for students from Classes I to XII. Students visited the exhibition in groups with their teachers and explored storybooks, novels, dictionaries and subject-specific titles in Hindi, English and Sanskrit.

The exhibition also featured preparation material for com-

petitive examinations, including JEE, NEET, NDA, CAT, CLAT, NTSE and KVPY, catering particularly to senior students.

Dr. Ghosh said such initiatives are important at a time when students are increasingly drawn towards technology and social media. He urged students to develop a lasting friendship with books, describing reading as an important pathway to knowledge, personal growth and future success.

The exhibition received an enthusiastic response from students, combining learning, reading and exploration in a meaningful celebration of books and libraries.

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BJP MP's 'lungi wala' remark rocks Rajya Sabha, privilege notice filed

CPI(M) MP John Brittas accused BJP MP Sushmita Dev of calling him "lungi wala" during Rajya Sabha proceedings and filed a privilege notice. He alleged the remark was derogatory and unbecoming of a member of Parliament.

New Delhi. (Agency)

The Rajya Sabha witnessed an uproar on Wednesday after CPI(M) MP John Brittas raised the matter of BJP's Sushmita Dev calling him a "lungi wala" during parliamentary proceedings. Brittas, who represents Kerala in the Upper House, has moved a privilege motion against Dev. He alleged that she made the remark against him



during an exchange on Monday. It wasn't merely a personal remark but an attempt to stereotype people based on their regional and cultural identity, he charged. Speaking to news agency ANI, Brittas said he took pride in his Malayali and South Indian identity, and the BJP MP's "lungi wala" barb was unacceptable and unbecoming of a member of Parliament.

"I have moved a privilege motion notice against Sushmita Dev for her derogatory remark, 'lungi wala,' which stereotypes South Indians and is not acceptable. It is a shorthand for othering," he said.

South will suffer: Vijay govt's big anti-delineitation push and 3 demands

The resolution by the Vijay-led Tamil Nadu government comes amid the Centre's renewed push to get support for the delimitation bill, which it has linked to the implementation of women's reservation.

New Delhi. (Agency)

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Vijay moved a resolution in the Assembly against the delimitation of Lok Sabha constituencies on Wednesday, even though he firmly backed women's reservation, urging the Centre to implement it within the existing 543 seats. The TVK chief warned that the representation of southern states such as Tamil Nadu, which have



successfully implemented population-control measures, could be hit if delimitation is carried out on the basis of population. The resolution comes amid the Centre's renewed push to get support for the delimitation bill, which it has linked to the implementation of women's reservation in Parliament and state assemblies. Over the past week, there has been strong buzz that the Centre might table the constitutional amendment bill on the last two days of the Monsoon session.

Amit Shah says will answer questions in Parliament, Rahul Gandhi says we don't care

New Delhi. (Agency)

As Parliament remained deadlocked over the Opposition's demand for a statement from Shah on the NEET student protest crackdown and a discussion on the Ram Temple donations theft, the Union Home Minister said they should formally submit a letter seeking a discussion, after which the government was ready to hold a debate in the House.

In an effort to end the continued Parliament logjam, Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Wednesday offered the Opposition a 24-hour window for a discussion, saying he was ready to answer all their questions and would remain present in the House from 3 pm on Wednesday until 3 pm on Thursday. Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, however, dismissed the offer, saying the Opposition was not interested in what Shah had to say but wanted answers on who ordered the police action against the NEET student protesters.

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Minister said they should formally submit a letter seeking a discussion, after which the government was ready to hold a debate in the House. "Write a letter and submit it.



We will discuss the matter from 3 pm today, and I am ready to discuss it until 3 pm tomorrow," the Union Minister said, adding that he was prepared to remain in Parliament and answer questions raised by

the Opposition. "I am ready to answer any question," he said and added that it was now for the Opposition to decide whether it wanted a discussion or continued disruption.

Responding to Opposition remarks accusing him of being "missing", "escaped" or a "fugitive", Shah said he had been attending Parliament regularly since the Monsoon Session began.

"I have been coming to Parliament regularly since the session began; I sit in my chamber, but since the Opposition is not allowing Parliament to function in either House, what is one supposed to

do?" he said. Shah blamed the Opposition for preventing Parliament from functioning, saying there was little purpose in simply entering the building if proceedings were repeatedly disrupted.

Jinnah's 2nd birth as Rahul Gandhi: BJP's Nishikant Dubey's jab over Jharkhand stir

New Delhi. (Agency)

BJP MP Nishikant Dubey launched a fresh attack on Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, calling him a "worse leader" than Pakistan founder Muhammad Ali Jinnah while taking a sharp swipe at the Congress MP over the ongoing students' protest in Jharkhand.

Dubey said the Congress should withdraw its support to the Jharkhand government to demonstrate that it stood with the protesting students. He added that otherwise, it would appear

that the party was working on George Soros' agenda.

"They (Congress) should withdraw support from the Jharkhand government and show that they stand in the interest of the students. Otherwise, it will look like they work on Soros' agenda. Wherever there is a protest against the PM, Rahul Gandhi is seen there. He is a worse leader than Jinnah," Dubey said. Sharing the same video on X, Dubey wrote, "Jinnah's second birth has taken place in the form of Rahul Gandhi ji". With the remarks, the BJP MP intensified

his attack on Rahul Gandhi over the Jharkhand students' protest and repeated his comparison of the Congress leader with Jinnah.

Meanwhile, the agitation by job aspirants over alleged irregularities in Jharkhand's recruitment examinations entered its 19th day on Wednesday. The protesters vowed to intensify their stir until their demands were met and refused to call off the agitation despite assurances from the Hemant Soren government on reforms in the recruitment system.

Govt will consider reservation demands only within Constitution: Devendra Fadnavis

Pune. (Agency)

Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis on Tuesday said his government would hear reservation demands raised by different communities, but would take decisions only within the framework of the Constitution and rules. He said the government would consider demands that were in public interest and in line with the Constitution, and would reject those that were not.

His remarks came amid a fresh political debate over reservation demands, especially those linked to the Maratha community and the Other Backward Classes category. Fadnavis said the government was committed to ensuring

justice to all communities, including Marathas, OBCs, Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Vimukta Jatis and



Nomadic Tribes, and would not take away from one group to give to another.

Speaking to reporters, Fadnavis said, "The government runs according to the Constitution and will continue to do so. It

Devendra Fadnavis said Maharashtra will hear all reservation demands within constitutional limits. He said no community's rights would be curtailed as the government seeks justice for all.

does not function under pressure or outside the rules. However, the government listens to everyone." He added, "If a demand is in public interest and fits within the Constitution, it will be considered. If it does not fit within the Constitution, it will not be accepted."

The chief minister said, "The Constitution asks us to take care of everyone. This government will take care of everyone and give justice to all. We will not snatch from one community and give it to another. We have taken care of everyone so far and will continue to do so." The debate has intensified as Maratha quota activist Manoj Jarange has targeted state Revenue Minister Chandrashekhar Bawankule over the issue.

FCRA Bill sent to JPC via voice note amid fierce protest by Opposition Mps

New Delhi . (Agency)

The Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2026 was referred to a Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) on Wednesday after the Centre moved a motion in the Lok Sabha amid fierce protests and objections from Opposition MPs. The motion was accepted through a voice vote.

Akhilesh Yadav and Parliamentary Affairs



Minister Kiren Rijiju also engaged in a sharp faceoff over the Opposition's allegation that the proposed legislation targets minorities. Yadav said the entire Opposition opposed the bill and asked, "Which bill has this government brought so far that was not against minorities?" Rijiju hit back by challenging Yadav to point out a single provision that targets minorities, saying the Opposition was misleading the House.

Yadav said, "We, the entire Opposition, are against the FCRA bill that the government is bringing. Honourable Speaker, the honourable minister is saying that this bill is not against minorities. I want to ask the honourable minister, tell us, which bill has this government brought so far that was not against minorities?"

Rijiju responded, "I challenge Akhilesh Yadav ji to tell us one point that is against minorities. You only want to mislead the House." He also said there was no question of targeting minorities and that the country could not allow foreign funds to flow without a legal framework.

A shortcut will cut you short: PM Modi's message to reel-loving Gen Z

Prime Minister Narendra Modi advised Gen Z to be wary of social media influencers and avoid taking shortcuts. The remarks came against the backdrop of the PM making Instagram central to his youth outreach campaign.

New Delhi. (Agency)

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has a message for India's Gen Z: In an age of reels, influencers and instant gratification, beware of shortcuts. Drawing upon a familiar warning displayed at railway stations, PM

Modi urged young people to choose the longer, more meaningful path. He recalled how some people cross railway tracks rather than use footbridges because they see it as a quicker route.

The warning painted at such crossings, he remarked, captures a larger lesson. "A shortcut will cut you short," he said, advising youngsters to be wary of "influencers who often draw you in various directions". The Prime Minister made the remarks at the launch of former President Ram Nath Kovind's autobiography, Triumph of the Indian Republic: My Life, My

Struggles, in Delhi on Wednesday. His appeal to young Indians comes amid a push to connect with a generation that is chronically online. "If you do wish to find a way



forward, I would tell the youth: definitely read the autobiography of whoever you admire," PM Modi said.

Aap badal gaye ho: When Kharge, Gandhi siblings met PM Modi at wedding event

The wedding reception of NCP (SP) MP Supriya Sule's daughter brought together the who's who of politics in Delhi on Monday. A video has now emerged showing Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge and PM Modi engaging in a light-hearted exchange.

New Delhi. (Agency)

Political rivalry took a backseat on Monday as Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge and the Gandhi siblings shared the same frame at the wedding reception of NCP(SP) MP Supriya Sule's daughter. Rare as the sight was, a video of the leaders sharing a light-hearted exchange has now gone viral on social media.

The casual interaction began with PM Modi asking Priyanka Gandhi Vadra about how she was doing. "How is Priyanka doing?" PM Modi



can be heard asking in the clip. "I am doing well, sir! How are you?" Priyanka, who is not visible in the video, replies. To this, the Prime Minister said, "I am just the same as always". PM Modi's reply drew a chuckle from the Congress president who was standing nearby. "Bhai saab, aap thoda badal gaye ho (Brother, you have changed a bit)," Kharge was heard telling PM Modi. He, however, did not elaborate on his remark. The Prime Minister appeared amused by Kharge's quip. "Oh really?" he responded before both sides broke into laughter.

Universe: Sacred side of educational enterprise

When Samuel Vedanayagam Pillai (1826-1889) wrote the first Tamil novel, ‘Prathapa Mudaliar Caritharam’, in 1879, he, like many of his contemporary writers, placed education at the heart of his work. The protagonist of the novel, a wealthy landowner’s son, had once refused to go to school, saying, “Ayya, do I need to study? Are not my wit and common sense enough? The poor do need to be educated, no doubt, as they have to earn their living. But is that necessary for me? If there is something to be read or written, don’t we have our clerks? And accountants?” This amusing display of adolescent arrogance from a century and a half ago may seem preposterous, but its relevance is strikingly contemporary.

Learning, in our highly technologically advanced society, is now valued chiefly for the economic opportunities it offers. Degrees have become tickets to better-paying jobs. What purpose do science and technology serve, except to bring unprecedented luxury within our reach? Ironically, prosperity often weakens our understanding of what education is for. There may be other factors operational in a society, but it is material gains that lead to the final snapping of ties between learning and potential learners. This tension between commerce and learning is not unique to our age. It has surfaced repeatedly in history, and one of its clearest expressions can be found in Reformation Europe. Martin Luther’s crusade against ecclesiastical corruption, in the early decades of the 16th century, had turned common people



suspicious towards the revered monasteries and nunneries, which were also the seats of medieval learning. The halo around the institutions related to the established Church was fading and the bonds of popular allegiance were loosening.

The period was also marked by a commercial revolution. Trade and commerce became incredibly lucrative. Many well-meaning traders in Germany began to withdraw their wards from schools, and pushed them into trade; traders, like farmers, could always do with more hands.

This created another crisis in Western Europe. Reformation needed more preachers and teachers, not fewer. Luther was constrained to write his famous sermon ‘On Keeping Children in School’ in 1530. In it, he argued that it was the “real masterpiece of the devil’s art” to keep children away from learning, and sacrifice them at the altar of mammon. He called upon communities to bring children back to schools to be trained to occupy holy offices to lead the flock in righteous living, and to guide the prince in dispensing justice.

Arguing for mass education for both spiritual and temporal ends, Luther laid the foundation of the second education revolution in the West, the first one being King Charlemagne’s groundbreaking efforts in the 9th century AD. History testifies that renewal of its spiritual foundations is the way to make learning a meaningful human pursuit.

The wise mother of that overconfident Mudaliar child counsels: “Without education, can we comprehend the nature and divine attributes of the almighty, or the teachings of the scriptures and spiritual tracts? Can we know anything of sciences like geography or mathematics...?” In a single breath, she evokes both the spiritual and the material, both the sacred and the scientific.

Lapses led to July 20 police crackdown on protesters

The authorities missed the window of preparation and planning

No accountability has been fixed yet for the July 20 police crackdown on protesters, even as the Opposition is trying to corner the government over this issue. The Tribune Edit and Op-Ed articles continue to ask questions and seek answers about the police action. Newspapers Writing about the police atrocities committed on the eventful day, the authorities missed the window of preparation and planning for the July 20 march, writes Gurbachan Jagat, ex-Governor, Manipur, and former DGP, J&K, in his Edit article What went wrong at Jantar Mantar. Usually, whenever such a march is announced, the administration at the ground level goes into overdrive. Briefing is of the utmost importance so that they understand to the last man the threat and their response. Force must be used under supervision — controlled, measured and sufficient to achieve the objective of crowd dispersal, he avers. The objective is not to vanquish an enemy at all costs as that only results in more protests and provokes the people. He pins down the problem: much of the prescribed procedure is ignored or, at best, given scant attention. writes Julio Ribeiro in his Edit article Force must be used as a last resort. The principle of using the minimum necessary force must strictly guide a command officer at all times. In the Jantar Mantar protest, the Delhi Police reported that over 200 known anti-social elements embedded themselves among the protesters to incite violence. Preventive detention of such persons before major rallies is standard policing protocol across the country. Why weren’t they rounded up in advance? Leaving them unchecked invited predictable chaos. Handling volatile crowds is a complex task — backseat driving is easy. Field officers do not take pleasure in confrontation; they take high-stakes, split-second decisions under immense pressure. SouthAsians & Diaspora

Coming to the main issue of the high-stakes NEET paper, from banking to medical colleges, just about every field now depends on the MCQ system to recruit candidates for education and employment. Why is it such a favourite? asks former NCERT director Krishna Kumar in his Edit article NEET is flawed to the core. Basically, MCQ-based tests allow the elimination of a large number of candidates. The process of elimination is mechanical

and thus impartial. This is why the process is regarded as being legitimate even if it is not quite valid, he writes. No matter how advanced is the technology used for conducting NEET, its inner crude character will remain unaddressed. We must abolish the machine called the National Testing Agency (NTA). No meaningful reform is possible unless we abolish these two high-pressure tests and come forward with creative and life-affirming alternatives, says sociologist Avijit Pathak in his Op-Ed article NEET, JEE and death of critical thinking. We must constitute a committee of great



educationists, teachers, pedagogues, good doctors and creative engineers and encourage them to evolve a decentralised pattern of tests that seeks to evaluate a young learner’s analytical and interpretative skills, social and moral sensibilities, and some basic understanding of what doctors and engineers actually do in their professional fields.

Talking about the reforms needed in the education system, the amendments to the anti-paper-leak law may expedite investigation and trials, but the deterrent effect remains an open-ended question in a country that is over-legislated and under-enforced, writes Lok Sabha MP Manish Tewari in his Edit piece Education system must focus on job skills. The reform agenda should match the aspirations of the young generation, he writes. This chasm between ‘credentials’ and ‘capability’ is a consequence of an academic architecture that relegates employment integration to residual luck of campus placements and prestige hierarchy of limited eminent institutes.

Success in Godavari talks could usher in new era

Political posturing must give way to cooperation. Telangana and Maharashtra should work together with a shared commitment to protect their most vulnerable communities from the challenges posed by an increasingly volatile climate

In a welcome initiative aimed at resolving an inter-state water war, Telangana and Maharashtra seem headed towards negotiations regarding the contentious Tummidihatti barrage on the Pranahita river, the largest tributary of the Godavari by discharge and drainage. Union environment minister Bhupender Yadav has assured he would convene a Central Water Commission meeting on the issue, and between the irrigation ministers of the two states. As with all other water-sharing disputes, this long-pending issue has been prolonged by political compulsions on both sides. It all started in 2008 when Y S Rajasekhra Reddy, then the Chief Minister of combined Andhra Pradesh, proposed a 152-metre-high barrage on the Godavari near Tummidihatti as part of the Pranahita-Chevella irrigation project. Maharashtra insisted on reducing the height, claiming that a large area in the state, including a wildlife sanctuary, would be submerged. After Telangana was formed, the BRS government shifted the water source from Tummidihatti to Medigadda, and constructed the Kaleshwaram lift irrigation scheme.



Meanwhile, Maharashtra approved a barrage height of 148 metres at Tummidihatti, which would reduce Telangana’s drawing capacity to 80 thousand million cubic feet. The Revanth Reddy government took a middle path and proposed a height of 150 metres, which Maharashtra dismissed. That’s why the Telangana CM sought the Centre’s intervention, which proposed

mediation. Telangana wants to complete the Tummidihatti barrage to use 100 tmcft of Godavari water, as the Kaleshwaram project is under repair. Telangana has a 960-tmcft share of Godavari water, out of which the state has tapped only a little over 500 tmcft till date. With rainfall patterns becoming increasingly unpredictable, prolonged political delays in decision-making are no longer sustainable if any state is to judiciously use their water resources. After all, rivers do not recognise political boundaries. Political posturing must give way to cooperation. Telangana and Maharashtra should work together with a shared commitment to protect their most vulnerable communities from the challenges posed by an increasingly volatile climate. If the two states resolve the matter with the Centre’s support, it would usher in a new era for a country affected by several river-water disputes. This is possible because the two states are now jointly constructing the Chanaka-Korata barrage across the Penganga river. It shows that parched lands can be adequately watered if politics stands aside.

The Resurgence of Terror in Pakistan

➡The bombings in Swat and Khuzdar are not exceptional incidents, but are indicators of a deeper structural deterioration

On August 2, a suicide bomber killed 17 people, including 10 civilians and seven policemen, and injured dozens more in an attack targeting anti-militancy demonstrators in the city of Kabul in the Swat District of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. On the same day, a Balochistan Liberation Army (BLA) suicide attacker struck the compound of Shafiq Mengal, the leader of a state-backed militia in Khuzdar, killing at least 20 people.

These attacks underscore the breadth of Pakistan’s insurgent challenge, spanning both Islamist and ethno-nationalist theatres. Crucially, these are the latest manifestations of a widening crisis that has returned Pakistan to the position it occupied at the height of its internal wars (2009-2013): the world’s deadliest theatre of terrorism. The immediate significance of these incidents lies not merely in their brutality but in what they reveal about the evolving trajectory of violence. Suicide attacks have not become more frequent in 2026; they have become markedly more lethal. According to the South Asia Terrorism Portal (SATP) database, Pakistan recorded 15 suicide attacks between January 1 and August 2 in both 2025 and 2026. Yet civilian fatalities in these attacks surged more than two-and-a-half times, from 23 to 82. The civilian death toll in these incidents has already exceeded the total for the entirety of 2025. Security Force fatalities, by contrast, declined marginally, while militant deaths collapsed dramatically. Insurgent groups are increasingly able to strike civilian concentrations while avoiding sustained confrontation with state forces.

This trend is embedded within a broader resurgence of terrorism across Pakistan. After years of decline following extensive military operations, violence has risen steadily since 2022. Total terrorism-linked fatalities climbed from 971 in 2022 to 4,001 in 2025, making Pakistan the country recording the highest number of



terrorism-related deaths anywhere in the world. Fatalities in 2026 already totalled 2,842 by August 2, and the current trajectory suggests that the country will again remain at the top of global terrorism fatality rankings. Since 2000, Pakistan has recorded over 19,000 terrorist incidents claiming more than 76,500 lives, including over 23,200 civilians and more than 11,200 Security Force personnel. These are not the statistics of a state that has defeated terrorism; they are the accumulated evidence of

insurgencies that have repeatedly adapted to changing circumstances. The principal driver of the present escalation is strategic rather than tactical. Islamabad’s relationship with the Afghan Taliban has deteriorated rapidly since the latter’s return to power in August 2021, as Islamabad’s fantasies of ‘strategic depth’ crumbled against the realities of the disputed Durand Line, the present border between the two countries. Repeated cross-border attacks and Pakistan’s increasingly

aggressive military posture have followed. Pakistan’s Defence Minister Khawaja Muhammad Asif’s declared in February 2026 that “our cup of patience has overflowed” and that Pakistan was now in “open war” with Afghanistan. The Afghan response was equally explicit, with Taliban media announcing a “battalion of suicide attackers” reportedly prepared for operations against Pakistan. The permissive environment across the border in Afghanistan has dramatically expanded the strategic space available to TTP and affiliated formations.

Pakistan’s predicament is deeply rooted in decades of selective counter-terrorism. Terrorist organisations were never dismantled comprehensively; instead, distinctions were maintained between those perceived as threats to the Pakistani state and those regarded as strategic assets for external policy objectives. Such distinctions were inevitably and progressively eroded, as organisations fragmented, cadres shifted loyalties, operational capabilities diffused, and ideological ecosystems remained intact. The result is today’s security landscape, where multiple insurgencies reinforce one another while exploiting persistent weaknesses in governance, intelligence, and political coherence.

The bombings in Swat and Khuzdar are not exceptional incidents, but are indicators of a deeper structural deterioration. Pakistan once appeared to have brought terrorism under substantial control through sustained security operations. That achievement has steadily unravelled. Unless Islamabad abandons selective approaches to Islamist terrorism, restores strategic coherence, and confronts all violent extremist organisations without distinction, the present resurgence is unlikely to remain a temporary spike. It is, instead, becoming the defining characteristic of Pakistan’s internal security environment once again.

घर पर ही करें मेनीक्योर-पैडीक्योर

चेहरे के साथ-साथ शरीर की साफ-सफाई रखना भी बहुत जरूरी है। खासकर हाथ-पैर की। हाथ-पैर की त्वचा, कोमल और साफ-सुथरा बनाए रखने के लिए समय-समय पर मेनीक्योर और पैडीक्योर करवाना चाहिए लेकिन बिजी शैड्यूल के चलते पार्लर जाने का समय नहीं मिलता। वैसे भी महंगाई के जमाने में पार्लर जाना काफी महंगा पड़ता है। ऐसे में चिंता करने की जरूरत नहीं आप घर पर ही मेनीक्योर-पैडीक्योर कर हाथों-पैरों को खूबसूरत बना सकते हैं। इसमें आपका ज्यादा खर्चा भी नहीं आएगा।

हाथ-पैर की सफाई के आसान टिप्स

गर्म पानी में थोड़ा सा नमक डालकर हाथ-पैर डुबोने से भी उनकी अच्छी से सफाई हो जाती है लेकिन डेड स्किन को निकालने के लिए उसमें स्क्रबिंग, लोशन और क्रीम की जरूरत पड़ती है।

- नींबू के रस में गुलाब जल मिलाकर हाथों पर लेप लगा सकते हैं। इससे हाथ की त्वचा मुलायम होगी।

-चीनी और तेल को स्क्रबर के तौर पर इस्तेमाल करें। इससे हाथ-पैर की त्वचा मुलायम हो जाएगी। मेनीक्योर के बाद मॉइश्चराइजर जरूर लगाएं। घर से बाहर जाने से 20 मिनट पहले हाथों पर भी सनस्क्रीन लोशन लगाएं।

- 1 चम्मच शहद, 1 अंडे (पीले भाग के बिना) और 1 चम्मच ग्लिसरीन मिलाकर हाथ-पैरों में लगाएं। फिर 10 मिनट बाद गुनगुने पानी से हाथ पैर धो लें।

-गर्म पानी में नमक, मेडिकेटेड हैंडवॉश और ग्लिसरीन डालकर पैरों को 20 मिनट तक उसमें डुबो कर रखें। उसके बाद फुट स्मूदर और मसाज से एडिओं को अच्छे से रगड़ें। अच्छी तरह स्क्रब करने के बाद उन पर फुट क्रीम लगाएं और पैरों पर पतला पॉलिथिन चढ़ाकर जुराबे पहनें।

- गर्म पानी में आधा चम्मच हाइड्रोजन पेरॉक्साइड डालें और 5-6 मिनट तक पैरों को डुबोकर रखें। फुट स्क्रब क्रीम से 5 मिनट स्क्रबिंग करें। बाद में पैर धोकर पोंछ लें। बाद में कोल्ड क्रीम लगाकर 3 से 5 मिनट मालिश करें।

-नाखूनों साफ करने के लिए नेल ब्रश का इस्तेमाल करें और शेप देने

के लिए फाइलर और नेल कटर की मदद लें। याद रखें ये बात मेनिक्चोर-पैडीक्योर से हाथ और पैर की त्वचा मुलायम होती है और सारी गंदगी निकल जाती है लेकिन ध्यान रहें कि मेनिक्चोर निश्चित अवधि में ही करवाया जाए। ज्यादा मेनिक्चोर-पैडीक्योर करवाने से भी हाथ-पैर की प्राकृतिक चमक-दमक गायब हो जाती है।

मोती जैसे सफेद दांत पाना चाहते हैं तो अपनाएं ये टिप्स

खिल-खिलाती मुस्कान किसी को भी अपनी ओर आकर्षित कर सकती है। खूबसूरत मुस्कान के पीछे हमारे दांतों की अहम भूमिका होती है। यह सिर्फ खाना खाने में ही मददगार नहीं होते बल्कि इससे हमारी पर्सनैलिटी को नई पहचान मिलती है लेकिन अगर दांत पीले हों तो पर्सनैलिटी पर बुरा असर भी पड़ता है। पानी में मौजूद कैल्शियम ,तंबाकू और कलर्ड फूड्स के ज्यादा इस्तेमाल से दांतों में पीलापन आ जाता है। इन्हें चमकाने के लिए बाजार से आपको ढेरों प्रॉडक्ट्स मिल जाएंगे लेकिन उनमें मौजूद कैल्शियम से मसूड़ों को नुकसान पहुंचता है। आज हम आपको ऐसे टिप्स बताएंगे जिससे दांत तो मोतियों जैसे सफेद होंगे बल्कि इसके साथ-साथ वह मजबूत भी बनेंगे।

- खान-पान की तरफ पूरा ध्यान दें सबसे पहले तो अपने खान-पान की तरफ पूरा ध्यान दें। ऐसे फल और सब्जियां खाएं जिसे चबाने की जरूरत पड़े। दूध से बनने वाले उत्पादों का सेवन ज्यादा करें क्योंकि उसमें कैल्शियम होता है जो दांतों के लिए बहुत जरूरी है। चाय कॉफी का सेवन सीमित मात्रा में ही करें। धूम्रपान

से दूर रहें।

- तुलसी

तुलसी मुंह और दांतों के रोग से बचाती है। इससे दांत का पीलापन भी दूर होता है। तुलसी के पत्तों को धूप में सुखाकर पाऊंडर बना लें फिर टूथपेस्ट में मिलाकर नियमित ब्रश करें। - नमक और सरसों का तेल नमक और सरसों के तेल से दांत चमकाने का नुस्खा काफी पुराना है। बस चुटकी भर नमक में 2-3 बूंदें तेल की मिलाकर दांत साफ करें। - नीम नीम में दांत सफेद बनाने और बैक्टीरिया खत्म करने के लाजवाब गुण पाए जाते हैं। रोजाना नीम की दातून से दांत साफ करें।

- स्ट्रॉबेरी स्ट्रॉबेरी में मैलिक एसिड मौजूद होता है, जो एक नैचुरल व्हाइटनिंग एजेंट है जो स्लाइवा के प्रॉडक्शन को बढ़ाकर दांतों को सफेद बनाता है। एक स्ट्रॉबेरी को मेश कर लें और टूथब्रश की मदद से दांतों पर हल्के से रगड़ें और 5 मिनट बाद अच्छी तरह धो लें। ऐसा हप्ते में एक बार जरूर करें।

सौंदर्य में निखारने पाने के लिए इस्तेमाल में लाएं यह साबुन

आजकल ऐलोवेरा का ज्यादातर इस्तेमाल सौंदर्य को बरकरार रखने के लिए किया जाता है। ऐलोवेरा प्रकृति का वरदान है। यह रूखी, बेजान, दागदार त्वचा के साथ-साथ मुंहासों, सोरायसिस आदि त्वचा की समस्या को दूर करने में भी मदद करता है। इसके रस को चेहरे पर लगाने से त्वचा में चमक आती है। कई बार त्वचा के जलने पर और त्वचा का कालापन दूर करने के लिए भी ऐलोवेरा का रस लगाया जाता है। सौंदर्य में निखार पाने के लिए आप एलोवेरा का फेस पैक भी बना कर लगा सकते हैं। इसलिए आज हम आपको सौंदर्य में निखार लाने के लिए ऐलोवेरा साबुन बनाने के बारे में बताएंगे। इसे आप घर पर बहुत ही आसानी से बना सकते हैं। तो आइए जानते हैं साबुन बनाने की विधि और सामग्री।

1 किलो ऐलोवेरा साबुन बनाने की सामग्री



- ऐलोवेरा का पल्प 110 ग्राम - कार्स्टिक सोडा 110 मिली - जैतून का तेल 750 मिली - पानी 250 मिली - आवश्यक तेल ऐलोवेरा साबुन बनाने के विधि :-

1. इस साबुन को बनाने के लिए पहले ऐलोवेरा, ऑलिव ऑयल, पानी, कार्स्टिक सोडा और साबुन में खुशबू डालने के लिए आवश्यक तेल लें।
2. ध्यान में रखें कि साबुन को बनाने के लिए खुली और हवादार जगह हों। साथ ही साबुन बनाने समय हाथों में दस्ताने जरूर पहन लें।
3. इसके बाद पानी को उबाल कर प्लास्टिक कंटेनर या बाल्टी में डाल लें और इसमें कार्स्टिक सोडा मिला कर मिक्स करें व ठंडा होने के लिए रख दें।
4. जब यह मिश्रण ठंडा हो जाए तो चाकू की मदद से ऐलोवेरा को काटें और उसका पल्प निकाल लें।

- संतरे के छिलके और तुलसी के पत्तों

संतरे के छिलके और तुलसी के पत्तों को सुखाकर पाऊंडर बना लें। ब्रश करने के बाद इस पाऊंडर से दांतों पर हल्के से रोजाना मसाज करें।

- नारियल, तिल या जैतून का तेल

नारियल, तिल या जैतून के तेल से दांत साफ करना आयुर्वेदिक तरीका है। एक चमच में नारियल तेल लेकर इसे मुंह व दांतों में लगाएं। - बेकिंग सोडा बेकिंग सोडा पीले दांतों को सफेद बनाने का सबसे अच्छा घरेलू तरीका है। ब्रश करने के बाद थोड़ा-सा बेकिंग सोडा दांतों पर धीरे-धीरे रगड़ें। दांतों पर जमी पीली परत साफ हो जाएगी।

- नींबू का रस

एक नींबू का रस निकालकर उसमें समान मात्रा में ही पानी मिला लें। खाने के बाद इस पानी का कुछा करें। रोजाना ऐसा करने से दांतों का पीलापन और सांसों की दुर्गंध दूर हो जाती है।

5. अब इस पल्प को मेश करें और ऑलिव ऑयल को माइक्रावेव में गर्म करें।

6. जब ऑलिव ऑयल ठंडा हो जाए तो इसमें जैतून का तेल मिलाएं और ऐलोवेरा को मिलाएं।

7. आप इसमें अच्छी खुशबू पाने के लिए लैवेंडर, गुलाब आदि मिला सकते हैं।

8. जब यह सारा मिक्स हो जाए तो बड़े और गहरे सांचे में डालें और ठोस होने के लिए रख दें। 9. जब यह ठोस हो जाए तो इस ऐलोवेरा साबुन को टुकड़ों में काट लें।

बाद में इन टुकड़ों को ठोस होने के लिए 15-30 दिनों तक रख दें। बाद में इसका इस्तेमाल कर लें।

गर्दन का कालापन दूर करने के लिए घरेलू उपचार



चेहरे की खूबसूरती के साथ-साथ गर्दन का सुन्दर होना भी बहुत जरूरी है। लोग इस पर ध्यान नहीं देते। ज्यादातर इसे नजर अंदाज किया जाता है। गर्मियों में गर्दन का कालापन, सन टैनिंग या सनबर्न आम समस्या है। इसलिए आज हम आपको गर्दन का कालापन दूर करने के लिए कुछ घरेलू उपचारों के बारे में बताएंगे। तो आइए जानते हैं ये घरेलू उपचार....

- **नींबू और गुलाबजल** रात को सोने से पहले आप घर पर नींबू का रस और गुलाबजल मिला कर रूई की मदद से गर्दन पर लगा कर छोड़ दें। सुबह होते ही इसे साफ पानी से धो लें।

- **शहद नींबू** और शुद्ध शहद को एक समान मिला कर 20-25 मिनट तक गर्दन पर लगा कर छोड़ दें। बाद में पानी से साफ कर लें और देखें कि गर्दन का कालापन कुछ हद तक साफ हो जाएगा।

- **हल्दी पावडर** चुटकी भर हल्दी को 1 चम्मच नींबू के रस में मिला कर 20 मिनट तक लगाएं। जब यह सूख जाए तो पानी से साफ कर लें।

- **टमाटर**

गर्दन का कालापन दूर करने के लिए टमाटर और नींबू के रस को समान मात्रा में मिला कर दिन में दो बार गर्दन पर लगाएं। बाद में पानी से साफ कर दें।

- **जैतून तेल और शहद**

गर्दन की डेड स्किन को हटाने के लिए और त्वचा में नमी बनाए रखने के लिए थोड़ा सा नींबू का रस, जैतून के तेल की कुछ बूंदें और 1 चम्मच शहद को मिला कर 30 मिनट लग लगा कर रखें और मसाज करें। मसाज करने के बाद पानी से साफ कर लें।

NEWS BOX

ICC Test Rankings: Babar Azam returns to top 10 after 2 years



New Delhi. (Agency)

Babar Azam's return to the top 10 of the ICC Men's Test batting rankings has added another marker to his comeback as Pakistan captain, with the right-hander climbing five places to No. 10 after a productive series in the West Indies earlier this month. Babar was handed back the Test captaincy last month, replacing Shan Masood, as Pakistan began a new phase under their former skipper. The 31-year-old scored two fifties across four innings in the West Indies, leading Pakistan to a 1-1 draw against the home team. The start to his second spell was far from straightforward. Pakistan lost the first Test in Tarouba by 90 runs, despite Babar remaining unbeaten on 58 in the second innings. The defeat extended Pakistan's run of consecutive Test losses away from home to eight.

But Babar and Pakistan responded in the second Test in Port of Spain. The Pakistan captain scored 88 in the first innings before remaining unbeaten on 24 in the successful run chase as Pakistan won by eight wickets to level the series 1-1. The victory also ended Pakistan's wait of more than three years for an away Test win. That performance has taken Babar back inside the top 10 for the first time since September 2024. He had slipped down the rankings during a prolonged lean spell in Test cricket, making his latest rise particularly significant. His return to the upper reaches of the rankings comes just as he begins another stint as Pakistan's Test captain, with England next on the itinerary. Abdullah Shafique was the biggest mover among Pakistan's batters, jumping 25 places to No. 32 after an unbeaten 160 in the second Test. Sajid Khan also made notable gains, moving five places to No. 30 among Test bowlers and to No. 32 among all-rounders.

Centre of Excellence crisis: Why don't experts want to join the BCCI?

New Delhi. (Agency)

Former India cricketer Mohammed Kaif is baffled by the fact that the Indian Cricket Board (BCCI) has struggled to find a Head of Sports Science and Medicine for its Centre of Excellence (CoE), despite the board's financial strength and resources. Kaif's comments come on the backdrop of CoE head VVS Laxman's admission that the BCCI has been unable to fill the key position since Nitin Patel vacated it in March 2025. The position, key to the well being of Indian cricket's ecosystem, remained vacant even after the BCCI reached an agreement with Andrew Leipus, the Head of Sports Science at



Punjab Kings. According to Laxman, Leipus backed out at the last moment due to family reasons. **WHY NO ONE WANTS TO JOIN BCCI?** Kaif was perplexed by the development and questioned why some of the world's leading medical and sports science professionals would not want to work with the BCCI. "I am surprised because so many people are eager to work with the BCCI. We have so much money that if we call someone, they will come running. They do, don't they? Just look at the players. Players leave their countries' matches to come and play in the IPL. They come, don't they? So, I was a little surprised that we haven't been able to work things out with some of the world's best physiotherapists and medical professionals and get them to work with the BCCI. I am surprised because we pay so much. We offer such good contracts. If someone comes and works here, they are bound to make a lot of money.

What will India gain from winning SL Tests? Not WTC points, but a breather

India return to the World Test Championship with their campaign hanging by a thread. Beyond the crucial WTC points, the Sri Lanka series offers Gautam Gambhir's team a chance to rebuild confidence, find clarity in their roles and address their struggles against spin.

New Delhi. (Agency)

The fans of Test cricket can take a sigh of relief as India return to the World Test Championship fold once again. The Shubman Gill-led side is playing a two-match Test series against Sri Lanka, their first WTC assignment since the sobering 0-2 drubbing against South Africa at

home. India did play Afghanistan in a one-off Test match in June, but that was outside the WTC framework. This island tour marks the real, high-stakes resumption for a young Indian team that has struggled conspicuously against spin. Back-to-back home whitewashes at the hands of New Zealand and South Africa have sent alarm bells ringing among fans and former cricketers alike. Yet, Sri Lanka augurs well as a venue for a reset. India has been in the islands for a week now, seasoning themselves through rigorous practice sessions and a warm-up fixture. Conversely, Sri Lanka is wrestling with injury concerns that have complicated their selection, so much so that the hosts are yet to announce their squad just three days out from the opening game. India are currently fifth on the WTC points table and need to make up for lost ground if they want to remain in the hunt for the WTC Final 2027. Since mid-2024, their WTC campaign has been a rocky ride.

They have managed just a single series victory, against the West Indies at home, while also suffering home defeats to New Zealand and South Africa, an away loss to Australia and a drawn series in England that hinged on a dramatic final-day



turnaround. Sitting fifth in the current cycle with less than 50 percentage points, India's chances of making the WTC final hang by a thread. Yet, as much as they need the points to stay alive, India stand to gain something far more valuable from a successful tour of Sri Lanka: a moment to breathe, reset and regroup.

Here is what is truly at stake for Gautam Gambhir's men over the next fortnight. **REBUILDING LOST CONFIDENCE** Successive home setbacks against New Zealand and South Africa did more than just dent India's position in the World Test Championship; they jarred the team's collective psyche. When a side accustomed to fortress-like dominance at home suddenly gets dismantled, self-doubt creeps into the dressing room. An away series victory in Sri Lanka could act as a crucial binding agent. It offers this transition-era squad a chance to shake off those lingering mental shackles before tougher assignments against New Zealand and Australia arrive. Winning away from home fosters team cohesion. It teaches a young group how to stick together when the pressure mounts and pull through sticky situations. Before they can conquer the big narrative battles ahead, India simply need to remember what winning feels like again.

Hardik Pandya seeks return to Gujarat Titans, franchise shuts doors after hearing demands

Asan. (Agency)

After a failed move to Mumbai Indians, Hardik Pandya is seeking greener pastures at another Indian Premier League franchise. Indian Express reported that the Mumbai captain held talks with his former franchise Gujarat Titans, but the move failed to go through due to the demands made by the Indian all-rounder. Pandya and Gujarat were both open to the idea of the player returning to Gujarat Titans, considering the fact that he had led the franchise to a title win in their maiden season in 2022. However, his return came with one condition: he wanted to be reinstated as captain. That demand proved to be a deal-breaker for Gujarat Titans.



According to the report, the franchise had even discussed the possibility with current captain Shubman Gill, who was understood to be open to the move. But with Pandya making the captaincy role a condition for his return, Gujarat Titans decided against pursuing the deal. "The franchise was fine with him making a return. They had even discussed the same with its captain Shubman Gill, and he, too, had agreed that the franchise could trade him back. But when his condition of captaincy was put up, everyone said no to it," a source told Indian Express.

Fans keeping ODI cricket alive, but format will be in trouble in future: Jonty Rhodes

New Delhi. (Agency)

Former South Africa cricketer Jonty Rhodes believes passionate fans are keeping 50-over cricket relevant at the moment. However, the former cricketer warned that the format could face increasing challenges as franchise T20 cricket continues to expand. Rhodes' comments come at a time when national associations are playing less and less ODI cricket against each other. There have also been opinions, including from broadcasters at times, that the middle phase of ODI cricket can get boring for viewers who do not have seven hours to sit through a single game. "For me, it is always understanding that 50-overs cricket might be the one format where, because we bring in such a fresh crowd and a different perspective into the game, possibly 50-overs cricket might be in

trouble in the years ahead," Rhodes told the media during the jersey launch of European T20 Premier League (ETPL) team Rotterdam Dockers in Mumbai on Tuesday. The 50-over format, however,



continues to have one major advantage in Rhodes' eyes: its supporters. "From a point of view, we're really fortunate that what 50-overs cricket has is that you've got really passionate fans who will support their team no matter what format or version it is," he said.

DIFFICULT TO THINK CRICKET WITHOUT ODIs Rhodes, who co-owns Rotterdam Dockers, said the rise of T20 cricket had not necessarily come at the expense of Test cricket, but felt the future of ODIs could be more uncertain. "When T20 cricket first started, people were saying it is going to put pressure on Test cricket and amazingly it has not. Some of the Test cricket looks like T20 at times, there is some aggressive batting and bowling," he said. The South African added that while the landscape of international cricket could change, the 50-over format remained too deeply embedded in the sport to disappear easily. "At this stage, I think there will be fewer and fewer bilateral series... but it is very difficult to think of cricket without the 50-over version," Rhodes said.

Afghanistan to host India for three-match T20I series in Delhi

MADRID. (Agency)

The Afghanistan Cricket Board (ACB) and the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) have confirmed that Afghanistan will host India for a three-match T20I series at the Arun Jaitley Cricket Stadium in Delhi from September 13 to 17. The series will get underway on September 13, with the second T20I scheduled for September 15 and the third on September 17. All three matches will be played at the same venue. The series is part of Afghanistan's Future Tours Program and will be played in India, where Afghanistan has hosted its home fixtures in recent years, according to BCCI. Speaking on the series, Mithun Manhas, President, BCCI, said, "The BCCI remains committed to supporting

the growth of cricket in Afghanistan and providing its players with opportunities to compete at the highest level. Bilateral



cricket is an important part of this, as it allows teams to play regularly against quality opposition and gain valuable experience. We welcome the Afghanistan Cricket Board to India for this series and look forward to working closely with them to make it a successful one. We believe there is scope to do more together and will continue to

support Afghanistan cricket while strengthening the relationship between the two cricketing nations." Devajit Saikia, Secretary, BCCI, said, "The BCCI is pleased to support the Afghanistan Cricket Board in hosting this T20I series in India. The India-Afghanistan cricketing rivalry has produced some thrilling encounters over the years, with both teams boasting quality cricketers. Afghanistan's players are also quite popular among fans in India, which is a reflection of the strong bond that has developed between the two cricketing nations. India hosting Afghanistan for their historic first Test in 2018 was another significant milestone in this journey, and since then, we have continued to see regular bilateral engagements between the two teams.

Australia pull out big guns in Darwin Test: Cummins, Hazlewood, Starc start vs BAN

New Delhi. (Agency)

If you thought Australia would take it easy against Bangladesh, think again. Pat Cummins' side have pulled out their biggest guns for the opening Test in Darwin, naming a full-strength XI featuring Cummins, Mitchell Starc, Josh Hazlewood and Nathan Lyon for the two-match series opener on Thursday, August 13. Australia's selection sends a clear message ahead of the first Test, with the hosts opting for their strongest available combination despite a gruelling year ahead that could see them play as many as 21 Tests. The match will also be a significant one for several key players returning to the Test side, while Australia have made some interesting calls in both their bowling attack and batting order.

LYON TIPS BALANCE

Nathan Lyon's return has been central to Australia's team selection, with the veteran spinner back in the Test side after recovering from a hamstring injury. His inclusion came at the expense of Scott Boland, despite the seamer's outstanding run during the last Australian summer. Boland played a key role in Australia's dominant Ashes campaign in the absence of Cummins and Hazlewood, but the return of the two frontline quicks has left him on the sidelines in Darwin. Cummins admitted the decision between Boland and Hazlewood was a tight one, but revealed that Australia's determination to play Lyon helped

determine the final combination. They're both pretty class, aren't they?" Cummins



said, as quoted by Cricket.com.au. "We were pretty certain we wanted 'Lyono' in the side, so (it came down to) working out what the make-up of the quicks were. It's always a pretty tight call.

It's one of those ones where there's not much you can say to Scotty other than obviously there's a lot of cricket coming up. But he knows his worth and how good he is. I'm sure he'll be out there at some point pretty soon." With Lyon expected to become increasingly important as the Test progresses, Australia have opted to pair him with their premier pace attack of Cummins, Starc and Hazlewood. **GREEN MOVES UP** Australia have also reshaped their middle order, with Cameron Green taking over at No. 5. Green finished the Ashes two places lower at No. 7, but Beau Webster's continued presence at No. 7 has allowed Australia to move the all-rounder up the order.





Nushratt Bharuccha

To Play A Key Role Opposite Tiger Shroff In Remo D'Souza's Action Film

Tiger Shroff and Remo D’Souza are all set to reunite for an upcoming action entertainer. The untitled movie is an action franchise backed by Ankita Lokhande’s husband Vicky Jain’s newly launched banner, VJ Frames. It also stars popular YouTuber and television personality Elvish Yadav. According to the latest update now, Nushratt Bharuccha has come on board as one of the leads. A source close to the development told Pinkvilla, “The team wanted someone who could bring both strength and emotional depth to the story. Nushratt was always one of the strongest choices. Her role has substance, and audiences will get to see her in an exciting new avatar.”

While details about her character have been kept under wraps, reports suggest she has a pivotal role in the film’s narrative. Her character is also said to go beyond the conventional female co-lead. Interestingly, this will be the first time that Tiger Shroff and Nushratt Bharuccha will collaborate on screen. On the other hand, this is the second time Tiger and Remo D’Souza are working together. They had earlier worked on the 2016 superhero comedy A Flying Jatt.

On the work front, Tiger Shroff’s most recent outing was Baaghi 4, the latest chapter in his hit action franchise. Helmed by Kannada director A. Harsha, the film pitted Tiger against Sanjay Dutt, who played the menacing villain. The cast also included Harnaaz Sandhu, Sonam Bajwa, Shreyas Talpade, and several others in prominent roles. The film drew inspiration from the 2013 Tamil action thriller Ainthu Ainthu. As for Nushratt Bharuccha, she was last seen in the comedy thriller Ufff Yeh Siyapaa, where she starred opposite Sohumi Shah.



Karan Aujla's 'BeerBiceps Ki Haay' Joke During India's Got Latent 2 Power Outage Goes Viral



The latest episode of India’s Got Latent Season 2 delivered plenty of laughs, but it was Karan Aujla’s quick wit that emerged as one of the biggest highlights. The Punjabi singer-songwriter had the audience and fellow panellists in splits after an unexpected power outage during the show prompted him to crack a joke involving podcaster Ranveer Allahbadia, popularly known as BeerBiceps. The episode also featured several humorous references to Allahbadia, with host Samay Raina joining in while making it clear that it was all in good fun.

Karan Aujla’s One-Liner Leaves Everyone Laughing

The memorable moment unfolded shortly after a contestant completed a performance when the studio suddenly plunged into darkness. Addressing the audience, Samay Raina announced, “Doston, light chali gayi show ke beech mein.”

As crew members rushed to hand Samay an emergency light, Karan Aujla grabbed the microphone and instantly delivered the line that became one of the episode’s most talked-about moments.

“Ye BeerBiceps ki haay lagi hai,” he joked. The spontaneous remark drew loud laughter from the audience, while Samay and the rest of the panel struggled to contain themselves.

Production briefly paused following the outage, with contestants and judges taking a short break before filming resumed. During the interval, free drinks were reportedly served to members of the live audience.

Ranveer Allahbadia Becomes The Running Joke

BeerBiceps continued to feature in the episode during another interaction with contestant Deep Gopal. Samay posed a hypothetical question, asking, “If you could kill one person, who would it be?” Without hesitation, the contestant replied, “Ranveer Allahbadia.” The unexpected answer once again sent the panel into laughter. Comedian Gurleen Pannu added to the humour, saying, “Isne uski maut ke baare mein socha.”

Pregnant Deepika Padukone Shares Hilarious Reel About Toddler Daughter Dua



Deepika Padukone may be away from the silver screen for now, but she continues to keep fans engaged through candid glimpses of her life as a mother. The actor, who is expecting her second child with husband Ranveer Singh, recently shared a humorous Instagram reel that struck a chord with parents, especially those juggling pregnancy while raising a toddler. The light-hearted post reflects the everyday realities of motherhood, something Deepika has increasingly embraced on social media since welcoming daughter Dua.

Deepika Shares A Relatable Pregnancy Moment

On Instagram, Deepika reposted a funny reel featuring a pregnant mother trying to follow medical advice about avoiding heavy lifting. The catch? Her toddler insists on being carried.

The video shows the expectant mother repeatedly giving in to her child’s requests, despite being advised not to lift anything heavy during pregnancy. Its caption read, “Don’t lift anything over 20 pounds during pregnancy. Me this entire pregnancy.” The relatable clip quickly resonated with mothers online, with many sharing similar experiences of balancing pregnancy and parenting. Deepika herself did not add any caption, letting the reel speak for itself.

Motherhood Has Become A Big Part Of Her Social Media

This isn’t the first time Deepika has shared content celebrating the chaos and joy of motherhood. Over the past few months, the actor has frequently reposted memes and videos highlighting the everyday realities of pregnancy and parenting. Recently, she shared another humorous reel about pregnant women waking up several times at night to use the bathroom, a moment many expecting mothers instantly identified with.

Her social media has gradually shifted from glamorous updates to more personal, relatable snippets, giving fans a glimpse into this new phase of her life.

‘My Obsession Is My Daughter’

Deepika has also spoken openly about how becoming a mother has changed her priorities. During an interview with Harper’s Bazaar India, she was asked about her current obsession. Without hesitation, she replied, “Not current — I’m going to remove ‘current’ from it. My obsession is my daughter.”



Nora Fatehi

Drops New Track Slay To The Rhythm, Calls It A 'Summer Banger'

If you loved Nora Fatehi’s last few songs, there’s another one on the way. The global star has announced Slay To The Rhythm, a fresh track from her EP Play. Titled Slay To The Rhythm, the new single features vocals by Nora Fatehi and Ma3iz, with music composed by Sanjoy. The song follows the



success of Champions and Locked In, adding another upbeat number to her growing EP. Speaking about the song, Nora shared why the project means so much to her. “This is a summer banger. It’s a tribute to music and dancers all around the world and to the power of rhythm, how it has connected people across the globe and

opened so many doors for artists like me. It’s a celebration of music and dance and how they give us the confidence to chase our dreams. This one is special for me! As an Independent artist and producer, this project marks my elevation as an artist musically. This song is about being FREE and celebrating music and dance! Both things that opened so many doors for me and connected me with all of you! Dance and music took me around the world and made the impossible possible! I hope this one inspires you to be free from the judgements of society and follow your heart always.”

Apart from its high-energy sound, the music video also carries a thoughtful message. Nora has made sure that every performer and dancer featured in the video receives dedicated screen time and is credited at the end.

The singer and actor has also continued her efforts to support dancers through her #DanceWithNora initiative. The platform encourages aspiring performers from across the world to showcase their talent, gain recognition and stay motivated to pursue their dreams.

डीएवी मॉडल स्कूल में चला नशा मुक्ति जागरूकता अभियान



गढ़वा,एजेंसी। डीएवी मॉडल स्कूल गढ़वा में मंगलवार को ब्रह्माकुमारी ईश्वरीय विश्वविद्यालय के तत्वावधान में नशा मुक्ति जागरूकता कार्यक्रम का आयोजन किया गया। कार्यक्रम का नेतृत्व बीके अनिता बहन ने किया। इस दौरान विद्यार्थियों को नशे के दुष्प्रभावों के प्रति जागरूक करते हुए नशामुक्त एवं स्वस्थ समाज के निर्माण में अपनी भूमिका निभाने के लिए प्रेरित किया गया। कार्यक्रम में बीके प्रीति कुमारी, भाई पंकज कुमार, श्याम भाई एवं अन्य सहयोगियों ने विद्यार्थियों को नशे से दूर रहने की शपथ दिलाई। विद्यार्थियों ने जीवन में सदाचार अपनाने, माता-पिता एवं गुरुजनों के प्रति कृतज्ञ रहने तथा हर प्रकार की बुराइयों से दूर रहने का संकल्प लिया। बीके प्रीति कुमारी ने कहा कि नशा मुक्ति जागरूकता अभियान वर्तमान में देशभर में चलाया जा रहा है। इसी अभियान के तहत गढ़वा के विभिन्न विद्यालयों में विद्यार्थियों के बीच आत्म-अनुशासन विकसित करने, सकारात्मक सोच को बढ़ावा देने तथा अपने कर्तव्यों के प्रति सजग रहने की प्रेरणा दी जा रही है। उन्होंने कहा कि विद्यार्थियों को नशे से दूर रखकर उनके जीवन में अच्छे संस्कार विकसित करना अभियान का प्रमुख उद्देश्य है। इस दौरान विद्यार्थियों को सदाचार अपनाने और नशामुक्त जीवन जीने का संकल्प दिलाया गया। बच्चों ने भी अभियान में सक्रिय भागीदारी निभाते हुए नशे से दूर रहने का संकल्प लिया। मौके पर विद्यालय के निदेशक सुशील कंसरी ने ब्रह्माकुमारी बहनों एवं सहयोगियों को जागरूकता कार्यक्रम आयोजित करने के लिए बधाई एवं धन्यवाद दिया।

ग्रामीणों ने हाइवा रोका, कहा–दुर्घटना बढ़ी



पथलगडा,एजेंसी। प्रखंड के नावाडीह बाजोबार गांव के रास्ते से लगातार कोयला लदे भारी वाहनों के परिचालन से ग्रामीणों की परेशानी बढ़ गई है। दिन के साथ-साथ रातभर इस मार्ग से हाइवा और अन्य कोल वाहनों की आवाजाही जारी रहने से ग्रामीणों में आक्रोश है। मंगलवार को ग्रामीणों ने एकजुट होकर नावाडीह के रास्ते से गुजर रहे कई कोल वाहनों को रोक दिया। ग्रामीणों का कहना है कि सिमरिया क्षेत्र में चल रहे ‘हाइवा चतरा छोड़ो आंदोलन’ के कारण कोल वाहन वैकल्पिक ग्रामीण मार्गों का इस्तेमाल कर रहे हैं। बताया गया कि कई वाहन सिकरी अथवा रोल होते हुए नावाडीह, गिद्धीर के रास्ते कटकमसांडी स्थित कोल डंपिंग साइट की ओर आ-जा रहे हैं। ग्रामीणों के अनुसार भारी वाहनों की बढ़ती आवाजाही से दुर्घटना की आशंका बढ़ गई है। समाजसेवी रामचंद्र दांगी ने कहा कि रातभर कोयला लदे भारी वाहनों की आवाजाही से ग्रामीणों में भय का माहौल है। शाम होते ही इस मार्ग पर वाहनों की आवाजाही और बढ़ जाती है। ग्रामीणों द्वारा मना किए जाने के बावजूद परिचालन लगातार जारी है। ग्रामीणों ने बताया कि मामले की सूचना पथलगडा अंचल प्रशासन एवं पुलिस को भी दी गई है। इसके बाद ग्रामीणों ने कई कोल वाहनों को रोककर अधिकारियों को इसकी जानकारी दी। साथ ही मामले की सूचना जिले के वरीय अधिकारियों तक भी पहुंचाई गई है। ग्रामीणों का कहना है कि नावाडीह का यह ग्रामीण मार्ग कोल वाहनों के परिचालन के लिए निर्धारित नहीं है और इस रास्ते से भारी वाहनों के आवागमन पर पाबंदी है। इसके बावजूद लगातार कोल वाहनों के परिचालन से सड़क सुरक्षा, ग्रामीणों की आवाजाही और दुर्घटना की आशंका को लेकर चिंता बढ़ गई है।

झाड़ग्राम में हादसा : पेड़ से टकराई यात्री बस, कई यात्री घायल

खडगपुर,एजेंसी। झाड़ग्राम जिले के गोपीबल्लभपुर थाना क्षेत्र के गोपीबल्लभपुर-2 नंबर ब्लॉक के बंशीमोड़ इलाके में एक यात्री बस दुर्घटनाग्रस्त हो गई। मालूम हो कि यात्री बस भुवनेश्वर से झाड़ग्राम की ओर आ रही थी। बंशीमोड़ के पास अचानक बस चालक का वाहन से नियंत्रण हट गया। इसके बाद तेज रफ्तार बस सड़क किनारे मौजूद एक पेड़ से जा टकराई। बस के पेड़ से टकराते ही यात्रियों में चीख-पुकार मच गई। दुर्घटना में बस में सवार कई यात्री घायल हो गए। हादसे की जानकारी मिलते ही स्थानीय लोग तुरंत मौके पर पहुंचे। उन्होंने बस में फंसे घायल यात्रियों को बाहर निकालने में मदद की। घटना की सूचना मिलने के बाद पुलिस भी मौके पर पहुंची। पुलिस ने दुर्घटना स्थल का जायजा लिया। पुलिस ने पूरे मामले की जांच शुरू कर दी है। हादसा आखिर किस वजह से हुआ, इसकी जांच की जा रही है। बस की तेज रफ्तार, चालक का नियंत्रण खोना, या कोई तकनीकी खराबी, सभी पहलुओं की पड़ताल हो रही है। दुर्घटना के कारण बंशीमोड़ इलाके में कुछ समय के लिए यातायात भी प्रभावित हुआ।

दो दिनों से लापता युवक का शव कुएं से बरामद

दुमका,एजेंसी। मसलिया थाना क्षेत्र के दलाही पेट्रोल पंप के पीछे स्थित एक कुएं से मंगलवार की शाम करीब साढ़े पांच बजे पुलिस ने एक युवक का शव बरामद किया है। मृतक की पहचान दलाही यादव टोला निवासी उज्ज्वल कुमार यादव के रूप में हुई है। पुलिस ने शव को कब्जे में लेकर पोस्टमार्टम के लिए दुमका भेज दिया है। बताया गया कि उज्ज्वल कुमार यादव रविवार की सुबह करीब 10 बजे शौच के लिए मैदान जाने की बात कहकर घर से निकला था। काफी समय बीत जाने के बाद भी जब वह घर नहीं लौटे तो स्वजन ने खोजबीन शुरू की। आसपास के क्षेत्रों और नहीं चल सका। इसके बाद उज्ज्वल की पत्नी रेखा देवी ने मसलिया थाना पहुंचकर पति के लापता होने की लिखित सूचना पुलिस को दी और खोजबीन की गुहार लगाई थी।

Jharkhand

झारखंड में अगले 2 दिन भारी बारिश; ऑरेंज अलर्ट रांची समेत 17 जिलों में बरसेंगे बादल, 15 अगस्त तक वज्रपात की चेतावनी

रांची,एजेंसी। बंगाल की खाड़ी में बने निम्न दबाव के कारण झारखंड में अगले कुछ दिनों तक बारिश का दौर जारी रहने वाला है। मौसम विज्ञान केंद्र ने अगले दो दिनों के लिए राज्य के 17 जिलों में भारी बारिश का ऑरेंज अलर्ट जारी किया है। 12 और 13 अगस्त को सिमडेगा, पश्चिमी सिंहभूम, पूर्वी सिंहभूम और सरायकेला-खरसावां में भारी बारिश की संभावना है, जबकि अन्य जिलों में हल्की से मध्यम बारिश हो सकती है। 14 अगस्त को रांची, खूंटी, लातेहार, लोहरदगा, गुमला, सिमडेगा, पश्चिमी सिंहभूम, पूर्वी सिंहभूम और सरायकेला-खरसावां में वज्रपात के साथ भारी बारिश की चेतावनी दी गई है। 15 अगस्त को रांची, रामगढ़, खूंटी, हजारीबाग, चतरा, पलामू, गढ़वा, लातेहार, लोहरदगा और गुमला में भारी बारिश व वज्रपात का यलो अलर्ट रहेगा। अन्य जिलों में आसमान में बादल छाए रहने और हल्की



बारिश होने की संभावना है। मौसम विभाग के अनुसार 15 अगस्त तक राज्य के कई हिस्सों में मध्यम से भारी बारिश और वज्रपात का असर देखने को मिल सकता है।

मिमि बारिश: इधर, मंगलवार को राजधानी में दोपहर तक तेज धूप और उमस के बाद मौसम ने अचानक करवट ली। शाम करीब 4 बजे रांची समेत कई इलाकों में मूसलाधार बारिश शुरू हुई। करीब 5.30 बजे फिर आसमान में

काले बादल छा गए और तेज बारिश होने लगी। लगातार हुई बारिश से शहर के कई इलाकों में जलजमाव की स्थिति बन गई। लोगों को आवागमन में परेशानी हुई। रांची में मंगलवार को 45.6 मिमी यानी करीब 46 मिमी बारिश दर्ज की गई। यह राज्य के प्रमुख शहरों में सबसे अधिक रही।

जमशेदपुर में 35 मिमी, सिमडेगा में 32 मिमी, चाईबासा में 25 मिमी, सरायकेला में 20 मिमी, खूंटी में 18 मिमी, लोहरदगा में 8 मिमी, लातेहार में 4 मिमी, बोकारो में 4 मिमी और गुमला में 2 मिमी बारिश हुई। तेज बारिश के साथ थंडरिंग और लाइटनिंग के कारण बिजली आपूर्ति भी प्रभावित हुई। धुर्वा सेक्टर-4 में पीपल का पेड़ बिजली के खंभे पर गिरने से एलटी लाइन क्षतिग्रस्त हो गई।

राज्य में सामान्य से 22%, रांची में 9% कम बारिश: मौसम विज्ञान केंद्र के अनुसार 1 जून से 11 अगस्त

तक झारखंड में सामान्य से 22 प्रतिशत कम बारिश हुई है।

इस अवधि में राज्य में सामान्य बारिश 616.5 मिमी होनी चाहिए थी, जबकि अब तक 483.5 मिमी बारिश ही हुई है। रांची में भी सामान्य से 9 प्रतिशत कम बारिश हुई है। वहीं पश्चिमी सिंहभूम में सामान्य से 21 प्रतिशत अधिक बारिश दर्ज की गई है। इससे साफ है कि मानसून के दौरान राज्य में बारिश का वितरण एक समान नहीं रहा है। कुछ जिलों में सामान्य से अधिक बारिश हुई है, जबकि कई जिलों में बारिश की कमी बनी हुई है। अगले कुछ दिनों में निम्न दबाव के प्रभाव से होने वाली बारिश से राज्य में बारिश की कमी कुछ कम होने की उम्मीद है। साथ ही भारी बारिश और वज्रपात के अलर्ट को देखते हुए लोगों को खराब मौसम के दौरान खुले स्थानों और पेड़ों के नीचे जाने से बचने की सलाह दी गई है।

एनआई कार्य के कारण कई ट्रेनें रद्द और डायवर्ट

पूर्वी सिंहभूम,एजेंसी। पूर्व मध्य रेलवे के दानापुर मंडल में नए पुल और मुख्य लाइन के लिकिंग कार्य के लिए प्रस्तावित नॉन-इंटरलॉकिंग (एनआई) कार्य का असर ईस्ट कोस्ट रेलवे से जुड़ी कई ट्रेनों के परिचालन पर पड़ेगा। राजेंद्र पुल-हाथीदह-ताल-रामपुर सेक्शन में एनआई कार्य के कारण 21 सितंबर से 4 अक्टूबर 2026 तक कुछ ट्रेनों को रद्द और कुछ ट्रेनों को परिवर्तित मार्ग से चलाने का निर्णय लिया गया है। बुधवार को ईस्ट कोस्ट रेलवे के प्रधान मुख्य परिचालन प्रबंधक कार्यालय की ओर से इस संबंध में अधिसूचना जारी की गई है। अधिसूचना के अनुसार 24 सितंबर को ट्रेन संख्या 03230 पटना-किऊल एक्सप्रेस, 25 सितंबर को 03229 किऊल-पटना एक्सप्रेस, 26 सितंबर को 18405 पुरी-पटना एक्सप्रेस तथा 27 सितंबर को 18406 पटना-पुरी एक्सप्रेस रद्द रहेगी। इसके अलावा 1 अक्टूबर को 03230 पटना-किऊल एक्सप्रेस, 2 अक्टूबर को 03229 किऊल-पटना एक्सप्रेस, 1 अक्टूबर को 18419 पुरी-जयनगर एक्सप्रेस तथा 3 अक्टूबर को 18420 जयनगर-पुरी एक्सप्रेस का परिचालन भी रद्द रहेगा। वहीं संबलपुर-गोरखपुर एक्सप्रेस की कई यात्राओं को



परिवर्तित मार्ग से चलाया जाएगा। ट्रेन संख्या 15027 और 15028 को निर्धारित तिथियों में किऊल, मोकामा और बरौनी के रास्ते चलाने का निर्णय लिया गया है। इन ट्रेनों को संबलपुर-राउरकेला-बोकारो-किऊल-सीतामढ़ी के मौजूदा मार्ग के बजाय परिवर्तित मार्ग से संचालित किया जाएगा। 25 सितंबर से 4 अक्टूबर के बीच अलग-अलग तिथियों में इन ट्रेनों का मार्ग परिवर्तन प्रभावी रहेगा। रेलवे ने यात्रियों को इसकी जानकारी पहले से देने तथा संबंधित सिस्टम में समय और मार्ग की जानकारी अपडेट करने का निर्देश दिया है। इधर टाटानगर रेलवे स्टेशन पर ट्रेनों के परिचालन को सुचारु बनाने के लिए मेमू पैसेंजर ट्रेनों के टर्मिनल में किया

गया बदलाव भी जारी रखने का निर्णय लिया गया है। ट्रेन संख्या 68004 गुवा-टाटानगर, 68019 टाटानगर-गुवा, 68020 गुवा-टाटानगर और 68009 टाटानगर-चक्रधरपुर मेमू पैसेंजर का टर्मिनल 27 जुलाई से 10 अगस्त तक टाटानगर के स्थान पर आदित्यपुर किया गया था।

इससे टाटानगर याई में भीड़ कम करने के साथ ट्रेनों के डिस्टेंशन में सुधार हुआ और यात्रियों की लेटलतीपी संबंधी शिकायतों में कमी आई। इसी सकारात्मक परिणाम को देखते हुए इन ट्रेनों का टर्मिनल परिवर्तन 11 अगस्त से 25 अगस्त 2026 तक अगले 15 दिनों के लिए बढ़ा दिया गया है।

बरियातू रांची फाइनल में, 15 अगस्त को सरगुजा एफसी से होगा मुकाबला

सिमडेगा,एजेंसी। 27वां वीर शहीद थॉमस सोरिंग अंतरराष्ट्रीय फुटबॉल टूर्नामेंट-2026 के तहत मंगलवार को अल्बर्ट एक्का स्टेडियम में रोमांचक सेमीफाइनल मुकाबला खेला गया। सेमीफाइनल में फ्रेंड्स क्लब झारसुगुड़ा और राजा स्पोर्ट्स बरियातू रांची की टीम आमने-सामने थीं। कड़े मुकाबले में राजा स्पोर्ट्स बरियातू की टीम ने शानदार प्रदर्शन करते हुए एक गोल की बढ़त से जीत दर्ज की और फाइनल में अपना स्थान पक्का कर लिया।मुकाबले की शुरुआत से ही दोनों टीमों के खिलाड़ियों के बीच जोरदार टक्कर देखने को मिली। खिलाड़ियों ने बेहतर तालमेल और आक्रमण के साथ गोल करने के कई प्रयास किए। हालांकि बरियातू रांची की टीम ने मिले मौके का फायदा उठाते हुए निर्णायक गोल दाग दिया। इसके बाद झारसुगुड़ा की टीम ने बराबरी की पूरी कोशिश की,लेकिन बरियातू के खिलाड़ियों ने मजबूत रक्षात्मक खेल का प्रदर्शन करते हुए अपनी बढ़त कायम रखी। राजा स्पोर्ट्स बरियातू रांची के फाइनल में पहुंचने के साथ ही टूर्नामेंट का खिताबी मुकाबला तय हो गया है। अब 15 अगस्त को सरगुजा एफसी,छत्तीसगढ़ और राजा स्पोर्ट्स बरियातू रांची के बीच फाइनल मुकाबला खेला जाएगा। दोनों टीमों खिताब पर कब्जा जमाने के लिए मैदान में उतरेंगी।



खासा उत्साह है। वहीं, टूर्नामेंट में तीसरे और चौथे स्थान के लिए बुधवार को दोपहर 3:30 बजे फ्रेंड्स क्लब झारसुगुड़ा और पीके ब्रदर्स एफसी गुमला के बीच मुकाबला खेला जाएगा। टूर्नामेंट के सफल आयोजन में आयोजन समिति, खिलाड़ियों, रेफरी, सहयोगी सदस्यों तथा संबंधित संस्थाओं की महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका रही। फाइनल मुकाबले को लेकर अब सिमडेगा के खेलप्रेमियों की नजर 15 अगस्त को होने वाले खिताबी मुकाबले पर टिकी है। फुटबॉल टूर्नामेंट के दौरान डिवाइन होंडा की ओर से नई साइन 100 डीलक्स बाइक की लॉन्चिंग भी की गई। कंपनी की ओर से बताया गया कि बाइक की एक्स-शोरूम कीमत ₹72,143 रखी गई है। लॉन्चिंग कार्यक्रम के दौरान डिवाइन होंडा के प्रतिनिधियों के साथ बड़ी संख्या में ग्राहक एवं खेलप्रेमी मौजूद रहे।

बर्थडे मना रहे चाचा-भतीजा भटिंडा फॉल में डूबे, मौत

तेज धार में बहकर 250 मीटर दूर पहुंचे, 15 फीट गहरे पानी में गुफा में मिले शव

धनबाद,एजेंसी। धनबाद के पृटकी स्थित भटिंडा फॉल में बर्थडे पार्टी मनाने पहुंचे चाचा-भतीजे की पानी के तेज बहाव में डूबने से मौत हो गई। मृतकों की पहचान जोगता श्याम बाजार निवासी 16 वर्षीय आयुष कुमार पांडे और उसके चाचा प्रजीत कुमार पांडे (34) के रूप में हुई है। आयुष शहीद शक्ति नाथ महतो स्मारक इंटर कॉलेज में आईएससी फर्स्ट ईयर का छात्र था।

उसके पिता अजीत पांडे जोगता थाना के समीप स्थित मंदिर के पुजारी हैं। आयुष अपने चाचा प्रजीत और तीन दोस्तों के साथ दो बाइक से जन्मदिन मनाने भटिंडा फॉल पहुंचा था। फॉल के निचले हिस्से में सभी बैठकर सिंघाड़ा और कांजीमोड़ा खा रहे थे। इसी दौरान दोस्तों के मना करने के बावजूद आयुष झरने की तेज धार के पास फीटो



खिंचवाने चला गया। अचानक उसका पैर फिसल गया और वह तेज धार में बहने लगा।

भतीजे को बचाने पानी में कूदे चाचा: आयुष को पानी में बहता देख उसके चाचा प्रजीत कुमार पांडे उसे

बचाने के लिए तुरंत पानी में कूद गए। हालांकि, पानी का बहाव इतना तेज था कि वह भी आयुष को बचाने के दौरान बह गए। साथ बैठे दोस्तों ने दोनों को डूबते देखा तो शोर मचाया और स्थानीय गोताखोरों को सूचना दी। तेज धार में बहते हुए चाचा-भतीजा करीब 250 मीटर दूर चले गए। इसके बाद दोनों लगभग 15 फीट गहरे पानी में डूब गए। सूचना मिलते ही स्थानीय गोताखोर मौके पर पहुंचे और दोनों की तलाश शुरू की। गोताखोर विष्णु महतो, विश्वनाथ महतो, लखवी राम महतो, जगन्नाथ महतो, बबलू बाउरी, सुरेश महतो और लालू महतो ने करीब एक घंटे तक मशक्कत की। दोनों शव गहरे पानी में पत्थर की गुफा में फंसे मिले। फीट की गहराई से बाहर निकाला गया। करीब आधे घंटे बाद आयुष का शव

लगभग 12 फीट की गहराई से बरामद किया गया।

नई बाइक लेकर निकला था आयुष: परिजनों के अनुसार, आयुष को उसके पिता ने हादसे से एक दिन पहले नई बाइक खरीदकर दी थी। बाइक पर अभी नंबर प्लेट भी नहीं लगी थी। परिवार के लोगों ने बताया कि आयुष की मां ने उसे भटिंडा फॉल जाने से मना भी किया था। इसके बावजूद वह चाचा और दोस्तों के साथ जन्मदिन मनाने फॉल चला गया। हादसे की सूचना मिलने के बाद परिजन मौके पर पहुंचे।

घटना से परिवार में मातम पसर गया। जन्मदिन के दिन हुई इस दर्दनाक घटना से श्याम बाजार में भी शोक का माहौल है। स्थानीय लोगों का कहना है कि फॉल में तेज बहाव के दौरान पानी के पास जाना बेहद खतरनाक है।

In RSS overseas outreach
Mohan Bhagwat to visit
US, Canada & UK



New Delhi, Agency: RSS Sarsanghchalak Mohan Bhagwat will visit the US, Canada and the UK from Aug 25 as part of the organisation's overseas outreach during its ongoing centenary year, RSS national publicity head Sunil Ambekar said Tuesday.

In a post on X, Ambekar said Bhagwat would visit the three countries at the invitation of overseas associations and organisations. He did not give details of the cities Bhagwat would visit or the programmes planned in Canada and the UK. The US leg of the tour, however, is set to include his participation in the Universal Oneness celebrations in New York on Aug 29.

Book three-night-stay in Abu Dhabi, get UAE visa free



New Delhi, Agency: Abu Dhabi is offering complimentary UAE entry visas to Indian passport-holders between Aug and Oct 31, subject to certain conditions. Abu Dhabi's department of culture and tourism has come up with a programme that applies to hotel bookings for a three-night stay in the city. It will initially support up to 20,000 visas during the pilot period. Eligible bookings must include a stay of at least three consecutive nights and a return flight from India. The programme is available to those departing from India who book a holiday through participating travel partners.

"India continues to be one of our most important international markets, and we remain committed to working closely with our travel partners to make Abu Dhabi even more accessible for Indian travellers," said Abdullah Yusuf, director of international operations at the department of culture and tourism.

Assessing implications of Mecca defence pact: India

New Delhi, Agency: India continues to examine the implications of the Saudi-Pakistan-Turkiye security pact for its own security as well as regional peace and stability, said ministry of external affairs. The ministry also stressed that India remains fully committed to safeguarding its national interests and will take all necessary measures in this regard. The Mecca joint defence agreement may be designed to address West Asia dynamics but it has also led to concerns in India about possible long-term diplomatic and security challenges that it might pose for the country vis-a-vis its relations with Pakistan.

Russia appoints former CJI DY Chandrachud as arbitrator in Ukraine's Oschadbank case

New Delhi, Agency: Former chief justice of India D Y Chandrachud has been appointed by Russia as its arbitrator in an investment treaty dispute filed by Ukrainian state-owned bank Oschadbank, according to a report by Global Arbitration Review, as cited by Bar and Bench.

The dispute is being heard by a three-member arbitral tribunal under the 1998 bilateral investment treaty between Ukraine and Russia. Costa Rican arbitrator and former trade minister Dyalá Jiménez will serve as the tribunal's

president after being jointly selected by both parties.

Greek arbitrator and National University of Singapore professor Stavros Brekoulakis was appointed by Oschadbank, while Justice Chandrachud was appointed by Russia.

Dispute concerns Oschadbank assets in four Ukrainian regions: Oschadbank's claim concerns assets and operations in Donetsk, Luhansk, Kherson and Zaporizhzhia that the Ukrainian state-owned bank says it lost following



Russian military actions in Ukraine, particularly after Russia's full-scale invasion in 2022. The claim is understood to be worth hundreds of millions of dollars. According to Bar and Bench, Oschadbank initiated the arbitration after serving Russia with a

notice of dispute in July 2025, which allegedly went unanswered. The proceedings have been initiated under the 1998 Agreement between the Government of the Russian Federation and the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine on the Encouragement and Mutual Protection of Investments. The dispute is separate from an earlier Oschadbank arbitration concerning its operations and assets in Crimea following Russia's 2014 annexation of the peninsula.

In that earlier case, a tribunal constituted

under the Permanent Court of Arbitration found Russia liable for unlawful expropriation and awarded Oschadbank approximately \$1.1 billion in damages, along with interest and arbitration costs. Russia had declined to participate in those proceedings, but the tribunal proceeded under the applicable arbitration rules.

Chandrachud had earlier declined Russia's approaches: Justice Chandrachud had previously declined approaches from Russia to serve as its arbitrator

in treaty disputes involving German energy company Wintershall Dea and Ukrainian state energy company Ukrenergo.

He had also been designated by the Permanent Court of Arbitration as the appointing authority in the Wintershall proceedings. He later stepped down from that role after disclosing the communications from Russia.

His appointment as Russia's arbitrator in the Oschadbank case therefore marks a change from his earlier decision not to accept Russia's approaches in those proceedings.

Kashmiri Pandits' security stepped up after 'threat letter' from Lashkar arm

Srinagar, Agency: J&K police have tightened security in areas of the Valley where Kashmiri Pandits live and allowed some employees to work from home temporarily after Panun Kashmir claimed a purported threat letter from Lashkar affiliate United Liberation Council naming several community members and listing their phone numbers.

"Authorities must investigate the source of the information, the digital trail behind the communication and whether any surveillance, profiling or reconnaissance of the targeted persons has taken place," Agnishekar, convenor of Panun Kashmir said, adding it was important to establish whether the "perpetrators actually possessed the information or were using it as a form of psychological warfare".



IGP Kashmir VK Birdi said the police were probing the threat letter, believed to have been released on social media on Aug 7. Divisional commissioner Anshul Garg said some Pandits had been allowed to work from home, but there was no blanket order. Education officials said the department had not issued any such work-from-home order for all Pandit staff. According to Panun Kashmir's Agnishekar, "the letter represented a serious escalation as it went beyond generic threats and appeared to identify individuals as potential targets while claiming access to information about their families, locations and places of work".

"The publication of names and personal contact details, accompanied by explicit threats to pursue the individuals and their families, is a matter of grave concern. This is not something that can be dismissed as mere rhetoric. It has the unmistakable potential to intimidate the targeted individuals and terrorise the wider Kashmiri Pandit community," Agnishekar said. The threat was particularly disturbing in view of the community's history of being victims of targeted killings, intimidation and forced displacement from Kashmir, Agnishekar pointed out.

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RG Kar case: FIR against ex-TMC MLA over 'hurried' cremation of rape victim

New Delhi, Agency: West Bengal officials on Tuesday registered an FIR against former TMC MLA Nirmal Ghosh in connection with the alleged hurried cremation of the junior doctor who was raped and murdered at Kolkata's RG Kar Medical College and Hospital last year.

Additionally, Panihati Municipality councillor Somnath Dey and Sanjeev Mukherjee, a neighbour of the victim's family, were also named in the FIR.

The case was registered on the basis of a complaint by the deceased doctor's father, who alleged that the



cremation was carried out in undue haste under the supervision of the three accused. The FIR was registered at Khardah police station and alleged that the victim's cremation was carried out in haste to prevent the possibility of an autopsy and thus conceal evidence. "The CBI is probing the rape and murder case at RG Kar hospital, which falls under the jurisdiction of Kolkata Police.

Terror suspects spotted, search operations launched in J&K's Doda & Poonch

Jammu, Agency: Security forces launched joint cordon-and-search operations in J&K's Doda and Poonch districts on being alerted about the sighting of terror suspects, officials said Tuesday.

Cordon-and-search operations were initiated in Doda's upper reaches after some locals captured a video of four suspected ultras trekking along Ramtund Peak and informed authorities late Monday afternoon. According to preliminary information, the group allegedly comprised three Pakistani and one local terrorist. Additional personnel from the Army, CRPF and police, along with reinforcements, were rushed to the area from Udhampur on Tuesday morning, officials said, adding that no contact was established with the suspects until evening.

Ramtund area lies near the Seoj Dhar belt, situated on the Doda-Udhampur axis, which further connects to Kathua region. Terrorists have traditionally used this route to travel and hide, as



the topography features dense vegetation and natural caves, officials said.

The searches in Doda came four days after local police put up posters across J&K, announcing Rs 15 lakh reward for credible information leading to the arrest of self-styled Lashkar-e-Taiba commander Mohammad Lateef Bhat. Separately, security forces launched an intensive combing operation in Poonch's Mendhar sector upon noticing suspicious movement near an under-construction tunnel. "A security guard manning the site spotted the suspects and fired three to four rounds as a precautionary measure, following which a joint team of SOG and CRPF launched a search operation around 6am Tuesday in the nearby forested stretches of Bhatadurian, Sangiot and adjoining areas," an official said.

Army opens its establishments to students through 43 internship projects this year

New Delhi, Agency: Indian Army has opened its establishments to student interns through the second edition of the Indian Army Internship Programme (IAIP) hosted on the AICTE national internship portal and has expanded this programme this year by adding 43 specialised projects. The programme offers a stipend of up to Rs 75,000 that will be disbursed upon the successful completion of the internship and fulfillment of all program requirements. The final stipend amount will be based on the intern's overall attendance during the period. The internships cover AI, cybersecurity, robotics,



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drones and counter-drone systems, hospital information systems, wargaming and simulation, and strategic communication. Through this internship programme, Indian Army envisions creating a strong ecosystem where education, technology and national service converge to prepare the next generation of innovators.

'Generation gutter' remark on NEET protesters: Agra lawyer files case against BJP MP Kangana Ranaut

New Delhi, Agency: An Agra-based lawyer on Wednesday said he has filed a case against BJP MP and actor Kangana Ranaut over her remarks describing students who protested against the NEET paper leak as "Generation gutter." Rajiv Gandhi Bar Association president and advocate Ramashankar Sharma alleged that Ranaut had "insulted" the students and their parents. He also accused the BJP



MP of having a "habit" of making such remarks. "I have filed a suit in the Special Court for MPs/MLAs. The suit concerns Kangana Ranaut referring to students protesting at Jantar Mantar as the

'gutter generation'. She has a habit of making such remarks. She has insulted the country's students and abused their parents... This is a matter concerning the students' future," Sharma told ANI.

The court is scheduled to hear the matter on August 21.

The case comes after Ranaut criticised students protesting over the NEET paper leak, describing some of them as "Generation Gutter" and questioning

their behaviour and language.

In a series of posts on Instagram Stories, the actor-politician described videos from the agitation as "puke-inducing" and criticised the protesters for what she called their "crass" language and behaviour. She also questioned the "upbringing" of the young protesters and criticised some young women for trying to emulate independent career women without "earning that freedom".

States ignore Supreme Court, differ on NEET-PG seat norms

New Delhi, Agency: More than a year after Supreme Court ruled that residence or domicile cannot be the basis for postgraduate medical admissions under the state quota, parents of NEET-PG aspirants say admission rules still vary across states, leaving students with unequal opportunities despite having taken the same national entrance examination.

The concerns stem from SC's Jan 29, 2025, judgement in Dr Tanvi Behl vs Shrey Goel case, which held that residence-based preference in postgraduate medical admissions is not permissible. The



court said admissions should be based on NEET-PG scores while allowing only limited institutional preference, meaning a student may receive preference for having graduated from a particular medical college - and not because he or she is a resident or domicile of a state. The dispute primarily concerns private medical colleges, where admissions are conducted through state counselling. Several states prescribe domicile or other state-specific eligibility conditions. "The intention of the SC judgement was to replace residence-based preference with institutional preference. Some states appear to have implemented the judgement, while others continue with different eligibility conditions. If these policies are challenged, the courts will decide whether they are consistent with the judgement. The Centre can still review the issue and issue uniform guidelines to states," a health ministry official said.

State counselling brochures for the NEET-PG admission process, reviewed by Media, indeed show differences in eligibility rules. Gujarat requires additional state-specific eligibility conditions for some candidates who completed MBBS outside the state. Maharashtra allows only certain Maharashtra domicile candidates who studied outside the state to apply, while Karnataka permits candidates from other states to participate in counselling, though without Karnataka reservation benefits. Parents say these differences mean students with the same NEET-PG score may not have equal opportunity to compete for PG seats.

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World Organ Donation Day

The Gift of Life That Continues Beyond One Lifetime

Every year, World Organ Donation Day serves as a reminder that one of the most powerful gifts a person can give may cost nothing at all. The decision to donate organs can transform grief into hope and give people suffering from organ failure a second chance at life. While medical science has made remarkable progress in transplantation, the success of the system ultimately depends on one essential factor: the willingness of people to donate. Organ transplantation has changed the meaning of what is medically possible. A failing kidney, liver, heart or other vital organ no longer necessarily means the end of a patient's journey. For thousands of people, transplantation can offer the possibility of returning to their families, education, careers and everyday lives. Yet the demand for organs remains far greater than the available supply in many parts of the world. World Organ Donation Day therefore carries a message that extends beyond hospitals and operating theatres. It is about awareness, compassion, family conversations and the understanding that a person's life can continue to make a difference even after death.

From tragedy to hope

For families waiting for an organ transplant, time can be painfully uncertain. Patients with advanced organ failure may spend months or years undergoing treatment while waiting for a suitable donor. Some require

frequent medical procedures simply to remain stable. Others may face serious deterioration while they wait.

An organ donation can change this situation dramatically. A successful transplant can allow a patient to regain strength, resume normal activities and spend more time with loved ones. The emotional dimension of donation is equally significant. For the recipient, an organ represents a new opportunity. For a donor's family, the decision can provide a sense that their loved one's life has helped another person survive. This is why organ donation is often described as a bridge between loss and hope. It does not erase grief, but it can create meaning from an otherwise devastating situation.

What can be donated?

Organ donation can involve several organs and tissues, depending on medical circumstances, applicable laws and the condition of the donor. Organs such as the kidneys, liver, heart, lungs and pancreas may be transplanted in appropriate cases. Certain tissues, including corneas and other tissues, can also help patients regain important functions.

Living donation is possible for some organs, particularly in cases involving kidney or partial liver donation. Deceased donation can provide multiple organs and tissues for transplantation, potentially helping several patients.



The process is carefully regulated. Medical teams assess donors and recipients, determine suitability and follow established ethical and medical procedures. Donation is not simply a matter of matching two individuals; it involves medical compatibility, urgency, safety and legal requirements.

The importance of family conversations

One of the biggest challenges surrounding organ donation is not always a lack of compassion. Often, people simply have never discussed their wishes with their families. A person may support donation but never tell parents, children, siblings or a spouse. When a critical situation arises, relatives may then be uncertain about what the person would have wanted.

Starting the conversation early can make the process easier. Families can discuss whether they support organ donation, understand the relevant registration procedures and make sure that their wishes are known. Such conversations also help challenge myths. Some people fear that doctors may not make every effort to save a patient's life if the person is a registered donor. In legitimate medical systems, treatment decisions are made according to the patient's medical needs; organ donation is considered separately under established protocols.

Breaking myths through awareness

Misinformation remains a major obstacle to donation. Cultural concerns, misconceptions about medical procedures and fear surrounding death can prevent people

from learning about donation. Awareness campaigns can help replace uncertainty with knowledge. People need clear information about who can donate, how consent works, what happens after donation and how organs are allocated. Another misconception is that only young and completely healthy people can become donors. In reality, suitability is determined by medical professionals based on individual circumstances. Age alone does not necessarily determine whether organs or tissues can be used. This makes it important for people not to assume that they are automatically ineligible. Instead, they should learn about the rules applicable in their country and discuss their wishes with

their families.

India's growing need for awareness

India has made progress in developing transplantation infrastructure and organ donation networks, but awareness remains an important part of the larger challenge. A large population, rising incidence of chronic diseases and the continuing need for transplant services make organ donation an important public-health issue. The country's organ donation system involves hospitals, transplant coordinators, government authorities and organisations working to facilitate ethical donation and transplantation. However, infrastructure alone cannot solve the shortage. Public participation is essential. Schools, colleges, workplaces, media organisations and community groups can contribute by spreading accurate information. Awareness should not be limited to a single day. It should become part of broader conversations about health, compassion and civic responsibility.

A decision with lasting impact

Organ donation is ultimately a personal decision. It should be made freely, with adequate information and according to applicable laws and medical guidelines. Nobody should be pressured into donating. But for those who choose to become donors, the decision can have an extraordinary impact.

Beyond the Transplant List: The Human Stories Behind Organ Donation



Behind every organ transplant is a story of waiting, uncertainty and hope. There is a patient whose daily life may have been transformed by illness, a family watching a loved one struggle, doctors working against time and, somewhere else, a donor or donor family making an extraordinary decision. World Organ Donation Day brings these stories into focus. It encourages society to look beyond statistics and understand the human reality behind transplantation. Every organ on a transplant list represents a person waiting for another chance at life. For patients living with severe organ failure, ordinary activities can become difficult. Climbing stairs, going to work, attending school or spending time with family may require careful planning. Medical treatment can become a permanent part of daily life. For some patients, transplantation becomes the most viable path toward long-term recovery.

The long wait for a suitable organ

Being placed on a transplant waiting list does not mean

that an organ will immediately become available. Patients must wait for a suitable match, and the process can be unpredictable. During this period, medical teams continue to monitor the patient's condition. Some patients remain relatively stable, while others experience complications that can make the wait increasingly difficult. The emotional pressure can be enormous. Patients may celebrate when they receive a call about a possible organ, only to discover that the organ is not ultimately suitable. Families learn to live with uncertainty. For children, the experience can be particularly difficult. Parents may have to balance hospital visits, treatment, education and everyday family responsibilities. A successful transplant can therefore affect an entire household, not only the recipient.

The donor behind the second chance

Recipients often describe transplantation as receiving a second chance. But behind that second chance is another human story.

In deceased donation, families may face the devastating loss of a loved one while being asked to consider donation. It is an intensely personal decision that requires sensitivity and respect.

When families agree to donation, they may later find comfort in knowing that something positive emerged from an otherwise painful moment. Their loved one's organs may help other people continue living.

This does not mean that donation makes grief disappear. Loss remains deeply personal. But donation can provide families with a sense that their loved one's legacy has continued.

Living donation and extraordinary generosity

Organ donation does not always occur after death. In certain circumstances, living donors can donate an organ or part of an organ under carefully regulated medical conditions. Kidney donation is one of the best-known examples. The human body normally has two kidneys, allowing a medically suitable person to donate one while retaining the other. Partial liver donation is another possibility because the liver has the capacity to regenerate to a significant extent. Living donation requires thorough medical and psychological evaluation. Donors must understand the potential risks and make their decision voluntarily. The motivation behind living donation can be deeply personal.

Organ Donation and the Future of Healthcare: Building a Culture of Giving

Modern medicine has transformed the treatment of many diseases, but one of its greatest challenges remains the shortage of human organs available for transplantation. As populations grow older and chronic illnesses affect millions of people, the need for transplantation continues to make organ donation an important part of healthcare discussions.

World Organ Donation Day provides an opportunity to examine not only the importance of donating organs but also the wider system required to make transplantation successful. Donation involves medicine, technology, law, ethics, family decisions and public trust. Building an effective donation culture therefore requires cooperation across society.

Transplantation as a medical lifeline

Organ failure can occur because of genetic conditions, infections, injuries or long-term diseases. When an organ can no longer perform its essential function, doctors may use medication, supportive treatment or specialised medical procedures to manage the condition. For some patients, however, transplantation may offer the possibility of significantly improving survival and quality of life. Kidney transplantation, for example, can offer an alternative to long-term dialysis



for suitable patients. Liver, heart and lung transplantation can also provide life-saving treatment for people with severe organ failure. But transplantation depends on availability. A highly skilled surgeon cannot perform a transplant without an appropriate organ. This makes donation one of the most important links between medical capability and patient survival.

Building public trust

A successful organ donation system depends heavily on public trust. People need confidence that their decisions will be respected and that organs will be allocated through transparent and ethical processes. Trust also requires clear communication about consent. People should understand how they can register their wishes, what happens after donation and what role families may play under local law. Transparency in organ allocation is equally important. Patients and families need confidence that organs are

distributed according to established medical and ethical criteria rather than wealth, influence or personal connections. When people understand the system, they are more likely to participate.

Ethics at the centre of donation

Organ donation raises important ethical questions. Consent, privacy, medical suitability, fairness and the prevention of exploitation are central to the process. Living donation requires particularly careful safeguards because the donor is undergoing a medical procedure primarily for another person's benefit. Donors must be provided with appropriate information about risks and alternatives and must be free from coercion. Deceased donation also requires sensitivity toward families and respect for the donor's wishes and applicable legal procedures. Ethical transplantation is therefore about more than saving lives. It is about saving lives while protecting human dignity.