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Russia hits Ukraine power plants despite Trump energy ceasefire claim

WASHINGTON.(Agency)

Russian strikes hit multiple Ukrainian power plants on Sunday after US President Donald Trump's claim that both sides had agreed to stop hitting each other's energy infrastructure, Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelensky said.Zelensky, in a post on social media, said a drone had hit a Kyiv power plant, leading to power outages in the capital. Shortly later, he said there had been a strike on the CHP-5 power plant in the eastern city of Kharkiv, while adding that "Ukrainian skies have been infested with Russian 'shaheds' all day," referring to a type of drone. fers will receive psychological support.Trump had announced Sunday morning in Washington that "effective immediately, there is an ENERGY CEASEFIRE in the War between Russia and Ukraine.""Both parties have agreed. Do not break it!" he wrote on his Truth Social network without any further details.Zelensky expressed surprise at the announcement and said he was seeking further details, while Russia has yet to confirm its agreement.The announcement came two days after Trump announced a temporary easing of US sanctions on Russian diesel, prompting outrage by Ukraine and its European allies, who argued it only emboldened Russia's President Vladimir Putin. Trump, whose war against Iran has led to global oil shortages, has blamed Ukraine's strikes on Russian refineries for sending diesel prices soaring, creating major risks for his party in US elections next month.Ukraine supports the ceasefire, and it is important that Russia support it as well," Zelensky said on his Facebook page after speaking with the leaders of Canada, Finland and NATO.

Magnitude 7.6 earthquake strikes Panama, triggering tsunami warning and evacuations

world.(Agency)

The world is witnessing the extreme impact of El Nino, a natural climate phenomenon that can shape weather patterns across the globe. Spanish for "little boy", El Nino was first used by the Spanish fishermen in South America in the 1600s after observing that warmer oceans would disrupt fisheries and bring intense rainfall and storms and become noticeable around Christmas. But in the past few decades, the period of this weather phenomenon increased and this year, it is intensifying ahead of its forecast peak in December.The World Meteorological Organisation (WMO), El Nino has resulted in unusual weather extremes in different parts of the world - while the Atacama Desert in Chile blossomed, Japan's capital Tokyo recorded 35 consecutive days of rain, the longest streak since 1886.Under the influence of a strengthening El Nino, millions of seeds and bulbs from around 200 different species of flowers bloomed in Atacama in September because of heavy rain.Photos posted from by tourists drawn to the breathtaking scenery showed vast stretches of violet carpeting the driest non-polar desert on Earth.The Atacama lies between the Pacific Ocean and the Andes Mountains, stretching some 1,600 kilometers all the way dBetween July and August, Chile recorded record rainfall in several regions, with some levels never seen since measurements began in the 1950s. Some parts recorded over 180 millimetres of rain, which Cesar Pizarro, head of Atacama biodiversity for Chile's forestry body CONAF, said.

world.(Agency)

President Donald Trump must cancel any remaining television commercials paid for with millions of dollars in taxpayer money to promote his political message, a federal judge ordered Sunday night, even as the administration said the ad campaign was coming to an endU.S. District Judge Jennifer L. Rochon in New York sided with a coalition, including the nonpartisan watchdog Common Cause, that challenged the ads as an illegal misuse of funds. She told the administration to cancel any remaining ads, including any set to air Sunday night, in granting a temporary restraining order."Defendants shall not enter into, renew, or expand any agreement authorizing the development, creation, dissemination, placement, or airing of the challenged advertisements" during the two-week duration of her order, the judge said.Asked for comment, the

White House referred to an Oct. 5 social media post from Trump in which he defended the taxpayer-funded ads as "rather standard" but, amid backlash, said he would pay for them from his political fundraising. In a court filing late Saturday, the Justice Department argued that the temporary restraining order was unnecessary because "the alleged offending conduct will end tomorrow.The Department of Homeland Security tapped \$20 million in taxpayer money for the ads. Legal experts have suggested that violated a federal statute against congressionally appropriated money being used for "publicity or propaganda" and potentially other laws."We are pleased the court acted swiftly to prevent more taxpayer dollars from being used for such blatantly unlawful political propaganda," the plaintiffs said in a statement issued by Democracy Forward, the nonprofit legal

organization that represents them. "There is no legal justification — and no precedent — for the president to use the machinery of the government and funds



set aside by Congress for other uses to influence electoral outcomes that further his own agenda."In a court declaration Saturday, senior DHS official Holly Mehringer wrote that the money came from funds appropriated by Congress that are "available for, among other things, 'commemorating efforts and events

related to border security.""

The White House has defended the ads as public service announcements akin to what past administrations have done to promote various policies. But the recent ads differ from many past public service announcements because they aren't aimed at helping members of the public benefit from specific government programs.The ads, which began airing in late September, glorify Trump and echo his political messaging going into the midterms. One features a clip of Trump talking about the threat of communism and another is a replay of an ad from his last presidential campaign. The fifth ad in the campaign began airing Tuesday, focusing on the Trump administration's capture of Venezuelan leader Nicolás Maduro.The use of public funds to pay for the ads drew heavy criticism — including from some in the GOP"It shouldn't be paid for with taxpayer dollars.

South Korea's military says North Korea fired projectile towards sea

SEOUL.(Agency)

South Korea's military says North Korea fired at least one projectile toward its eastern waters, adding to a recent streak in weapons demonstrations.South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff on Monday did not immediately say whether the weapon was ballistic or how far it flew. The office of Japanese Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi said the country also detected the launch and described the weapon as a suspected ballistic missile.

The launch came days after South Korea on Friday flight-tested its first domestically developed hypersonic weapon, designed to fly at least five times the speed of sound and evade missile defense systems, which

President Lee Jae Myung described as an important step in strengthening the South's conventional defense capabilities.While maintaining a hard line toward Seoul, North Korea has



been ramping up weapons testing as it seeks to expand its arsenal of nuclear-capable systems, including an Oct. 3 test of what the North described as a

hypersonic intermediate-range missile designed to evade missile defenses in South Korea and Japan.North Korea has also conducted other missile tests and live-fire drills and commissioned a new warship as leader Kim Jong Un continues to flaunt his nuclear weapons program while rejecting U.S. and South Korean offers to resume long-stalled diplomacy.Tensions were further worsened after three South Korean soldiers were injured in land mine explosions last month near the heavily armed inter-Korean border. The South's military and the U.S.-led United Nations Command concluded the blasts were caused by devices planted by North Korea, which has denied responsibility and ridiculed the South's demands for an apology.

UK Wildlife Park Confirms Siberia Tiger That Mauled Man To Death Will Not Be Euthanised



World.(Agency)

The Yorkshire Wildlife Park in England has confirmed that it will not euthanise a Siberian tiger that mauled a man to death after he entered its enclosure on Saturday, October 10. The tiger, named Altai, is safe and well, the park said, following the fatal incident that sparked concerns about the animal's fate. The decision comes amid online discussions over whether the tiger should be put down.South Yorkshire Police said the tiger attacked

the man after he entered its enclosure, leaving him seriously injured. Despite the efforts of emergency services, the man was pronounced dead at the scene.

In a statement on Sunday, the wildlife park expressed its condolences to the victim's family and thanked members of the public who had contacted it with concerns about Altai. The park also announced that it would remain closed for the day to allow staff members, who had been deeply affected by the incident, to receive specialist support."Many, many people have contacted us about Altai, the tiger. We can reassure everyone that he is safe and well and will not be euthanised as a result of this incident," the statement read.

Visitors Describe Moments Before Incident

A visitor named Marie Miller said in a Facebook post that she had seen the man shortly before the incident, the Guardian reported. According to her account, he appeared to be enjoying his visit and asked a stranger to take his photograph with the tiger in the background. "The man who I saw on the bridge with his carpois in dancing was happily enjoying seeing the tiger," the post read.

72 Killed In Airstrike On Gold Mine At Sudan-Egypt Disputed Border

Cairo.(Agency)

At least 72 workers were killed by airstrikes on a gold mine on the Sudan-Egypt border, a Sudanese rights group said on Sunday, after survivors described scenes of chaos in the mountainous region.The Emergency Lawyers rights organisation accused the Egyptian air force of carrying out the attack.



AFP could not independently confirm the account and Egypt has issued no official comment.The attack on Saturday was the second this year on Jabal al-Uqaydat, after airstrikes, reportedly by Egypt, killed 23 workers in the informal gold mining site in June.The Egyptian army did not claim the strikes but said at the time that it had conducted a "large-scale operation" against illegal gold mining within its borders. with their intended purpose.The border between

Sudan and Egypt is disputed, with both countries claiming the resource-rich Halayeb triangle. Cairo is however a key ally of Sudan's army, at war with the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces. The attack on Saturday "resulted in the deaths of 72 civilian miners, according to preliminary information, while efforts to document and verify the casualty toll are ongoing," said the Emergency Lawyers, which documents atrocities in Sudan's war.

Two survivors described to AFP their harrowing escape from the mine. Miner Abdelaziz Youssef said a jet appeared overhead at around 8:00 am (0600 GMT) on Saturday and "struck five times, many people were killed"."We ran up the mountain terrified of another strike," he told AFP.Another survivor, Sharaf Ali, said there were thousands of people working at the remote site when it was hit."After the airstrike people scattered, some people came to Al-Ansary market, others went in the other direction, that's why no one knows how many exactly were killed," he said from the gold market, just south of the Halayeb triangle.Both survivors said they saw bodies on the ground as they fled, with many more feared trapped under the rubble, hours away from any urban centre.

Hurricane Simon pounds resorts and vulnerable towns along Mexico's Pacific coast

PUERTO VALLARTA.(Agency)

Hurricane Simon pounded Mexico's Pacific coast as a Category 3 storm on Sunday, its eye remaining just offshore as its most powerful winds and rain slammed people living between the Sierra Madre and the ocean. The hurricane's center swirled parallel to the coast, closing in on the Puerto Vallarta area, where its most damaging winds and rain were expected to hit around midnight and continue through Monday morning. Its maximum sustained winds weakened Sunday to 120 mph (195 kph), according to the U.S. National Hurricane Center in Miami, but it was still expected to remain a dangerous hurricane.That's not good news for people in and around Puerto Vallarta, a popular tourist destination in the state of Jalisco. Just inland and uphill from the resort areas, many Mexicans live in communities where housing might not stand up to the storm.By Sunday afternoon, Simon's eye was moving northwest about 45 miles (75 kilometers) south of Cabo Corrientes at about 5 mph (7 kph). A senior hurricane center specialist, Philippe Papin, said this westernmost tip of mainland Mexico is the area most likely to get a direct hit from the

system. Cabo Corrientes is at the southern tip of Bahia de Banderas, the wide bay where Puerto Vallarta looks out to the Pacific.

Forecasters powerful winds will sweep from Mexico's western coast to the Sierra Madre Hurricane-force winds extend outward up to



15 miles (30 kilometers), and tropical-storm-force winds reach up to 60 miles (95 kilometers) from Simon's center, meaning the entire area between Mexico's western coast and the Sierra Madre mountains could be affected."We're expectig catastrophic wind and life-threatening storm surge impacts along that west-central coast of Mexico where the hurricane warning is currently in effect," Papin said. "They're also

getting very heavy rainfall associated with the storm that's likely going to produce life-threatening flooding and mudslides in areas of higher terrain along the Mexican coastline, and there will be significant swells."The hurricane center on Sunday said Simon was expected to dump an additional 2 to 4 inches (5 to 10 centimeters) of rain, with some areas getting up to 8 inches (20 centimeters), in the states of Colima, Jalisco, Nayarit and Sinaloa through early Thursday."Isolated maximum storm totals of 30 inches (76 centimeters) are possible over portions of the states of Michoacan, Colima, and Jalisco," the center said in its latest advisory. "This rainfall will produce life-threatening flooding and mudslides or worsen any on-going flooding, especially in areas of steep terrain."

Mexico's president urges residents to stay sheltered

As the storm approached Puerto Vallarta, National Guard vehicles patrolled the streets while police used a megaphone to call out the few people who were jogging, walking their dogs or biking by the waterfront. Officers reminded people that the area was closed and urged them to take shelter. Not everyone followed the orders.

Storm in Delhi and its political climate as dissent breaks through barricades

For a city accustomed to political demonstrations, the atmosphere offered an unsettling inversion: a designated protest venue remained difficult to reach, while the surrounding roads became the stage for scattered expressions of dissent.

The city was held hostage for second day in a row with yellow police barricades, guarded by thousands of police and paramilitary personnel taking over street by street in central Delhi. Stormy wasn’t just the weather; Delhi’s political climate too painted a similar picture. What would otherwise have been a bustling Sunday, saw groups of protesters attempting to assemble and being swiftly intercepted by police. Even though the norms were relaxed and shops in and around Connaught Place were partly opened, the deserted look wasn’t familiar to the eyes, especially in the festive season. Throughout the day, placards went up; slogans rose above the traffic; uniformed personnel closed in. At intervals,

clusters of demonstrators broke through police barricades and dashed down the streets, prompting officers to give chase. Their attempts to evade the police were short-lived: they were quickly intercepted, surrounded and taken into custody. Some were pulled along the road by police personnel before being pushed into buses stationed nearby. Yet nothing dampened the spirit. The tricolour waved high at the heart of the city, and so did the series of grievances. The difference between the state and the demonstrators is substantial, but the streets had become the place where that disagreement was being expressed visibly. For a city accustomed to political demonstrations, the atmosphere offered an unsettling inversion: a designated protest venue remained difficult to reach, while the

surrounding roads became the stage for scattered expressions of dissent. The effort to prevent a large gathering did not silence the movement. The state’s responsibility to maintain public order and the citizens’ right to challenge decisions they believe threaten democratic participation stood at crossroads. The collateral damage was the crawling traffic, the restricted movement, a disrupted weekend and a city almost under siege. Although the internet services were resumed, the heaviness of the empty streets was difficult to comprehend. The barricades could restrict movement, and the buses could carry protesters away. Whether the underlying questions about electoral transparency can be resolved so easily is another matter. For now, the city questioned its right to disagree and dissent.



Delhi-NCR Sees Rain After Monsoon Withdrawal: 3 Weather Factors Explained

Delhi. (Agency)

Delhi and its neighbouring areas witnessed thunderstorms and heavy overnight rain, making Monday the wettest October day in four years, according to India Meteorological Department (IMD). The temperature also dropped to 18.7 degrees Celsius at Delhi's base station Safdarjung, which is 2.3 degrees below normal. The rain occurred even after the withdrawal of southwest monsoon from the region. According to IMD, monsoon's retreat doesn't mean a region will not witness rainfall, adding that there are several factors at play, including other weather systems, changes in wind patterns and moisture in the atmosphere.

The IMD's October 11 bulletin points to three factors from an active spell of unsettled weather across north India warning of rain in the region. These include a trough extending from northwest Rajasthan to northeast Madhya Pradesh, another trough stretching from a cyclonic circulation over central Pakistan towards north Madhya Pradesh, and a western disturbance over Himachal Pradesh. A western disturbance is a weather system that originates in the Mediterranean region and moves eastwards, bringing moisture and unsettled weather to parts of north India. It is particularly associated with winter rain over northwest India but can also affect the region during the post-monsoon period. The IMD bulletin also mentions two troughs. These are elongated zones of relatively low atmospheric pressure, while a cyclonic circulation involves winds rotating around a low-pressure area. Such features can encourage air to rise, leading to cloud formation and, when atmospheric moisture and other conditions are favourable, rainfall and thunderstorms.

No Coercive Action Against Punjab Officials In CBI Corruption Probe: Top Court

Delhi. (Agency)

The Supreme Court on Monday directed that no coercive action be taken against people linked to the Punjab government by the CBI, which is probing allegations of corruption against high-ranking officials. The order came on the Punjab government's plea seeking a stay on a high court direction to the CBI to probe corruption allegations against people linked to the state government and submit a report within two months. A bench of Justices MM Sundresh and PB Varale issued notice to the Centre, CBI, ED and others. "We are not staying the FIR. We are saying no coercive steps may be taken," the bench said. Senior advocates Vikas Singh and Sidharth Luthra appeared for the Punjab government. Last Monday, the state government moved the top court against the Punjab and Haryana High Court's direction on a petition filed by advocate Nikhil Saraf. The allegations include cash for transfers and cash for getting favourable policies. The petitioner submitted that no action has been taken yet, even after the Enforcement Directorate (ED) sent communications to the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) government.

It was contended that the allegations warranted an independent investigation as it raised serious questions about the state government's functioning. The high court also directed the Punjab Police and the government that all documents pertaining to the case be handed over to the CBI. Assailing the high court's decision on various grounds, the Punjab government said the impugned judgment suffers from errors such as treating information shared under Section 66(2) of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) as a direction that makes registration "inevitable", contrary to the 2022 decision of the apex court in the Vijay Madanlal Choudhary case. The plea said the high court's judgment directs registration of an FIR into decisions of public servants on transfers, tenders and policy without the previous approval mandated by Section 17A of the Prevention of Corruption (PC) Act, and faults the bureau for not associating a serving officer whom it could not lawfully enquire into without such approval.

FIR registered against sacked JNU professor Akoijam over sexual harassment charges

Delhi. (Agency)

Days after his dismissal as professor from Jawaharlal Nehru University, Congress MP Angomcha Bimol Akoijam has been booked on charges of sexual harassment and insulting a woman's modesty, according to Delhi Police officials. Delhi Police has registered an FIR following a complaint by the Chief Security Officer of JNU, Delhi. The FIR dated October 11, 2026, has been registered at Vasant Kunj North Police Station under Sections 75, 75(1)(I), 75(1)(iv) and 79 of the BNS. The FIR details/gist mention the name of Congress Lok Sabha MP and JNU Professor Angomcha Bimol Akoijam. Investigation is underway. Akoijam, a professor at the Centre for



the Study of Social Systems under JNU's School of Social Sciences, was dismissed with immediate effect on October 9 following an inquiry into sexual harassment allegations against him, charges he has denied. According to reports, at least 11 female students had filed sexual harassment complaints against the professor in May this year. The complaints alleged that he invited

students to his campus residence on the pretext of meetings or gatherings and attempted to sexually harass them. Some students had also alleged that he made obscene and inappropriate remarks in class.

A case has been registered against Akoijam, the Congress MP from Inner Manipur, following a complaint by JNU's chief security officer, police said. The FIR was registered at the Vasant Kunj North police station on Sunday under sections 75, 75(1)(I), 75(1)(iv) and 79 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), which deal with sexual harassment and acts intended to insult the modesty of a woman, among other offences. An investigation has been taken up, police said. Reacting to his dismissal on Friday, Akoijam had termed the action.

Delhi HC to hear pleas on Jantar Mantar closure on October 13

Delhi. (Agency)

The Delhi High Court has agreed to hear on Tuesday petitions concerning the alleged closure of Jantar Mantar as a protest site in the national capital and claims that protesters were harassed by outsiders during a demonstration over the weekend.

A lawyer mentioned the matter before a bench comprising Acting Chief Justice Nitin Wasudeo Sambre and Justice Sanjay Sharma on Monday, arguing that peaceful protests were being curtailed as the authorities had not designated an alternative venue for demonstrations. When the counsel sought an urgent hearing on Monday, the bench noted that the Supreme Court

was also examining the issue. "Tomorrow. The Supreme Court is equally seized of the matter. Not only that, but the Supreme Court has called on the Union to file their affidavits

Jantar Mantar had significantly affected the right to freedom of speech and expression.

"Today Jantar Mantar is also closed. There is no other place which has been earmarked by the executive to actually carry out a protest in accordance with law. Peaceful protests are being quelled today. This is absolutely going to be a black day. We have faced this in 1975," the counsel submitted. The court also agreed to hear on Tuesday a separate petition alleging that outsiders had entered a protest held over the weekend and harassed demonstrators.

Hundreds of people took to the streets on 10 and 11 October after the Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) called for a protest against Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar over alleged irregularities in the Special Intensive Revision.



Before rushing to cut ribbons, Audit delayed projects

Roads, flyovers, bridges, Metro extensions, public spaces and other connectivity projects became part of Delhi's permanent physical infrastructure.

Delhi. (Agency)

In these columns we have been discussing the fallout of a good policy badly implemented. The immediate reference was the notification of the Master Plan for Delhi 2047, and the larger question was whether Delhi had learnt from the experience of its previous master plans. We had also argued that, ironically, some of the city's most enduring infrastructure has come not from the master plans themselves but from the legacy projects associated with major events. Delhi's experience with the Commonwealth Games is a case in point. The Games were controversial but it cannot be denied that the infrastructure created around them continues to sustain the city. Roads, flyovers, bridges, Metro extensions, public spaces and other connectivity projects became part of Delhi's permanent physical infrastructure.

However, the fate of two delayed Commonwealth Games-era projects, Barapullah III and the Bhairon Marg underpass, offers an important lesson for the government now attempting to push delayed infrastructure back onto the fast track. A delayed infrastructure project is not merely a project whose completion date has been pushed forward, it's to be remembered that lapse of time changes the city around the project. A project designed to solve the traffic problem of 2010 cannot automatically be assumed to be the ideal solution to the traffic problem of 2026. This is precisely where the Barapullah III and Bhairon Marg experiences become instructive. The momentum behind several infrastructure projects weakened after the Commonwealth Games, particularly after the change of government in Delhi. Political priorities shifted. Infrastructure development gradually

took a back seat to welfare-oriented politics, or what has increasingly become a rather sober synonym for the politics of freebies. Projects that required sustained administrative attention and significant capital



expenditure did not enjoy the same political urgency.

There was nothing inherently wrong with welfare spending. The problem was the false choice that Delhi's politics eventually created between welfare and infrastructure. A city cannot remain

functional merely by distributing benefits to residents. It has to build and maintain the physical systems through which those residents travel, work, study and conduct their daily lives. The BJP government that now runs Delhi appears determined to reverse that approach and put infrastructure projects back on the fast track. That is welcome but there is a danger in treating every inherited project as if its only problem were administrative delay. The Barapullah III experience should serve as a warning. When a project finally emerges after years of delay, the temptation is to celebrate its completion. There are ceremonies, speeches, photographs and political credit-taking. But for the citizen, none of that matters if the project does not deliver the promised improvement in mobility. Indeed, an ostentatious inauguration can become counterproductive. If a project opened with great fanfare immediately.

Dasara a confluence of four guiding lights: Karnataka CM Shivakumar

MYSURU. (Agency)

Chief Minister DK Shivakumar on Sunday described Mysuru Dasara as a confluence of four guiding lights – strength, knowledge, culture and equality – and said strength leads to achievement, knowledge to development, culture to equality and equality to peace.Speaking at his maiden Dasara celebration as CM, Shivakumar defended his decision to organise Kambala as part of this year’s Dasara, stating that it recalled the cultural traditions of the Vijayanagara period. The programme is being held despite criticism, he said.

“Removing the thorn of ignorance with the thorn of knowledge is education, while removing the thorn of unrighteousness with the thorn of righteousness is Dasara. Seeing God in a temple is devotion, but seeing God in human beings is humanity,” he said.Shivakumar said the tradition of Dasara was started by Vijayanagara rulers and carried forward by the Mysuru Wadiyars, who transformed it into a platform for promoting art and culture, rather than restricting it to religious rituals. During the past four centuries, the festival adapted to changing times and evolved into a celebration that brought people together, he said. Mysuru city grew through.

Local body elections an acid test for coalition govt: CM Chandrababu Naidu

VIJAYAWADA. (Agency).

Underscoring the critical importance of grassroots governance ahead of local body elections, Chief Minister and TDP supremo N Chandrababu Naidu has directed ministers, legislators, and key party functionaries to treat the upcoming polls as a major test of leadership performance, and ensure a sweeping victory for the National Democratic Alliance (NDA).Addressing a virtual conference with district party presidents, MPs, MLAs, constituency observers, and key leaders on Sunday, he stated that the electoral outcome should surpass the vote share recorded during the 2024 general elections, which will serve as the primary criterion for evaluating leaders’ performance over the next 50 days without exemptions.

Highlighting candidate selection parameters, Naidu stressed that tickets will be allotted based on winning prospects, honesty, efficiency, and social re-engineering, warning that non-serious efforts or superficial participation by leaders will not be tolerated.Exhorting the ruling coalition cadre to channel the spirit of the 2024 election victory, he declared that a decisive blow struck by the NDA in the local body polls should force the opposition YSRCP to permanently shutdown.Asserting that the NDA government holds the moral right to seek votes after fulfilling its key promises, he accused the opposition of repeatedly approaching courts to stall elections, and block statutory reservations for Backward Classes (Bcs).

Asaduddin Owaisi's UP Seat Picks For Yogi Adityanath vs Akhilesh Yadav

Lucknow(Agency).

Akhilesh Yadav had challenged Yogi Adityanath to contest from Ayodhya. The Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister, in turn, urged his Samajwadi Party rival to also fight from Ayodhya, saying the two should settle the contest "face to face". The All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen, or AIMIM, chief Asaduddin Owaisi has another political play in mind for the two leaders. Urging the rivals to step out of their comfort zones, he suggested two different constituencies for the two heavyweight leaders. "If both Akhilesh Yadav and the Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh are so popular and liked, then the Chief Minister should come and contest from Sambhal, and Akhilesh should go and contest from Gorakhpur. God willing, the people and AIMIM will defeat them in both places," Owaisi, speaking in Hindi, told.

"Arey bahut bada maja aa jayega, lad le Sambhal toh, hum hara denge. Gorakhpur bhi lade, wahan bhi haar jayenge (Oh, it'll



Yogi Adityanath, declaring that the real political battle in the state will be "99 vs 1." "The real competition in the upcoming election will actually be '99 vs 1'. The 99% represents the poor citizens of Uttar Pradesh, while the 1% represents those who have captured 40% of India's wealth. So, the 80-20 scenario isn't going to play out; it will be a 99% versus.

Rahul Gandhi targets PM Modi ahead of INDIA Bloc march, asks ‘Why is Delhi jailed?’

Gandhi said protests against alleged vote theft and the Election Commission had grown into a public movement in Delhi over the past four to five days.

New Delhi (Agency).

Lok Sabha Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi on Monday accused Prime Minister Narendra Modi of protecting Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar, saying the INDIA bloc’s march to the Supreme Court would highlight the issue.

Addressing a press conference at the All India Congress Committee (AICC) headquarters in New Delhi ahead of the march, Gandhi said protests against alleged vote theft and the Election Commission had grown into a public movement in the capital over the past four to five days. “We want to show the country that the government, PM Narendra Modi, is protecting Gyanesh Kumar,” he said, adding, “The question is: Why is Delhi under siege?”Gandhi said he and Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge had written to the Chief Justice of India (CJI), expressing concern over what they



described as threats to democracy and electoral fairness. He added that the CJI had responded and directed them to file a petition. “Today, INDIA bloc leaders and I will go to the Supreme

supported the Opposition’s agitation. He alleged that the government was using security restrictions to prevent people from reaching the capital.

Questioning the heavy security deployment, Gandhi said Delhi had been turned into a fortress, with thousands of police personnel stationed across the city. He added that the Opposition’s strategy was different from the government’s show of strength.

The Congress had called for a ‘Chalo Dilli’ march from Connaught Place to the Supreme Court to protest against the functioning of the Election Commission.Meanwhile, security was tightened across central Delhi, with barricades installed at several locations and Delhi Police, the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) and the Rapid Action Force (RAF) deployed. Entry and exit at certain Metro stations were also scheduled to remain restricted until 4 pm on October 12, according to security arrangements.

Relief for Bhagwant Mann's aide as Supreme Court bars coercive action by CBI

Clarifying its order, the bench said the investigation would continue, but no coercive steps could be taken against those linked to the case for now. The court also observed that the Punjab government and the state authorities must cooperate with the investigation.

New Delhi. (Agency)

The Supreme Court on Monday granted interim relief to Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann’s Officer on Special Duty (OSD), Rajbir Singh Ghuman, directing the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) not to take any coercive action against him while allowing the probe into corruption allegations to continue.A bench of the Supreme Court issued notice on a petition filed by the Punjab government challenging the Punjab and Haryana High Court’s direction to register an FIR and order a CBI investigation into the allegations. However, the court declined to quash or stay the FIR at this stage.Clarifying its order, the bench said the investigation would continue, but no coercive steps could be taken against those

linked to the case for now. The court also observed that the Punjab government and the



state authorities must cooperate with the investigation. The Supreme Court’s order offers Ghuman

protection from coercive action for the time being but does not halt the CBI probe into the allegations against him and other persons linked to the Punjab Chief Minister’s Office.

WHAT ARE THE ALLEGATIONS AGAINST MANN’S OSD?

The case stems from communications sent by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) to the Punjab Director General of Police, flagging alleged corruption involving government transfers and postings, policy decisions, tender processes, licensing matters and land-related dealings.The ED had sought action against several people, including Ghuman, alleging that private individuals were influencing government decisions and securing favours in return for monetary or other benefits.

Protect voters' rights: Odisha CM Mohan Majhi backs SIR amid opposition protests

said clean and accurate electoral rolls were central to free and fair elections. He said the



exercise must be implemented fairly and with due diligence so that legitimate voters were not

wrongly excluded."SIR is a necessary and constructive exercise to uphold the integrity of our electoral system. Its effective implementation, with fairness and due diligence, will help ensure that electoral records remain reliable and that the democratic process commands the confidence it deserves," he said."The credibility of a democracy rests on free and fair elections and the protection of every eligible citizen's right to vote. Clean and accurate electoral rolls are fundamental to this trust," he added.Majhi said duplicate entries, outdated records and the names of deceased persons remaining on electoral rolls could undermine their accuracy.

CJI Surya Kant declines Rahul Gandhi, Kharge meeting over pending cases

New Delhi(Agency).

Chief Justice of India Surya Kant has declined a request from Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi and Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge for a meeting, saying the issues raised by them are already pending before the Supreme Court. In a letter shared by the Congress on Monday, he said holding such a discussion would be inconsistent with judicial ethics and propriety.The CJI told the two leaders that the appropriate course would be to approach the court through a petition, either physically or online, instead of submitting a memorandum on the administrative side. He said the Supreme Court would consider such issues in the exercise of its judicial powers.

In his response, the CJI said, "At the very outset, it may be noted that the issues referred to hereinabove are already sub judice before the Supreme Court of India." He added, "Therefore, convening a meeting to discuss pending cases would wholly contravene the principle of Separation of Powers, an intrinsic facet of the basic structure doctrine of the Constitution of India, and would be incompatible with the established ethics and judicial propriety."

He also said, "In this vein, I also wish to remind you that within our constitutional framework, the Supreme Court of India is not endowed with any administrative powers to deal with the issues highlighted in your letter." At the same time, he said, "However, in the exercise of our jurisdiction under Article 32 of our Constitution, along with other plenary powers, including that of judicial review, we are duty-bound to consider on judicial side the gravamen of issues affecting the citizens of India." He said the Supreme Court remained committed to protecting the fundamental rights of every citizen and that such rights could be enforced.

"Law And Order Not My Domain": Chief Justice On Protests Against Poll Body, Delhi Curbs

New Delhi. (Agency).

Chief Justice of India (CJI) Surya Kant on Monday said the situation arising out of recent protests in Delhi was "not his domain".

"Ye law and order ka mudda hai. Ye mera vishay nahin hai (This is a law-and-order issue. It is not my domain)," he said in Hindi when asked by reporters about recent protests in Delhi and the restrictions imposed across the national capital.He was speaking to reporters on the sidelines of an event to commemorate the 33rd anniversary of the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) in Delhi.The national capital in the last few days has seen a series of

protests to demand the resignation of Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar over alleged



illegalities in the Special Intensive Revision of voter rolls, among other issues.Over the weekend, Delhi had turned into a fortress, with the Centre deploying over 20,000 security personnel in view of a protest called by the

Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) leaders.45 metro stations were shut on Saturday and intensive checks were conducted at the city's border points.Thousands of people were detained, including top CJP leaders and four former chief ministers, during the demonstrations against Kumar. "Supreme Court's Doors Open" On INDIA bloc's protest march and their demand to meet him, the Chief Justice said that the doors of the Supreme Court are open for everyone. He, however, expressed his inability to meet the Opposition leaders over alleged electoral irregularities, stating that they should approach the court by filing a petition as the matter is already sub judice.”

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Operation Epic Fury is an epic failure at home and in Hormuz

Speaking before the United Nations General Assembly in New York last month, US President Donald Trump laid bare the existential crossroads facing Washington’s seven-month campaign against Iran. Framing the conflict as a choice between signing a post-midterm diplomatic deal or initiating total annihilation, his rhetoric underscored a troubling reality: Operation Epic Fury, launched jointly with Israel in late February 2026, has been an Epic Failure. Far from delivering the swift, decisive outcome intended, it has created a humiliating stalemate, with global ramifications for the US’s uncertain place in the world and domestic implications for the ruling party in the US. What Washington planned as a high-intensity decapitation effort targeting Tehran’s ballistic missile infrastructure and naval assets has instead evolved into a grinding, multipolar war of attrition. The US now finds itself caught between an unwinnable air campaign and an unpalatable political compromise, while the global economy buckles under the fallout.

The core vulnerability in the American war effort stems from a fundamental operational mismatch. Unwilling to commit ground troops to a costly land occupation, a step the administration remains reluctant to contemplate for understandable domestic reasons, the US military relies on air dominance and standoff strikes, whose limitations are all too apparent. While stationary infrastructure and conventional naval installations in Iran have been degraded, airpower alone cannot eliminate Iran’s distributed, deeply buried, and asymmetric capabilities. Tehran has also successfully broadened the theatre of operations far beyond its own borders. Houthi forces in Yemen have effectively choked commercial transit through the Bab al-Mandab, turning the Southern Red Sea into an operational hazard zone, while Iranian-aligned Shia militias in Iraq have executed drone and missile strikes against critical regional energy infrastructure, including Saudi Arabia’s East-West pipeline. When Saudi leaders requested US air defence coverage to shield these vital supply routes, Washington demurred, constrained by a need to preserve its own dwindling supply of precision-guided munitions.

This refusal highlights a growing operational crisis within the Pentagon. Seven months of near-continuous combat sorties and high-rate missile defence interceptions have severely drawn down US and allied inventories of long-range precision strike systems, exposing the severe limitations of the Western defence industrial base. The economic fallout of this strategic impasse extends far beyond West Asia. With transit through the Strait of Hormuz severely restricted and regional pipelines damaged, benchmark crude oil prices have again surged past \$100, having hit a recent high of \$114 five months ago. This sustained energy shock has reintroduced severe inflationary pressures into the world’s economies, squeezing consumers and creating significant political headwinds ahead of the US midterm elections. For global markets, the ongoing hostilities have triggered a profound supply-side energy shock. With the physical blockade of Hormuz choking off roughly 20 percent of global petroleum transit and liquefied natural gas shipments, elevated crude prices have spiked shipping freight costs, doubled energy transit insurance premiums, and forced global central banks to abruptly halt planned interest rate cuts to combat reignited inflationary pressures. Few major nations bear this macroeconomic strain more acutely than India. Highly exposed due to our dependence on foreign energy to fulfil over 85 percent of crude-oil requirements, India faces a sharp widening of its current account deficit (where every \$10 surge in crude prices expands the trade deficit by roughly 0.5 percent of GDP) alongside persistent downward pressure on the Indian rupee, which has hit historic lows beyond ₹95 to a US dollar.

Action stations on a war footing

India needs to strengthen emergency response operations at the district level

IN the Army, there is an expression we often hear: “Koi ladai nahin lagi hai.” There is no war on; why the hurry? Yet, over a lifetime in intelligence, operations, planning, command and strategic affairs, I believed the opposite. For me, we were always at war — not literally, but institutionally. Something could always become a crisis. Preparedness could never begin after the crisis announced itself. Much of this is practised by soldiers on the ground. In every command appointment, during contingencies, I followed one rule for subordinates: inform me at the first instance. Do not wait for the complete picture. Staff and subordinate commanders continued doing what they were trained to do. I would monitor, offer advice, discuss options or intervene when necessary. The commander should not lose opening minutes while someone assembles a tidier picture.

I could be woken at any hour of the night. I had instructed my communicators to give me half a minute before putting my communication through. Warm water was always beside my bed. Those seconds allowed me to gather my thoughts and clear my throat. In a crisis, a commander’s voice must convey composure and authority. Preparedness is ultimately a collection of habits created when there is no crisis. The 26/11 Mumbai attacks remain an enduring reminder that information, even when available in fragments and over time, does not automatically induce preventive action. Possessing information is different from converting it into preparedness. Between detection and response lie interpretation, dissemination, decision, orders, mobilisation and execution. Every transition is a potential point of failure. This is starker in disaster management (I spent six years at the National Disaster Management Authority). Warning time is brutally short. A satellite may spot an abnormality; radars detect extreme precipitation; a river gauge shows a dangerous rise; a scientific agency issues an accurate warning. Yet none of these, by themselves, saves a life. I saw the importance of this first-hand during the Silkyara tunnel collapse in November 2023. Prime Minister Narendra Modi grasped the gravity of the situation early and directed that every resource required be made available without delay. We worked passionately to deliver success. In my media interactions, I have often said that I treated the rescue operation as a war. Technical information must first be converted into comprehensible language. The person on the ground needs no scientific



police networks. But issuing a message is not the same as communicating it. The State must employ every available means, with redundancy, to reach the maximum number of people. Not everyone will receive a warning. Phones may be switched off, networks fail, people are asleep. Language and literacy matter. Remote communities may lack connectivity, while some citizens will ignore advice. The test is whether every effort was made to reach as many people as possible — and whether the message was understandable and actionable. This is why I remain concerned about emergency response operations at the district level. India has around 750 district disaster management authorities, yet permanent professional operations rooms are still far from universal in practice. In a disaster, this is an operational deficiency. A classic example of success was provided by the Gujarat

government in June 2023, when 32 million messages were communicated in anticipation of Cyclone Biparjoy; not one life was lost. Where does the first warning arrive? Who monitors the channel at 2 am? Who acknowledges it and informs the District Magistrate? Who converts it into executable orders? Who alerts the police, fire services, hospitals, SDRF (State Disaster Response Force) units, engineers and local administrations? Who orders evacuation, identifies shelters, arranges transport and confirms that action has begun? Who maintains the operational picture? Who tells citizens that help is on its way? An operations room is not necessarily a room with screens and telephones. It is the nervous system of response. It requires trained people, updated contact directories, standard operating procedures, communications redundancy, resource visibility, decision matrices, logs and the habit of functioning together. A command centre activated only when disaster strikes is of limited value. Relationships and reflexes have to be built beforehand.

The sequence should become instinctive: receive, understand, simplify, decide, disseminate, mobilise, confirm, update and reassure. Communication cannot cease after the warning. People caught in a disaster need to know what is happening, what they should do and whether assistance is coming. In an information vacuum, rumour travels faster than relief.

The same principle applies to national security. Cyberattacks, terror incidents, military contingencies and failures of critical infrastructure may look different, but all test the distance between knowledge and action. India has invested in its capacity to know: satellites, sensors, radars, surveillance systems, intelligence networks, meteorological capabilities and digital communications. The next challenge is ensuring that the institutional machinery beneath these technologies is optimally responsive. The first minutes of a crisis are not the time to construct command relationships, search for telephone numbers, interpret unfamiliar technical terminology or debate authority. They are the time to execute what institutions have already thought through and rehearsed.

“Koi ladai nahin lagi hai” should therefore never become an argument against preparedness. It should be the reason for it. When no fire is burning and no war is on, there is time to check the alarm, test communications, rehearse the response and ensure that everyone knows what to do.

Tepid support for R&D, red tape come in way of India's Nobel quest

The world rightly celebrates the achievements. We in India do, too—but with a nagging question at the back of our minds. Why, after C V Raman’s Nobel for physics in 1930, have we not been able to produce a single winner in the basic sciences?

It’s fascinating to note the pathbreaking achievements of scientists when Nobel Prizes are announced every year. Karl Deisseroth, Peter Hegemann and Georg Nagel won the coveted honour in physiology this year for discovering the use of light in turning on specific brain cells, which can help treat diseases. In physics, Francis Louis Halzen was awarded for his work on neutrinos, the so-called ghost particles that help us see the universe in a different light. In chemistry, Henri Boris Kagan and Kenso Soai won for their work on mirror molecules that may go a long way in manufacturing medicines.

The world rightly celebrates such achievements. We in India do, too—but with a nagging question at the back of our minds. Why, after C V Raman’s Nobel for physics in 1930, have we not been able to produce a single winner in the basic sciences? It’s surely not for the lack of brilliant scientists. Over a century, several Indians came within a whisker of Nobel glory—Homi Bhabha, Satyen Bose, Meghnad Saha, G N Ramachandran and C V Seshadri among them. To what extent do we celebrate their work?



How many know that Indian scientists co-pioneered the quest for detecting neutrinos at the Kolar gold fields in 1965? India even sought to set up a neutrino observatory in 2001, which finally got the green light in 2015. But the

project has not moved an inch over red tape linked to unanswered ecological questions. It encapsulates a major hurdle such research faces in India.

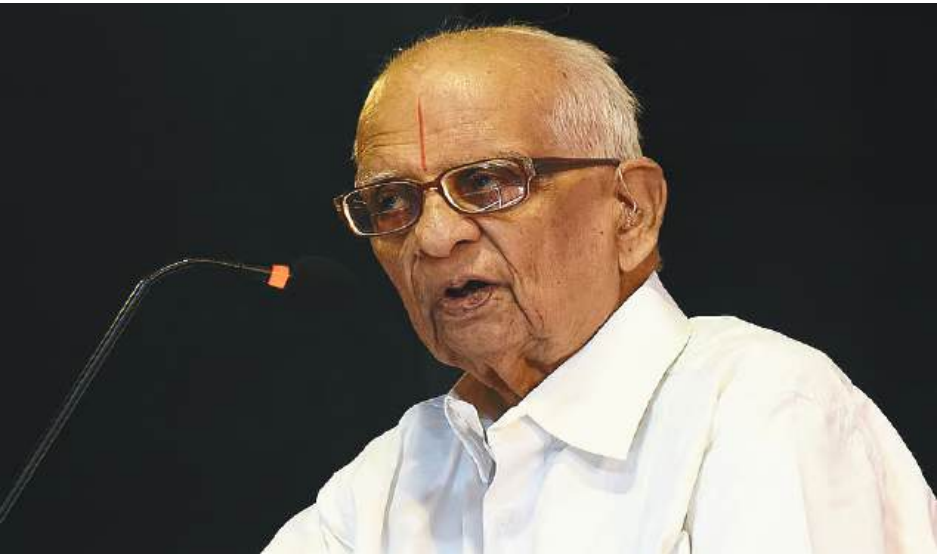
Another factor is that the country spends less than 1 percent of GDP on research and development, about a third of what China does. Most of those meagre funds go to premier institutes, while state universities—where four out of every five Indians are educated—are starved. Lack of autonomy in hiring comes in the way of keeping bright minds in the country. The Anusandhan National Research Foundation’s target corpus of ₹50,000 crore looks impressive, till we realise that the Centre proposes to fund only 28 percent of it and the private share is growing at a snail’s pace. Apart from funding and unfettering research, we also need to inculcate scientific temper in schools, which can be spurred by celebrating our scientists. More science museums can also seed a cultural shift. Otherwise, we will be left with chest-thumping about a glorious past.

K Parasaran at 100 | An advocate and a gentleman

➤ The central bank has cracked the whip to mop up excess liquidity and tame price pressures. Though lending rates are likely to jump quickly, deposit rates may be sluggish to respond

When a century is captured through K Parasaran’s rich intellectual life and unwavering moral compass, India’s legal history witnesses a rare convergence of span and substance. As he steps into his centenary year on October 9, the scholar-jurist embodies a rare institution by himself. A polymath non-pareil, Parasaran belongs in the league of extraordinary personalities in post-independence India whose lives and contributions will remain eternally cherished. The distinguished jurist epitomises a rare combination of constitutional scholarship, courtroom advocacy, scholarly wisdom, professional discipline and personal simplicity with remarkable continuity and integrity. A person for whom honours went searching proved that there was substantive meaning in the breadth of his jurisprudential contribution and in the example he continues to set for generations of lawyers. Parasaran’s journey post 1947 is singular for its accomplishment as well as enduring relevance. Born into a socio-cultural milieu that saw a display of legal excellence with the larger Anglosphere in the backdrop during the last days of the Raj, his ascent to the top echelons of legal practice was a transcendence enabled by remarkable abilities and personal values.

Perhaps the most distinctive feature of Parasaran’s



of India’s civilisational wisdom. On his centenary, memory also takes us back to Parasaran’s father Keshava Iyengar, a doyen of the old Madras Bar whose voice was heard in the halls of the then Federal Court of India in New Delhi. The Delhi continuum manifested when Parasaran succeeded Lal Narayan Sinha as the sixth Attorney

General of India in 1983. Though his career peaked in the national capital, Parasaran once thought he would be confined within two Chennai neighbourhoods. During several landmark cases throughout the 1980s and 90s, his practice was a bundle of legal advice, client counselling, contextual analysis and a highly-developed form of persuasiveness that made his submissions difficult to reject. Of particular interest was his entry into the portals of public memory through the First Judges case in 1981, which marked his ascent to a glittering career that made his janmabhoomi proud. As a sought-after Senior Counsel in the late 1990s and early 2000s, he witnessed transformational changes in the country’s legal system. From 2010 onwards, his appearances remained focused on high-voltage litigations till 2018, when he was briefed to appear in the Ram Janmabhoomi case.

An act of destiny, he has often remarked that this case was probably the reason why he was given several positions in the earlier part of his career that added up to a stature considerable enough to appear in this once-in-a-century case. This inherent humility, which he has often invoked, elevated him in the pantheon of public opinion. The persona behind his stature as a jurist was someone who nurtured friendships and observed utter simplicity,

which led to him being popularly referred to as the ‘Pitamaha of the Indian Bar’.

Parasaran’s corpus of legal and cultural wisdom is an open-source library that has supported all scenarios; his advice comes with a personal charm charged by his intuitive intellect. He has zealously protected and fostered his varied, longstanding relationships—in this, he represents associational life as the thematic core of Indian societal imagination.

For a person who never indulged in self-promotion, it was providence that showered opportunities on Parasaran. After a meeting with him, one always returns with a sense of renewed optimism even in the face of adversity. His adaptability and keen curiosity about the changing legal profession have strengthened his relevance in this age of arbitration and interaction of global jurisdictions.

The legal engine is always in the perpetual motion of evolving jurisprudence. As Parasaran enters his centenary year, India celebrates not only his distinguished legal career, but also the enduring legacy of a jurist whose statesmanship illuminated courts, whose scholarship enriched jurisprudence and whose life showed that professional excellence and personal righteousness need never be separated. As one of the few who still represents a generation of icons that India once produced, Parasaran’s career is a culmination of continuities. Ever observant with a knack of drawing apt analogies, his cross-references from the East and the West symbolise a sense of composite wisdom. Today, K Parasaran is an ageless icon for a young India that is in search of a modern identity without severing its civilisational roots. Shatamanam bhavati, Shriraman Parasaran!

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ଗୟା, ସନ୍ଧ୍ୟା: ଆଜ ମିତ୍ର ମଞ୍ଚ ୨୦୨୫-ଏର ଛତୀସ ଦିନି ଗୟାର ମସି ଫାଲ୍ ନଦୀଠେ ଡି଼ଗ୍ରି ଓ ଡ୍ରେସି଼ରେ ଏକ ଗଢ଼ିର ପ୍ରଦର୍ଶନୀ ଅନୁଷ୍ଠିତ ଥିଅ। ପ୍ରାୟ ୫୦,୦୦୦ ଏରଓ ସାନ୍ଧି ଡକ୍ଟୁ ମିାନ ଓ ଉତ୍ତମ ଅନୁଷ୍ଠାନେ ଅଞ୍ଚଳ ଚାଡ଼ି ଏଥାନେ ଉଠାଏ ଥନ। ମହାପାଠରେ ଛନ୍ଦ, ଧ୍ମପରେ ସ୍ତବାସ ଏବଂ ପୁରାଣିକରେ ଗ୍ରନ୍ଥସଂଗ୍ରାଣୀ ପ୍ରାଥମାର ଅଞ୍ଚଳ ପୁରୋ ମରାସି଼ରେ ମୁଖ୍ୟଚି ଛନ୍ଦି।

ଆବାସେଧନ ମରାସି଼ରେ ପୁସ୍ତକୋ ଆଦରେ ମାତାର ଜନ୍ମ ଅମ୍ବିମ୍ବନ କରାନ୍ନନେ, କନ୍ୟାଦାର କୌନ୍ତେ କୌନ୍ତେ ଆଦରେ ମାମିମାତାର ପ୍ରତି ସନ୍ଦିାସ ଜାନାନ୍ନନେ, ଆର ଏକ ଶକ୍ତି ଆର ପ୍ରାସାତ ମାୟରେ ଉତ୍ତମ ଅମ୍ବନ କରେ ଉପସ୍ଥିତି ସ୍ରାଦର ମନକେ ସଂସ୍ଥ କରେ ମସି଼ଛେ। ଏହି ଅନୁଷ୍ଠାନ, ଯା ଶକ୍ତି ଡ୍ରେସି଼ରେ ଗଢ଼ିର ଅଞ୍ଚଳ, ଜୌସିତି ଓ ପ୍ରାସାତରେ ମାଧ୍ୟେ ମସିମି ସନ୍ଧ୍ୟାକରେ ପ୍ରତୀକ, ଯା ପ୍ରଜ୍ଞାନରେ ଆଶ୍ୱାର ଶାନ୍ତି ଓ ମୁକୃତି ଆଶାସ ମଧ୍ୟେ ସାଲ ସନ୍ଧ୍ୟାସ କରା ଥି। ମୌସ ଗ୍ରାସି ଓ ନାସକ ଆମ ସନ୍ଧ୍ୟାଓ ଡକ୍ଟୁରା ଆଦରେ ଆକ୍ଟନ ନାଟିକା ପ୍ରଦର୍ଶନ କରାନ୍ନନେ। ସନ୍ଧ୍ୟାସେବାରେ ନାମିତି ମାମି଼ଞ୍ଚେ ଜାଲ, ଓଲି ଓ ଅମ୍ବିମ୍ବନ କରେ ନଦୀଠେ ମସିମି ସ୍ଥାନ କରାନ୍ନନେ। ପୁରୋଶଠିରେ ଉପଗାଢ଼ିଆମ୍ବନ ନାମି଼ରେ ଗ୍ରମ୍ୟ ଅନୁଷ୍ଠାନ ମରାଜିଲନା କରେ ମୁଞ୍ଚାମ୍ପରେ ଆଧ୍ୟାତ୍ମାକି ମରାସି଼ରେ ଆରଓ ସନ୍ଧ୍ୟାସ କରାନ୍ନନେ। ଗୟା, ଯା ଗଢ଼୍ୟନ୍ଧ-ଏର ଭୂମି ଶକ୍ତିରେ ମରାଚିତି, ମିତ୍ର ମଞ୍ଚରେ ଗ୍ରମ୍ୟାସ ସନ୍ଧ୍ୟାସ ଆମ୍ବନି ଧାରମ୍ବ କରେ।

ଏ ଗ୍ରମ୍ୟ ମଞ୍ଚରେ କୋଗାକୂଳି ଥାକେ ଏବଂ ସନ୍ଧ୍ୟାସ ଥାକେଓ ଶାଞ୍ଚାରୋ ମୁଗାସୀ ଏଥାନେ ଆସା। ସଞ୍ଚାତୀୟ କଠମର ଜାନସି଼ଛେ, ଏହି ସହରେ ଉପସ୍ଥିତି ପ୍ରାଥମାର ଅନାକେ ଓମରେ ଗସି଼ଛେ, ଯା ପ୍ରାଚୀନ ଡ୍ରେସି଼ରେ ପ୍ରତି ଆକ୍ଟି ଅନ୍ଧାର ମରାଜିଆକ। ଏକଜନ ଡକ୍ଟୁ ସନ୍ନନେ, “ଏହି ଗୌତନିତି ଶ୍ଵସ୍ଥମାସ ଏକାଟି ଡ୍ରେସି ଚିଅ, ଏଟି ମିତ୍ରମୁଞ୍ଚରେ ପ୍ରତି କଠଜ୍ଞତା ପ୍ରକାଶ ଏବଂ ଆମାଦରେ ମସିମି କଠସା ମାନ୍ନରେ ମାସମା।”

ସନ୍ଧ୍ୟାସ ମଟିକେ ସଥନ ଆକାଶ ସୀରେ ସୀରେ ଅନ୍ଧକାସାସ-ତି ଥଚେ ନାଗଲ, ଫାଲ୍ଲର ମାଢେ ମୁନିମରେ ଆଲୋ ନଦୀଠେ ଉଜାଡେ ନାଗଲ, ଯା ଚରିତ୍ତନ ଛାଡ଼ି ମିତ୍ରୀକ ଶକ୍ତିରେ ସାଲମ୍ବନ କରାଛନ୍ତି।

फिलपकार्ट ने की ‘द बिग बिलियन डेज 2026’ की धमाकेदार शुरुआत

उत्साह के साथ फेस्टिव सीजन की शुरुआत

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। बेंगलुरु में फिलपकार्ट हेडक्वार्टर में फिलपकार्ट के ‘द बिग बिलियन डेज 2026’ की शुरुआत हुई। भारत के स्वदेशी ई-कॉमर्स मार्केटप्लेस फिलपकार्ट ने अपने बेंगलुरु कैंपस में ‘द बिग बिलियन डेज (टीबीबीडी)’ के 13वें संस्करण की शुरुआत की। इसके साथ ही देश के सबसे बहुप्रतीक्षित फेस्टिव शॉपिंग आयोजनों में से एक के लिए मंच तैयार हो गया है। फेस्टिव सीजन की प्रतीकात्मक शुरुआत करते हुए हेमंत बद्दी, एसवीपी एवं हेड ऑफ सप्लाय चेन, ने फिलपकार्ट विश्वासार्हता के कार्डिले को आधिकारिक रूप से हरी झंडी दिखाई। इसके साथ ही देशभर में

ग्राहकों तक लाखों फेस्टिव डिलीवरी पहुंचाने की तैयारियों ने रफ्तार पकड़ ली। इस आयोजन में भारतीय अभिनेत्री अनीत पट्टा भी शामिल हुईं और फिलपकार्ट की टीम के साथ टीबीबीडी 2026 की शुरुआत का जश्न मनाया।

कंपनी ने जारी बयान में बताया कि फिलपकार्ट के लीडर्स और कर्मचारियों ने पूरे उत्साह के साथ इसमें हिस्सा लिया। कंपनी की टीमों फेस्टिव सीजन के लिए बड़े पैमाने पर तैयारियों में जुटी हैं। कार्यक्रम में कल्याण कृष्णमूर्ति, सीईओ,

जीएसटी परिषद का ऐतिहासिक निर्णय छोटे व्यापारियों के लिए बड़ी राहत : खंडेलवाल

इससे कर अनुपालन का माहौल अधिक विश्वासपूर्ण बनेगा और साथ ही ईमानदार व्यापारियों को अनावश्यक कानूनी दबाव से राहत मिलेगी।

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। कारोबारी संगठन कन्फेडरेशन ऑफ ऑल इंडिया ट्रेडर्स (कैट) के राष्ट्रीय महामंत्री एवं सांसद प्रवीन खंडेलवाल ने जीएसटी परिषद की 57वीं बैठक में लिए गए निर्णयों का स्वागत करते हुए कहा कि ये फैसले देश के करोड़ों छोटे व्यापारियों, खुदरा कारोबारियों,

एमएसएमई और स्टार्टअप्स के लिए बड़ी राहत लेकर आए हैं। कैट महामंत्री ने केंद्रीय वित्त मंत्री निर्मला सीतारमण की अध्यक्षता में नई दिल्ली के भारत मंडपम में आयोजित जीएसटी परिषद की 57वीं बैठक में लिए गए कुछ विशेष फैसले पर अपनी प्रतिक्रिया देते हुए यह बात कही। उन्होंने कहा कि प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी के ‘ईज ऑफ डूइंग बिजनेस’ और ‘व्यापार में सुगमता’ के विजन को वस्तु एवं सेवा कर (जीएसटी) परिषद के इन निर्णयों से नई गति मिलेगी। खंडेलवाल ने कहा कि विशेष रूप से जीएसटी अधिकारियों की गिरफ्तारी के प्रावधानों को हटाना, अभियोजन

की सीमा को एक करोड़ रुपये से बढ़ाकर 5 करोड़ रुपये करना तथा सामान्य दंड को 25 हजार रुपये से घटाकर अब 10 हजार रुपये



कर देना अब छोटे व्यापारियों में लंबे समय से चली आ रही आशंकाओं को दूर करेगा। उन्होंने कहा कि इससे कर अनुपालन का माहौल अधिक विश्वासपूर्ण बनेगा

सरकार पुरानी पवन ऊर्जा परियोजनाओं को नए सिरे से विकसित करेगी : प्रल्हाद जोशी

केंद्रीय मंत्री जोशी ने वर्ष 2030 तक 100 गीगावाट की पवन ऊर्जा क्षमता हासिल करने का रोडमैप प्रस्तुत किया।

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली/चेन्नई। केंद्रीय नवीन एवं नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री प्रल्हाद जोशी ने चेन्नई में ‘विंडजी इंडिया-2026’ के 8वें संस्करण का उद्घाटन किया। उन्होंने कहा कि सरकार देश में लगभग 25 गीगावाट क्षमता वाली पुरानी पवन ऊर्जा परियोजनाओं को नए सिरे से विकसित करने की रणनीति पर काम कर रही है। उद्घाटन के बाद अपने संबोधन में प्रल्हाद जोशी ने देश में

पवन ऊर्जा की अपार संभावनाओं और इसके द्वारा प्रदान किए जाने वाले विशाल अवसरों पर प्रकाश डाला। उन्होंने कहा कि भारत के पवन ऊर्जा

2026-27 में इस रिकॉर्ड को पार कर जाएगी, जो भारत की पवन ऊर्जा यात्रा में एक और महत्वपूर्ण उपलब्धि का प्रमाण होगा। प्रल्हाद



क्षेत्र ने मजबूत गति प्रदर्शन किया है, जिसमें वित्त वर्ष 2025-26 में 6.05 गीगावाट (जीडब्ल्यू) की अब तक की सबसे अधिक वार्षिक स्थापना हासिल की गई है। जोशी ने कहा कि हमें विश्वास है कि वार्षिक पवन ऊर्जा स्थापनाएं वित्त वर्ष

जोशी ने कहा कि सितंबर तक पवन ऊर्जा क्षमता 59.20 गीगावाट तक पहुंची है। यह निरंतर वृद्धि 2030 तक 100 गीगावाट स्थापित पवन ऊर्जा क्षमता के हमारे राष्ट्रीय लक्ष्य को प्राप्त करने की नौवें को मजबूत करेगी और भारत के पवन ऊर्जा

एतमे इंडिया इंडस्ट्रीज ने निवेशकों को किया खुश

मजबूत लिस्टिंग के बाद लगा अपर सर्किट

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली । भारतीय रेलवे कंपोनेंट्स और मैनुफैक्चरिंग सर्विसेज क्षेत्र से जुड़ी कंपनी एतमे इंडिया इंडस्ट्रीज लिमिटेड के शेयरों ने आज स्टॉक मार्केट में मजबूती के साथ एंट्री कर अपने आईपीओ निवेशकों को खुश कर दिया। आईपीओ के तहत कंपनी के शेयर 196 रुपये के भाव पर जारी किए गए थे। आज बीएसई के एसएमई प्लेटफॉर्म पर इसकी लिस्टिंग 12.76 प्रतिशत प्रीमियम के साथ 221 रुपये के स्तर पर हुई।मजबूत लिस्टिंग के बाद खरीदारों ने लिवाली शुरु कर दी, जिससे इस शेयर की चाल में तेजी आ गई। लगातार हो रही खरीदारी के सपोर्ट से कुछ देर में ही ये शेयर उछल कर 232.05 रुपये के अपर सर्किट लेवल तक पहुंच गया। इस तरह पहले दिन के कारोबार में ही कंपनी के आईपीओ निवेशकों को प्रति शेयर 36.05 रुपये यानी 18.39 प्रतिशत का फायदा हो गया। इस कंपनी का 121.69 करोड़ रुपये का आईपीओ 30 सितंबर से छह अक्टूबर के बीच सब्सक्रिप्शन के लिए खुला था। इस आईपीओ को निवेशकों की ओर से शानदार रिसॉन्स मिला था, जिसके कारण ये ओवरऑल 87.21 गुना सब्सक्राइब



फेस वैल्यू वाले कुल 62,08,800 शेयर जारी किए गए हैं। इनमें लगभग 106 करोड़ रुपये के 54,07,200 नए शेयर जारी किए गए हैं, जबकि लगभग 16 करोड़ रुपये के 8,01,600 शेयर ऑफर फॉर सेल विंडो के जरिये बेचे गए हैं। आईपीओ में नए शेयरों की बिक्री से जुटाए गए पैसे का इस्तेमाल कंपनी नए प्लांट को सेंटअप करने और उसके लिए नई मशीनरी खरीदने, वर्किंग कैपिटल की जरूरतों को पूरा करने, पुराने कर्ज के बोझ को कम करने, आईपीओ से जुड़े खर्चों की भरपाई करने और आम कॉर्पोरेट उद्देश्यों में करेगी।

पारामाउंट सिंटेक्स ने निवेशकों को किया निराश

109.25 रुपये के लोअर सर्किट लेवल पर पहुंच गया। इस तरह पहले दिन के कारोबार में ही कंपनी के आईपीओ निवेशकों को प्रति शेयर 17.75 रुपये यानी

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। टेक्सटाइल सेक्टर के लिए काम करने वाली, विशेष रूप से धागे का उत्पादन करने वाली कंपनी पारामाउंट सिंटेक्स लिमिटेड के शेयरों ने आज स्टॉक मार्केट में कमजोर शुरुआत कर अपने आईपीओ निवेशकों को निराश कर दिया। आईपीओ के तहत कंपनी के शेयर 127 रुपये के भाव पर जारी किए गए थे। आज बीएसई के एसएमई प्लेटफॉर्म पर इसकी लिस्टिंग 9.45 प्रतिशत डिस्काउंट के साथ 115 रुपये के स्तर पर हुई।कमजोर लिस्टिंग के बाद बिकवाली शुरु हो जाने के कारण ये शेयर गिरता चला गया। लगातार हो रही बिकवाली की वजह से थोड़ी देर में ही ये शेयर लुढ़क कर

व्यापारियों के लिए सबसे महत्वपूर्ण सुधारों में से एक है। इससे बार-बार रिटर्न दाखिल करने और जटिल अनुपालन प्रक्रियाओं का बोझ कम होगा, समय और संसाधनों की बचत होगी तथा व्यापारी अपने व्यवसाय के विस्तार पर अधिक ध्यान दे सकेंगे। खंडेलवाल ने कहा कि छोटे विक्रेताओं की विभिन्न राज्यों में ई-कॉमर्स प्लेटफॉर्म के माध्यम से व्यापार करने की सुविधा मिलना लाखों छोटे दुकानदारों, घरेलू उद्योगों, कारीगरों, महिला उद्यमियों और ग्रामीण उद्यमों के लिए नए अवसर खोलेगा। अब छोटे व्यापारी बिना अतिरिक्त जटिलताओं के देशभर के ग्राहकों

वाले छोटे व्यापारियों के लिए प्रस्तावित वार्षिक रिटर्न एवं तिमाही कर भुगतान व्यवस्था का स्वागत करते हुए कहा कि यह जीएसटी लागू होने के बाद छोटे क्षेत्र के विकास को और गति प्रदान करेगी। केंद्रीय मंत्री जोशी ने वर्ष 2030 तक 100 गीगावाट की पवन ऊर्जा क्षमता हासिल करने का रोडमैप प्रस्तुत किया। इस अवसर पर तमिलनाडु के ऊर्जा संसाधन एवं विधि मंत्री थिरु सी.टी.आर निर्मल कुमार, केंद्र सरकार और कई राज्य सरकारों के वरिष्ठ अधिकारी, पवन ऊर्जा संघों के प्रतिनिधि और उद्योग जगत के नेतृत्वकर्ता भी उपस्थित थे। ‘विंडजी’ इंडिया-2026’ वैश्विक पवन ऊर्जा इकोसिस्टम को एक साझा मंच पर लाया है, जिसमें 20 से अधिक देशों का प्रतिनिधित्व करने वाले लगभग 400 प्रदर्शक, 500 प्रतिनिधि और डेनामार्क, जर्मनी और स्पेन के समर्पित कंट्री पेवेलियन (देश-विशेष मंडप) शामिल हैं।

बिजली संयंत्रों को अक्टूबर में कोयले की आपूर्ति में 36 फीसदी का इजाफा

बिजली संयंत्रों को कोयले की आपूर्ति सितंबर के निचले स्तर से 36 फीसदी बढ़ी

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। कोयला मंत्रालय ने कहा कि अक्टूबर के दौरान बिजली संयंत्रों को कोयले की आपूर्ति में उल्लेखनीय सुधार हुआ है। बिजली की कमी को लेकर सामने आई कुछ मीडिया रिपोर्टें भ्रामक हैं।कोयला मंत्रालय ने जारी एक आधिकारिक बयान में कहा कि अक्टूबर में कोयले की बिजली संयंत्रों को आपूर्ति सितंबर महीने की तुलना में औसतन 9 फीसदी अधिक रही है। सितंबर माह के निचले स्तर की तुलना में इसमें करीब 36 फीसदी की वृद्धि दर्ज की गई है। मंत्रालय ने कहा कि हाल ही में कुछ मीडिया रिपोर्टों में बिजली

संयंत्रों में कोयला भंडार कम स्तर पर पहुंचने के कारण भारत में बिजली की कमी की आशंका जताई गई है। इस संदर्भ में कोयला मंत्रालय निम्नलिखित स्पष्टीकरण देना चाहता है। कोयला मंत्रालय ने बताया कि बिजली संयंत्रों में कोयला भंडार में कमी आने की रफ्तार धीमी हुई है। वहीं, रेल के जरिये कोयले की ढुलाई में सुधार हुआ है। कोयले के भंडार में दैनिक कमी सितंबर के 2.43 लाख टन से घटकर अब अक्टूबर में 1.16 लाख टन रह गई है। अक्टूबर में रेल के जरिये कोयले की औसत दैनिक ढुलाई 465 रेक से अधिक रही। लगातार तीन दिन 470 रेक प्रतिदिन का लक्ष्य भी हासिल किया गया। सड़क समेत अन्य माध्यमों से कोयले की आपूर्ति में भी सुधार हुआ है।मंत्रालय ने बिजली संयंत्रों में कोयले का

भंडार कम होने से देश में बिजली की कमी का जोखिम बढ़ने संबंधी मीडिया रिपोर्ट पर प्रतिक्रिया में बताया कि ‘क्रिटिकल स्टॉक’ का दर्जा मानदंडों पर आधारित एक संकेतक है। ये उन बिजली संयंत्रों पर लागू होता है, जिनके पास निर्धारित मानक भंडार की सीमा से कम कोयला उपलब्ध होता है।

कोयला मंत्रालय ने कहा कि इसका उद्देश्य वास्तविक धंधन की कमी होने या बिजली उत्पादन प्रभावित होने से काफी पहले ही संबंधित संयंत्रों को सतर्क करना है। मंत्रालय ने बताया कि इस सूची में किसी संयंत्र का शामिल होना, प्रारंभिक चेतावनी के रूप में देखा जाना चाहिए। इसका यह अर्थ नहीं है कि उस संयंत्र में कोयला समाप्त हो गया है या उसके तत्काल बंद होने का खतरा है।

कमजोर लिस्टिंग के बाद लगा लोअर सर्किट

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13.98 प्रतिशत का नुकसान हो गया। इस कंपनी का 81.79 करोड़ रुपये का आईपीओ 30 सितंबर से छह अक्टूबर के बीच सब्सक्राइब हो सका था। इस आईपीओ को निवेशकों की ओर से एवरेज रिसॉन्स मिला था, जिसके कारण ये ओवरऑल 1.87 गुना सब्सक्राइब हुआ था। इनमें क्वालिफाइड इंस्टीट्यूशनल

पोरशन में सिर्फ 0.09 प्रतिशत सब्सक्रिप्शन आया था। इसके अलावा रिटेल इन्वेस्टर्स के लिए रिजर्व पोरशन 1.08 गुना सब्सक्राइब हो सका था। इस आईपीओ के तहत 10 रुपये फेस वैल्यू वाले कुल 64,40,000 आईपीओ के जरिये जुटाए गए पैसे का इस्तेमाल कंपनी नई

मशीनरी खरीदने, वर्किंग कैपिटल की जरूरतों को पूरा करने, पुराने कर्ज के बोझ को कम करने, आईपीओ से जुड़े खर्चों की भरपाई करने और आम कॉर्पोरेट उद्देश्यों में करेगी।

पारामाउंट सिंटेक्स लिमिटेड की वित्तीय स्थिति की बात करें तो कैपिटल मार्केट रेगुलेटर सेबी के पास जमा कराए गए रेड हेरिंग प्रॉस्पेक्टस (आएचपी) में किए गए दावे के मुताबिक इसकी वित्तीय सेहत में शानदार सुधार हुआ है। वित्त वर्ष 2023-24 में कंपनी को 1.35 करोड़ रुपये का शुद्ध लाभ हुआ था, जो अगले वित्त वर्ष 2024-25 में बढ़ कर 6.73 करोड़ रुपये के स्तर पर पहुंच गया। वहीं पिछले वित्त वर्ष 2025-26 में कंपनी को 13.87 करोड़ रुपये का शुद्ध लाभ हुआ था। इस दौरान कंपनी की राजस्व प्राप्ति में भी बढ़ोतरी हुई।

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। सर्राफा बाजार में आज शुरुआती कारोबार के दौरान गिरावट का सोने के भाव में सांकेतिक गिरावट का रुख नजर आ रहा है। वहीं चांदी के भाव में आज लगातार तीसरे दिन कोई बदलाव नहीं हुआ है। कीमत में आई कमजोरी के कारण देश के ज्यादातर सर्राफा बाजार में 24 कैरेट सोना आज 1,49,530 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम से

लेकर 1,49,680 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम के स्तर पर कारोबार कर रहा है। इसी तरह 22 कैरेट सोना आज 1,37,080 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम से लेकर 1,37,230 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम के बीच बिक रहा है। चांदी के भाव में बदलाव नहीं होने के कारण ये चमकीली धातु दिल्ली सर्राफा बाजार में आज भी 2,34,900 रुपये प्रति किलोग्राम के स्तर पर बिक रही है। दिल्ली में 24 कैरेट सोना

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ईरी मॉथ : यह है दुनिया का सबसे बड़ा पतंगा

ब्राजील में पाए जाने वाले इस पतंगे को दुनिया में सबसे बड़े कीट का दर्जा प्राप्त है। इसे ईरी मॉथ, ग्रेट ऑक्लेट माथ, ग्रेट ग्रे विच जैसे विभिन्न नामों से जाना जाता है। पतंगों की दुनिया में इसके पंख सबसे लंबे होते हैं, जिनका आकार 30 सेंटीमीटर तक होता है। हालांकि हरक्यूलिस माथ और एटलस माथ के पंखों का क्षेत्रफल ज्यादा होता है।

जीवन सिर्फ दो हफ्तों का

इसके पंखों पर बने विशिष्ट आकार के पैटर्न इसे ट्रॉपिकल जंगलों में पेड़ों के बीच छिपने में मदद करते हैं। यह इतना बड़ा पतंगा भी शिकारियों की नजर से बचा रहता है। इसके इसी छद्ममावरण के कारण इसे देखना बड़ा मुश्किल होता है। पंखों का रंग क्रीमी वाइट या

हल्का भूरा होता है, जिन पर कई बादामी और काली धारियां जिगजैग पैटर्न बनाती हैं। नर में ये पैटर्न ज्यादा स्पष्ट होते हैं। उनका जीवन काल एक-दो सप्ताह तक ही होता है।

पेड़ों की पतियों पर देती है अंडे

इनकी मादाएं रबर के पेड़ और कैसिया जैसे पेड़ों की पतियों पर अपने अंडे देती हैं, जिनसे निकलने वाले लार्वा इन्हीं की पतियों को खाकर बड़े होते हैं। ये युवा बन च्यूपा बनाते हैं। ये पतंगे ऊरगवे से लेकर मेक्सिको और कभी-कभी टेक्सास तक पहुंच जाते हैं।

सांस्कृतिक मान्यताएं

दक्षिण अमेरिका की कई संस्कृतियों में यह मान्यता है कि यह पतंगे छिपी हुई अदृश्य दुनिया के संदेशवाहक हैं। वहां के लोगों का मानना है कि मृत लोगों की आत्माओं को ये अपने विशाल पंखों पर धारण करती है।



जमीन पर रेंग कर चलने वाली पर्च मछली

‘मछली जल की रानी है, जीवन उसका पानी है, हथ लगाओ डर जाएगी, बाहर निकालो मर जाएगी’ मछलियों के बारे में भले ही आपने बचपन से ही ये बातें सुनी हों अर्थात यह कहा जाता रहा है कि बिना जल के मछली के जीवन की कल्पना भी नहीं की जा सकती लेकिन ‘पर्च’ नामक मछली की एक प्रजाति ऐसी भी है, जो न सिर्फ पानी से बाहर भी 12 घंटे तक जीवित रह सकती है बल्कि जमीन पर रेंग कर चल भी सकती है। अन्य प्रकार की मछलियों को पक्षी भले ही न छोड़ें पर पर्च मछली को पक्षी नहीं खाते।

कारण है पर्च में पाए जाने वाले

कांटे। आपको यह जानकर भी बड़ी हैरानी होगी कि इस मछली को सबसे पहले किसी जलस्रोत में नहीं बल्कि खजूर के एक पेड़ पर देखा गया था, यही वजह है कि इसे ‘आरोही’ मछली भी कहा जाता है। पूरे भारतीय प्रायद्वीप में पाई जाने वाली पर्च मछली ताजे पानी की मछली है जो हमेशा एक बेहतर घर की तलाश में रहती है। इसके शरीर में एक विशेष अंग होता है जिसके जरिए यह पानी के बाहर भी सांस ले पाती है। इसके गलफड़े अच्छी तरह विकसित नहीं होते। यही वजह है कि इसे सांस लेने के लिए बार-बार पानी की सतह पर आना पड़ता है। यदि पानी स्थिर हो जाए या फिर ज्यादा दूषित हो जाए तो यह पानी से बाहर आकर नए घर की तलाश शुरू कर देती है। पानी से बाहर यह करीब 12 घंटे तक जीवित रह सकती है, बशर्ते कि इसके गलफड़े तब तक गीले रहें। पानी से बाहर सांस लेने की अपनी अद्भुत क्षमता के कारण ही यह मछली वापस अपना रास्ता खोज लेती है।



रोमांच का दूसरा नाम मसाई मारा

रोमांच के शौकीनों के लिए मसाई मारा किसी स्वर्ग से कम नहीं है। सुबह सूरज की पहली किरणों के साथ अफ्रीका के कुछ सर्वाधिक खूबसूरत नजारे मसाई मारा में नजर आने लगते हैं। पर्यटन केन्या की आय का एक महत्वपूर्ण स्रोत है जिसके बाद फूलों, कॉफी तथा चाय के निर्यात से होने वाली आय है। दुकेन्या में पर्यटन उद्योग हाल के दिनों में एक बार फिर अपने पैरों पर खड़ा होने लगा है, जब 2008 में केन्या में मची उथल-पुथल तथा खून-खराबे ने यहां सफारी पर्यटन को भारी नुकसान पहुंचाया था।

पहली बार मसाई मारा आने वाले लोग इसके अनोखेपन से अभिभूत हुए बिना नहीं रह पाते हैं। करीब स्थित तंजानिया के सैरिंगेटी से बेशक ग्नु (हिरण की प्रजाति के जानवर) के झुंड इन दिनों यहां नहीं पहुंच रहे हों, फिर भी यह राष्ट्रीय उद्यान अनेक जानवरों की तस्वीरों से भरी किसी सुंदर पुस्तक जैसा प्रतीत होता है। जो लोग यहां करीब 30 साल पहले आ चुके हैं, वे याद कर सकते हैं कि तब यहां पहुंचने के लिए राजधानी नैरोबी से कार में 250 किलोमीटर का सफर तय करके पहुंचना पड़ता था परंतु अब सीधे हवाई जहाज में यहां पहुंचा जा सकता है। पहले की तुलना में वे यहां कई अंतर देख सकते हैं। मसाई मारा तक जाने वाले रास्ते के दोनों तरफ अब बाड़ों में घिरे गेहूं के खेत तथा पालतू पशुओं के झुंड दिखाई देते हैं। अब यहां पहले की तुलना में जानवर भी कहीं कम हैं। केन्या में बढ़ती जनसंख्या का दबाव अब जंगलों तक पहुंच चुका है। 1980 से अब तक केन्या की जनसंख्या 150 प्रतिशत बढ़ कर 4 करोड़ 10 लाख तक पहुंच चुकी है। लोगों को रहने के लिए स्थान भी चाहिए और भोजन भी, जिसका विपरीत असर जंगलों और उनमें रहने वाले जीवों पर साफ नजर आता है। केन्या के जंगलों में खूब सारे जानवर हैं तो कुछ शिकारी भी हैं परंतु अभी यहां जानवरों का शिकार नियंत्रण में है। वैसे भी मसाई लड़ाके (मूल निवासी या यहां रहने वाले आदिवासी) प्राचीन काल से भाले से शेर का शिकार करके अपनी मर्दानगी साबित करते आए हैं। केन्या की जैव विविधता पर नजर रखने वाले कुछ विशेषज्ञों का कहना है कि मसाई मारा राष्ट्रीय उद्यान में गैर-कानूनी रूप से चरने वाले पशुओं की संख्या में लगातार इजाफा हुआ है। 1977 से अब तक यह संख्या 10 गुणा बढ़ चुकी है। दूसरी तरफ वन्य जीवों की संख्या में दो-



तिहाई कमी आई है। इस संबंध में जारी पहले दौर्घकालीन अध्ययन के नतीजों पर कई लोगों ने आपत्ति भी जाहिर की है परंतु जानकारों का कहना है कि नतीजों में दिख रहे नकारात्मक रुझानों को नजरअंदाज नहीं किया जा सकता है और पिछले 35 सालों के दौरान सम्पूर्ण मसाई क्षेत्र में जंगली जानवरों की संख्या में 80 प्रतिशत तक कमी आई है। काफी सारा जंगली इलाका किसानों को पशु चराने तथा खेती के लिए सौंप दिया गया है। वे जंगल जिनमें मूल मसाई लोग

खेती किया करते थे तथा जो उनके संरक्षण में रहते थे, अब तेजी से काटे जा रहे हैं। केन्या के जंगलों के समक्ष इन चुनौतियों तथा चिंताओं के बावजूद भी मसाई मारा की यात्रा एक अविस्मरणीय अनुभव बन जाती है। जंगल में रात गुजारने के लिए अनेक बंदोबस्त हैं परंतु उनमें से अधिकतर काफी महंगे हैं। वहां लॉज तथा तम्बू भी मिल जाते हैं और वे भी विभिन्न तरह के। यहां पर्यटकों के लिए कई कैम्प लगे रहते हैं। ऐसे ही एक

मारा बुश कैम्प में हर तम्बू में एक काऊबैल लगाई गई है ताकि किसी जानवर के करीब आने पर अलार्म बज जाए क्योंकि इस कैम्प के चारों ओर कोई बाड़ नहीं लगी है। इससे पहले कि आप यहां किसी रेस्तरां या कैम्प फायर तक जाने के लिए निकलें, अपने साथ भाले से लैस किसी स्थानीय मसाई लड़ाके को ले जाना न भूलें।



किसी न्यूज चैनल पर या मूवी में जब हवाओं का एक स्पिन करता हुआ गोला तेजी से पेड़, कार, जानवरों सबको खाते हुए दिखता है तो लगता है जैसे प्रकृति गुस्से से लाल-पीली नहीं बल्कि काली और भूरी हो रही है। हवा और पानी के रौद्र रूप का ये भी एक उदाहरण है। ये वो तूफान हैं जो अपने रास्ते में आने वाली हर चीज को तोड़-मरोड़ कर खत्म कर देते हैं। इन तूफानों के समय हवा की रफ्तार 150 मील प्रति घंटा और इससे कहीं ज्यादा तक हो सकती है। जानो इन खास तूफानी रूपों के बारे में और समझो इनके पीछे का विज्ञान।



कि सी चैनल पर या मूवी तुमने भी हवाओं का एक स्पिन करता हुआ गोला तेजी से पेड़, कार, जानवरों सबको खाते हुए देखा होगा। इन्हें तुमने कई बार डिस्कवरी चैनल पर या किसी हॉलीवुड मूवी में भी देखा होगा। जमीन के साथ-साथ ये तूफानी बादलों की सतह से भी जुड़े हुए मालूम होते हैं। टॉरनेडो के अलावा इसे सायक्लोन या टिविस्टर भी कहा जाता है। ये सारी चीजों को टिविस्टर करता हुआ जो उड़ता है। दूर से देखो तो ऐसा लगता है मानो बादल से किसी ने एक बड़े से कपड़े को जमीन पर खड़े किसी हाथ में में पकड़ा दिया हो और बादल और जमीन दोनों मिलकर उस कपड़े को निचोड़ रहे हों। वहीं सायक्लोन नाम का उपयोग मेटरोलॉजी यानी मौसम विज्ञान में ज्यादा बड़े तूफान के मामले में किया जाता है। हिंदी में ये चक्रवात या बवंडर कहलाते हैं। यूं टॉरनेडो नाम स्पेनिश शब्द ‘टोनाडा’ से बना है जिसका मतलब है ‘थंडरस्ट्रॉम’। टॉरनेडो अलग-अलग साइज के हो सकते हैं पर इनका आकार तुम्हारी कैमरेस्ट्री लेंब में मौजूद फनल के जैसा होता है। जमीन की तरफ से संकरा और आसमान की ओर खुला हुआ। ये धूल का बड़ा सा गुबार होते हैं। सायक्लोन उन जगहों पर ज्यादा पैदा होते हैं जो जगहें इक्वेटर से पास हैं और ध्रुवों की तरफ यानी इक्वेटर से दूर जगहों पर ये कम पाए जाते हैं। हमारे देश में ये बंगाल की खाड़ी के पास

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वाले इलाकों में ज्यादा दिखाई देते हैं। वैसे अंटार्कटिका के अलावा ये लगभग हर कॉन्टिनेंट में मिलते हैं। इनकी सबसे ज्यादा संख्या पाई जाती है अमेरिका के ‘टॉरनेडो ऐली’ रीजन में। वैसे उत्तरी अमेरिका में इनका होना बहुत आम है। इनके आने का पता लगाने के लिए ‘पल्स डॉप्लर राडार’ की मदद ली जाती है और इन्हें नापने के लिए कई तरह की प्युजिता या टॉरो जैसी स्केल्स का उपयोग किया जाता है। सामान्यतः किसी एक तूफान से एक से ज्यादा टॉरनेडो भी पैदा हो सकते हैं। ऐसे में इन्हें टॉरनेडो फैमेली भी कहा जाता है। यही नहीं जिस जगह टॉरनेडो बन रहे हैं उस जगह के नेबर के हिसाब से इनका रंग भी अलग-अलग हो सकता है। जैसे पानी के ऊपर उठने वाले टॉरनेडो सफेद या नीले हो

सकते हैं तो कभी मिटटी पर उठने के कारण ये लाल रंग के भी हो सकते हैं। है यह भी चक्रवात या सायक्लोन का ही एक रूप लेकिन इसका रिजल्ट भारी बारिश और बाद वाले तूफान के रूप में दिखाई देता है। यानी ये पानी का खतरनाक रूप हैं। इन्हें भी तुमने कई हॉलीवुड मूवीज में देखा होगा। ये ट्रॉपिकल सायक्लोन कहलाते हैं जो कि मैक्सिको की खाड़ी, कैरेबियन सी, पूर्वी प्रशांत महासागर यानी ईस्टर्न पैसिफिक ओशियन तथा दक्षिणी अटलांटिक ओशियन जैसी जगहों पर जन्म लेते हैं। समुद्र की सतह पर मौजूद भाप से ये एनर्जी पाते हैं। इससे ही फिर भयानक बारिश वाले बादल आकार लेते हैं। इन्हें हरीकेन और टायफून के अलावा ट्रॉपिकल स्टॉर्म, ट्रॉपिकल डिप्रेशन आदि नामों से भी जाना

जाता है। खास बात यह कि जमीन पर आने के बाद ये कमजोर पड़ जाते हैं क्योंकि उस समय ये अपने एनर्जी के सोर्स से यानी समुद्र की सतह से अलग होने लगते हैं। इनके बनते समय हवा पानी की सतह से ऊपर उठने की बजाय पानी के भीतर जाकर गोल, घुमावदार रूप ले लेती है। इससे पानी पर एक खाली जगह बन जाती है जिसे ‘आर्ड’ यानी आंख कहा जाता है। दुनियाभर में ये तूफान आमतौर पर गरमी के मौसम के विदा लेते समय पैदा होते हैं जब समुद्र की सतह का तापमान सबसे ज्यादा होता है और भाप तेजी से बनती है। हालांकि, इसके अलावा भी

अलग-अलग जगह इनका अलग सीजन हो सकता है। जमीन पर मौजूद डॉप्लर वेदर राडार के अलावा वेदर सैटेलाइट के जरिए भी इनके आने की सूचना मिल सकती है। इनका टायफून नाम अरबी भाषा के ‘तूफान’ शब्द से लिया गया है जिसे हिंदी और उर्दू में भी उपयोग में लाया जाता है। तूफान शब्द असल में ग्रीक मायथोलॉजी में तूफान के एक राक्षस ‘टायफोन’ से भी जुड़ता है। वहीं हरीकेन शब्द स्पेनिश भाषा से आया है और तूफानों के देवता ‘हुराकान’ को दर्शाता है। सबसे मजेदार बात यह है कि इन तूफानों की पहचान के लिए इनकी बकायदा नाम दिए जाते हैं।



NEWS BOX

After 19 seasons, Maharashtra's Ankit Bawne is still alive and chasing India dream

PUDUCHERRY. (Agency)

He swept Services left-arm spinner Arjun Sharma for a boundary, took off his helmet and let out a roar. Ankit Bawne pointed his bat towards someone in the dressing room, celebrating his hundred with an intensity reminiscent of Virat Kohli. It was the opening day of the new Ranji Trophy season, and the 33-year-old Maharashtra batter had just scored his 25th first-class century. He had celebrated hundreds before, but this one meant a little more. After a season that left him questioning his place in the game, Bawne had something to prove, if only to himself. The weather was pleasant at the Air Force Cricket Ground in Palam, Delhi, but the conditions were hardly conducive to free-flowing batting. The ball kept low, the pitch offered uneven bounce and Services’ experienced bowlers made life difficult for Maharashtra. Every ten minutes, planes taking off from the nearby Indira Gandhi International Airport flew over the ground,



their engines drowning out the sounds of cricket. Through it all, Bawne remained composed, collecting singles and resisting the temptation to force the pace. When he finally reached three figures, however, the emotions came pouring out.

Ranji Trophy 2026-27: Day 1 roundup

Maharashtra finished the opening day at 287 for five, with Bawne contributing an unbeaten 105. Prithvi Shaw had provided the early impetus with a brisk 70, but it was Bawne who ensured Maharashtra had a strong platform despite the difficult conditions. For a batter who had spent nearly two decades making his way through the domestic circuit, this was more than a good start to a new season. It was a reminder of why he had stayed.

West Indies had a plan for me, but I had to play better than that: Abhishek Sharma



INDORE. (Agency)

India opener Abhishek Sharma said he had to find ways to counter the West Indies' plans against him after smashing a 30-ball 69 to power India to a 14-run win in the third T20I here. India took a 2-1 lead in the five-match series with Abhishek's quickfire knock, his 108-run stand for the second wicket with Ishan Kishan (37), and Arshdeep Singh's 3/44 setting up the victory in the third game here on Sunday. Abhishek said the West Indies opening with off-spinner Roston Chase and their field placement on the off side prompted him to explore more scoring options. "I wouldn't say it was deliberate, but it was there in my mind that they had a plan against me," Abhishek told reporters after the match when asked about his off-side strokes. (With the) off-spinner bowling against me, it was just a battle between him and me. "I gave him respect in the first over because he is bowling really well in this series, so it is just the plan that went pretty well for me as well. Because in the powerplay, I was trying to just get a few runs and they had a plan for me, and I had to play better than that," said Abhishek, who smacked six fours and five sixes in his innings. He added, "I don't think and play deliberately. It just happens when I see the field placement, whenever they have a field placement which allows me to just give myself room and play those shots. India restricted the West Indies to 209 for seven after being bowled out for 223. Abhishek said India wanted to be ruthless against the Caribbean side. West Indies is such a team that you can never say that the match is now on our side. This was on our mind because we saw in the last match that whichever batsman comes in, (with) the conditions that we have here, it is very easy for them to take the match to their side.

How Churchill Brothers raced against time to stun two-time ISL champions Mumbai City

Churchill Brothers had just 25 days of training before their maiden Indian Super League campaign, with late arrivals and visa delays adding to the challenge. They began with a 2-1 win over two-time champions Mumbai City FC at Fatorda.

New Delhi. (Agency)

Churchill Brothers had barely found their feet in the Indian Super League before they were asked to take on one of its established names. Three and a half weeks. That was roughly how much time the Goan club had to prepare for its return to the top tier of Indian football. Their preparations were rushed, their squad was still coming together and some of their foreign recruits

had arrived only days before the season began. On Sunday evening, they faced Mumbai City FC, a two-time ISL champion, with a far more settled set-up. By the end of the night, Churchill had beaten them 2-1 at Fatorda, with Gaurav Bora and Sebastian Gutierrez scoring the goals that made their first appearance in the competition one to remember. There was no guarantee that the work squeezed into those few weeks would be enough against Mumbai City's experience and they predictably controlled much of the first half and created the better openings. Churchill had to stay patient, keep their shape and wait for opportunities to come their way. They did exactly that after the break.

FROM TAKEOVER TO TEAM SHEET IN WEEKS

Churchill's route into the ISL was far from straightforward. In August, the Goan club acquired Jamshedpur FC's operating

company from Tata Steel for a token Rs 100, taking over the contracts of 12 players and two coaches. That gave Churchill a way into the competition, but there was still a team to prepare for the season ahead. The transfer meant Churchill were not starting entirely



from scratch. Even so, getting ready for their first ISL campaign was a race against time. Some of their foreign recruits arrived late, while others were still awaiting visas.

With the opening fixture approaching, the club had to bring its players together and get them ready to compete. Coach Dimitris Dimitriou knew just how much ground his side had to cover. In close to four weeks, Churchill squeezed in around 37 to 38 training sessions before taking on Mumbai City, a club far more accustomed to the demands of the ISL. Those sessions had to cover the usual work of a pre-season, from fitness and tactical preparation to getting players accustomed to one another. But Churchill could not afford the luxury of a long build-up like they were easing into the season against an opponent of similar experience. Their first examination would come against a side coached by Manolo Marquez, who had previously worked with FC Goa and was even the Indian national team head coach, which means he knew Indian football inside out..

Naman Dhir and the making of India's next three-dimensional cricketer

Indore. (Agency)

Naman Dhir's emergence as a genuine threat with the ball presents an exciting opportunity for Indian cricket. In a format increasingly dominated by big-hitting, the 26-year-old from Ambala has shown the tenacity to become a genuine wicket-taking option. While his batting exploits first brought him into the spotlight, his off-spin could be what makes him a particularly valuable prospect for India's white-ball future. Dhir first came into the spotlight when Mumbai Indians picked him up for Rs 20 lakh ahead of the 2024 IPL season. He was primarily known for his batting, but the franchise believed in his potential enough to bring him back the following year by exercising its Right-to-Match card at Rs 5.25, underlining the faith Mumbai Indians had in his ability.

IND vs WI 2nd T20I: Highlights | Scorecard

His batting credentials received further validation in the Sher-E-Punjab



tournament, Punjab's T20 league, where he finished the 2026 season as the leading run-scorer. Representing the Amritsar Soormas, led by his India teammate Abhishek Sharma, Dhir amassed 655 runs in 10 matches. One of those innings was a remarkable 173, which came close to breaking the record for the highest

individual score in the competition. The numbers established Dhir as a quality batter capable of holding his own in the big leagues. But his bowling during India's ongoing T20I series against the West Indies has added another dimension to his game, one that could make him far more than just a middle-order power-hitter.

MORE THAN A BATTER

India's victories in Lucknow and Indore have offered two different illustrations of Dhir's ability with the ball. His performances have stood out even in a bowling attack featuring established names such as Arshdeep Singh, Kuldeep Yadav and Axar Patel. On his T20I debut in Lucknow, Dhir returned figures of 3/31 in his four overs. The conditions were not quite the batting paradise many had anticipated, but he showed the ingenuity to make an impact in a packed bowling attack. To do so on debut made the performance all the more impressive.

Denied US visas, U23 wrestlers may get trials for Senior Worlds

CHENNAI. (Agency)

A couple of Greco-Roman wrestlers, who missed out on a chance to compete at the U23 World Championships due to non-issuance of visas by the US Embassy on grounds of age and employment status, may get an opportunity to make it to the senior Worlds squad by competing in selection trials. Women wrestlers, too, may get a similar opportunity if the Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) is unable to procure their visas for the USA event. A decision in this regard will be taken by the federation on Monday. The U23 Worlds is scheduled in Las Vegas, USA from October 12 to 18 while the Senior World Championships will be held in Astana, Kazakhstan from October 24 to November 1. A total of five men Greco-Roman and as



many women wrestlers were refused visas by the Embassy a few days ago. Two out of five GR wrestlers — Samarth Gajanan Mhakave (60kg) and Dheeraj Kumar Malik (77kg) — are now in line to compete against selected wrestlers in their respective weight categories for the Worlds. "Harsh from Delhi and Luvepreet Singh of RSPB won the trials held to select the team for the senior World Championships in 60kg and 77kg

respectively. The WFI will have a discussion and if a consensus is reached then each of these two wrestlers will be asked to compete in a bout for final selection," a WFI official told this daily. Notably, Sumit Dalal and Aman represented the country in 60kg and 77kg, respectively at the 2026 Asian Games. Both returned without a medal from Japan even as other two Greco-Roman wrestlers, Nitesh Siwach (97kg) and Sunil Kumar (87kg) won a silver and a bronze, respectively. Two others in the national squad were withdrawn before the event because of alleged doping violations. In the women's category, 50kg and 62kg weight categories could have selection trials. Parveen and Neha were selected for the U23 Worlds but so far, they have not been granted visas.



aggression with smart decision-making sets him apart. Speaking on Cricbuzz after Abhishek's explosive knock against the West Indies in Indore, Karthik highlighted how the opener has evolved beyond power-hitting to become a consistent threat across conditions.

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o; "He's a fantastic opener. In him, India have someone who is extremely destructive against any attack. He can take it on in the big moments as well," Karthik said. He's got the skills, he's got the shots, and now he's become a consistent scorer of runs at that strike rate, which is what makes him so special," he added.

HOW ABHISHEK SHARMA SCRIPTED HISTORY VS WI

Abhishek smashed 69 off just 30 balls, including six fours and five sixes, as India posted 223 all out at the Holkar Stadium. His 108-run stand with Ishan Kishan, who made 37 off 18 balls.

APL gaining more traction after archers' historic show at Asiad: APL chief Kamineni

Surge in viewership, interest from sponsors are few of the parameters the Director and Chairman of league has observed

CHENNAI. (Agency)

Season two of the Archery Premier League (APL) in Hyderabad could not have come at a better time. Just after Indian archers made history at the Asian Games by winning five gold medals in Japan, the league, filled with top-class players, has been gaining attention. Director and chairman of the league, Anil Kamineni, cannot be more happier than he is today with how the league is performing on all metrics. But this time last-year the story was completely different as Kamineni and his team set out to attract more people into the sport. A first in the world of archery, season one of APL featured 48 archers in six eight-member teams. Top international stars like 2024

gold medallist Elia Canales and World No 1 Ella Gibson also participated. The key objective was to set a base for the forthcoming season. "The results of these recent Asian Games have shown that we are all going in the right direction as far as archery in India is concerned. And APL is also one of the reasons why it has helped us," he told this daily. While acknowledging the contribution of the Archery Association of India and the coaches, Kamineni believed competition against top-level archers and a reduced shot clock in the inaugural season has helped them do away with pressure. "Our objective was to make sure that they don't feel the pressure. Being with these international archers for so many days, training and shooting with them has helped them. And then easing the pressure by getting used to the 15-second shot clock has helped them too. So these two things have helped our archers very much and they also feel the same way," he explained. The 15-second shot clock is

something that archers have taken a liking to. This season, sudden-death rounds have brought excitement among fans and archers. Kamineni said that the league will



keep exploring for ideas. "We are always thinking on how to make the league more exciting to the audience and tougher for the archers also. There are slight tweaks in the shootouts and teams get to name substitutes for each round," he said.

Kamineni also said that potential sponsors are in the waiting and expected more from next season. "Sponsors were decided much earlier than the Asian Games. But after it concluded, a lot of them have shown interest. I'm sure that having seen what our archers are doing and how it's becoming popular, I expect more sponsors in the coming season," he said. While Kamineni acknowledged the surge in TV viewership from last year, he stressed on the importance of popularising the sport by bringing children from remote and tribal areas to the stadium. "That is the most important thing. Even our anthem says 'Aao Banaye Archery Ko Mahan' (Come, let's make archery great). We hope they get inspired from it and down the line as we go, we hope to see more youngsters come into the league. This season, we have around 13-14 new players in the league. That should continue next season as well because they can improve their standards by playing with the top internationals," he said.

Shraddha Kapoor

Rajkummar Rao's Stree 3 To Arrive In 2028, Dinesh Vijan Updates On Vicky Kaushal’s Mahavatar

Producer Dinesh Vijan has shared a major update on the much-awaited third instalment of the Stree franchise. He confirmed that Stree 3, which will see Rajkummar Rao and Shraddha Kapoor return and be directed by Amar Kaushik, is now slated to release in 2028. The film was earlier expected to hit theatres on August 13, 2027.

Fresh updates on Stree 3 and Mahavatar

Rajkummar Rao and Dinesh Vijan recently attended FICCI FRAMES 2026, where they discussed their creative collaboration and the future of Maddock Films’ horror-comedy universe during a panel conversation. After the strong box-office performance of Stree and Stree 2, fans have been eagerly awaiting an update on the next chapter of the horror-comedy franchise. During the panel, Dinesh Vijan also opened up about the shooting schedule of Mahavatar, his upcoming film starring Vicky Kaushal.

While an exact release date has not been announced, Vijan hinted that Stree 3 could arrive around Independence Day or Christmas in 2028. He also revealed that Kaushik has completed the script for the film. He said, “Stree 3 arrives in 2028. If I say anything more, he’ll (Amar Kaushik) get upset with me because he just finished writing it. He thinks that I give out too many spoilers but everything that you have loved about it, you’ll get it but where it starts and where it ends, will be a complete revelation. So, I think it might be a nice Independence Day or a Christmas Day present in 2028.”



Dinesh also spoke about Mahavatar, which is being directed by Amar Kaushik and stars Vicky Kaushal as Lord Parashuram. Describing the project as one of Kaushik’s most ambitious films yet, Vijan also revealed details about its shooting schedule. He added, “Amar Kaushik is the most integral part of Stree and the entire horror comedy franchise. He directs our most ambitious film in January end, which is Bhagwan Parshuram’s story, called Mahavatar. He finishes that in June and at the end of next year, we go on floor.”

Looking back at how the Stree franchise came together, Rajkummar Rao recalled that the team began with a relatively small-budget film and was confident in the story as well as Amar Kaushik’s vision as a director. Rao said, “It was amazing. We started as an independent small-budget film but we all had great faith in the story, and the way Amar was on set. He is like us, so we all were like ‘laundas’ (young boys) on set, we were just cracking jokes, and trying to make this wonderful film with each other, and I think that energy is very much visible on the screen, and that’s exactly what happened with Stree 2.”



Nimrat Kaur

Says Ranveer Singh’s Dhurandhar ‘Raised The Bar’ For Spy Films: 'Everything Better Be At Par...'

Months after its release, Aditya Dhar’s ‘Dhurandhar’ continues to strike a chord with the film fraternity, with actors lauding the film’s authentic storytelling and refreshing take on the spy genre. Nimrat Kaur highlighted how the film has raised the bar for Hindi cinema by introducing a fresh approach to the spy genre that has raised the benchmark for storytelling.

In an interview to ANI, Nimrat reflected on the impact of the film ‘Dhurandhar’ on the audience, saying that the movie’s authentic portrayal has changed a “general perception” towards the spy genre films in Bollywood. The audience demands “authenticity” now, she added.

While referring to ‘Dhurandhar’, Nimrat Kaur said, “When something is done so well that people have tasted of how authentic something like that can seem. So obviously now everything when the bar is raised, which I do believe every once in a while a film comes our way where you’re like, oh, this is the same story, but told in a way which we’ve been waiting for. Everything better be at par or better than that or else, you know, let’s not attempt it. You know, that is going to be the general perception.”

Nimrat Kaur believes that ‘Dhurandhar’ has now become a synonym of “authenticity” in the Hindi film industry due to its portrayal. “When a

story is told to its I think maximum potential, in the most authentic way possible, to the world that you’re trying to project and show, it no longer becomes, oh, ‘just another spy film’. Then it’s like, oh, wow, Dhurandhar,” added Nimrat Kaur.

The praise for ‘Dhurandhar’ from Nimrat Kaur and other members of the film fraternity comes after the historic box office run of Ranveer Singh starrer ‘Dhurandhar’ and ‘Dhurandhar: The Revenge’ in the later part of 2025 and early months of 2026.

The film was directed by National Award filmmaker Aditya Dhar and stars Ranveer Singh in the lead role. Apart from the central role, the movie also stars Rakesh Bedi, R Madhavan, Arjun Rampal, Akshaye Khanna and Sanjay Dutt in prominent roles.



Farah Khan Warns Paparazzi Not To Click Her From Inappropriate Angle: ‘Salman Bhai Ne Bola Na...’



Last week, Salman Khan called out trolls and paparazzi during Bigg Boss 20 Weekend Ka Vaar. He slammed photographers who click pictures of female celebrities in inappropriate angles. Now, days after his outburst, Farah Khan has also schooled paparazzi, warning them not to click her picture while she is heading away. She reminded them of Salman’s warning, and urged them to turn their cameras.

Farah Khan Reminds Paparazzi Of Salman Khan’s Warning

Farah Khan was recently spotted by the paparazzi in Mumbai. She was seen in a casual attire, dressed in blue and white stripes shirt and baggy denim palazzos. She seemed taken aback by the paparazzi waiting for her. “Why have you come here? Who has come here?” she asked the photographers.

When the photographers told her they were there to click her pictures, Farah simply dismissed them with a look. She later turned around and asked them not to click her photos inappropriately, reminding them of Salman’s warning. “Salman bhai ne bola na peechhe se nahi lene ka, turn karo, turn karo (Salman bhai told you not to click from behind. Turn your camera),” she told them firmly. Check out the video below!

Salman Khan Poses For Paparazzi Days After Calling Them Out On Bigg Boss 20

Meanwhile, days after schooling them on Bigg Boss, Salman was seen posing for the paparazzi as he arrived at a recording studio late Tuesday night. He patiently waited as the paps clicked his pictures before heading inside the studio.

Recently during Weekend Ka Vaar, Fatima Sana Shaikh praised Salman Khan for speaking up about the issue. Salman, in response, said that the paparazzi had taken note of the concerns. He pointed out that most senior and established paparazzi have always been respectful, while the issue, according to him, is with newer or unaffiliated individuals who show up with mobile phones and sometimes cross boundaries while trying to capture celebrities.

Mushtaq Khan Prayer Meet: Rahul Roy, Rakhi Sawant, Rajpal Yadav, Others Gather To Remember Late Actor



The film fraternity came together in Mumbai on September 30, Wednesday, to remember veteran actor Mushtaq Khan, who passed away on September 24 due to cancer. A number of celebrities including Rahul Roy, Rajpal Yadav, Rakhi Sawant, Poonam Dhillon, Mukesh Rishi, Kiran Kumar, Sulabha Arya and others were spotted by the paparazzi as they arrived at the prayer meet to remember the late actor and offer condolences to his family.

Rahul Roy, Rakhi Sawant Attend Mushtaq Khan’s Prayer Meet

The gathering was a quiet moment for those who had known and worked with late actor Mushtaq Khan over the years. Several familiar faces from Hindi cinema and television arrived to pay their respects and remember the actor.

Rajpal Yadav, who shared a close professional association with Mushtaq Khan, was among those present. He had also attended the actor’s funeral in Mumbai on September 25.

Rakhi Sawant, Rahul Roy, Poonam Dhillon, Sulabha Arya, Mukesh Rishi, Kiran Kumar, Vinu Dara Singh and several other industry personalities were also seen at the prayer meet. Rahul Roy was also seen interacting with Mushtaq Khan’s son and offering his condolences to the family.

Mushtaq Khan Passed Away On September 24

Mushtaq Khan passed away on September 24. He was hospitalised for the last few days and breathed his last on Thursday. Following his death, his business partner told Hindustan Times that the actor had earlier been diagnosed with lung cancer and had recovered after undergoing treatment. However, the cancer returned earlier this month. His condition subsequently worsened, and he was admitted to hospital for treatment. Mushtaq Khan had worked across films and television for several decades and became a familiar face through his supporting and comic roles. He was part of several popular films, including Aashiqui, Hum Hain Rahi Pyar Ke, Hera Pheri, Welcome, Mujhse Shaadi Karogi, Gadar: Ek Prem Katha, and others. His role in Welcome remains among his best-known performances.

Starlink India: Can Elon Musk's Satellite Network Be Trusted?

Ukraine War Raises Security Concerns

by Ashish Sinha

Elon Musk's Starlink satellite internet service has sparked debate in India over national security, foreign control of critical communications infrastructure, corporate rivalry and affordability, even as the technology promises to connect remote and underserved regions.

Musk-Rahul Gandhi Exchange Sparks Controversy

The controversy intensified after Musk accused powerful business interests of obstructing Starlink's entry into India. Congress leader Rahul Gandhi responded on X, prompting an exchange that brought the dispute into the political spotlight. The government has rejected allegations of discriminatory treatment,

maintaining that all satellite operators must meet applicable security and regulatory requirements.

National Security and Data Protection Concerns

Starlink, operated by US-based SpaceX, uses low-Earth-orbit satellites to provide broadband connectivity in areas where fibre-optic networks and mobile towers are difficult to establish. However, security experts have raised questions about data protection, lawful interception, unauthorised terminals and the government's ability to manage communications during emergencies.

The concerns gained attention after Starlink equipment was recovered in separate investigations in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands and Manipur in De-



cember 2024. The recoveries did not establish that the devices had connected to Starlink's network or that the company was involved in illegal activities. Musk said Starlink's satellite beams had not been active over India.

Ukraine War Highlights Risks of Network Dependence

The Russia-Ukraine war has highlighted the risks of relying heavily on a privately controlled communications network. Reuters reported in July 2025 that Starlink

coverage was disabled in parts of Ukraine during a 2022 counteroffensive, disrupting military communications. A separate controversy arose in 2023 when Musk refused a request to activate coverage near Russian-occupied Crimea.

These episodes have raised questions about the influence a private operator can exercise over critical communications during conflict.

Jio and OneWeb Also Compete in India

Starlink is not alone in India's satellite communications market. Reliance Jio's satellite venture and Bharti Airtel-backed Eutelsat OneWeb have also received relevant authorisations. However, licensing does not automatically permit commercial operations; companies must meet applicable security conditions and obtain the necessary spectrum assignments.

Affordability Remains a Major Challenge

A report published by India Today on October 8 cited

hardware costs of around ₹20,800 and a monthly charge of approximately ₹3,295 for a comparable service in Bangladesh. These figures are not confirmed Indian prices.

Starlink has yet to announce its final Indian retail tariffs, although Musk said on October 11 that the service would be offered at affordable prices.

Satellite broadband could benefit remote schools, healthcare centres, businesses and disaster-response teams.

However, expensive equipment and subscriptions could limit its reach among low-income rural households, particularly where cheaper mobile or fibre broadband is already available.

India Faces the Challenge of Balancing Security and Competition

India's challenge is to encourage competition without compromising national security. Key priorities include independent security audits, effective lawful interception, safeguards for sensitive areas, alternative communication networks and transparent regulatory standards.

Ultimately, Starlink's prospects in India will depend on whether it can meet security requirements, offer competitive prices and provide reliable connectivity where existing networks fall short.

The objective should be to ensure secure and affordable communications rather than favouring or excluding any particular company.

Governor Hasnain Highlights Guru-Shishya Tradition at CUSB Convocation



Patna: Bihar Governor Lt. Gen. Syed Ata Hasnain (Retd.) on Monday emphasised that the teacher-student relationship remains a vital part of Indian tradition while addressing the 5th convocation of the Central University of South Bihar (CUSB) as chief guest. Congratulating degree and gold medal recipients, he urged them to acknowledge their teachers' contribution to their success and share their happiness and knowledge with others. Praising CUSB's NAAC A++ grade, UGC Category-I status and green campus, he noted that 80 students from the university had been appointed as assistant professors among 2,400 appointments across 211 newly established degree colleges through the Bihar State University Service Commission since he assumed office as Governor.

Two DPS Chas Students Selected for National Gatka Championship 2026



Bokaro: Two students of Delhi Public School (DPS), Chas, Riya Kumari (Class X) and Rudra Singh (Class VI), have been selected to represent Jharkhand at the 10th National Sub-Junior and Junior Gatka Championship 2026, scheduled in Fatehabad, Haryana, from October 14 to 17. Training under coach Rahul Pratap, the duo earned their selection through dedication and regular practice. School Pro-Vice Chairman Rajesh Agrawal and Director and Principal Dr. Manisha Tiwari congratulated the students and expressed confidence in their performance, wishing them success in bringing laurels to the school and the state.

12 Shakti Commandos for Women's Safety During Durga Puja in Jamshedpur

Jamshedpur: Police have deployed 12 women personnel of the Shakti Commando unit, supported by six vehicles, to strengthen women's safety during Durga Puja. Acting on the directions of SSP Eshesham Waqarib, the team began operations on Monday, focusing on crowded puja pandals, marketplaces and other sensitive locations to prevent eve-teasing, harassment and other offences against women during the festive rush.

Govt. Caps Trade Margins on Cancer Drugs at 30%

New Delhi: The Centre has informed the Supreme Court that it will cap trade margins on anti-cancer medicines at 30% of their maximum retail price (MRP).

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta told a bench of Justices Vikram Nath and Sandeep Mehta that the government would notify the list of covered cancer drugs and periodically update it, while excluding inexpensive medicines.

The Supreme Court also called for a broader review of medicine pricing across the pharmaceutical sector. The move follows the Supreme Court's concerns over the wide gap between retailers' purchase prices and the MRP of medicines, which increases patients' financial burden. The bench also questioned whether the cap would address excessive margins on other medicines and medical devices, citing a domestically manufactured cardiac stent supplied at around ₹5,000 but carrying an MRP of ₹25,000.

Vedanta ESL Gas Leak: Families of Two Victims Get ₹98 Lakh Compensation Package, One Job Assured

News Desk: A fatal gas leak at Vedanta Electrosteel Limited's plant in Bokaro has left two families mourning their loved ones, with compensation agreements now promising a combined ₹98 lakh in financial assistance and compensation. After nearly 24 hours of tense negotiations, a settlement was reached on Monday, providing ₹60 lakh and a job for one family member of Sohan Mahto, while the family of fellow victim Sameer Ansari has been offered a ₹38 lakh assistance package.

Two workers, Sohan Mahto of Hazaribagh and Sameer Ansari of Dhanbad, died on Sunday morning after being exposed to carbon monoxide at the ESL plant in Sialjori, under Chandankiyari block. Both were employed by E2E Urja Solution Pvt. Ltd., which provides services at the plant. Under the agreement concerning Sohan Mahto, the family will receive ₹60 lakh in compensation, along with a job for one family member. The agreement provides for an immediate payment of ₹2



lakh towards funeral expenses, while the remaining ₹58 lakh is to be transferred to the family's bank account by E2E Urja Solution Pvt. Ltd. within three months. Separately, E2E Urja Solutions Pvt. Ltd. has announced a financial assistance package worth ₹38 lakh for the family of Sameer Ansari, an Assistant Engineer who died in the accident.

According to a company letter dated October 12, the package comprises ₹7 lakh under the Employees' Deposit Linked Insurance (EDLI) scheme, ₹25,685 in earned-leave encashment, ₹16,14,600 under the Workers' Com-

pensation Insurance policy and ₹1,59,715 in additional company assistance. These benefits total approximately ₹25 lakh.

The company has proposed a further ₹13 lakh in financial assistance, taking the total package for Ansari's family to ₹38 lakh. The additional amount is scheduled to be paid within 30 days, according to the letter.

The company cited the family's financial circumstances and future needs while outlining the assistance. It also stated that the payment would be made to the bank account of Ansari's mother, Parween Nagar.

The letter said the company and the family would enter into a written agreement detailing the payment amounts and applicable conditions. Insurance-related benefits will remain subject to the submission of required documents and the approval procedures of the concerned authorities and insurer.

E2E Urja Solutions also assured the family that it would assist in completing the necessary documentation to facilitate the release of eligible benefits, with the letter referring to a period of 90 days for receiving the applicable benefits and approved assistance. The two deaths have brought attention to workplace safety at the industrial facility. The financial settlements are intended to provide support to the bereaved families following the fatal incident.

The ₹60 lakh compensation package for Mahto's family and the ₹38 lakh assistance package for Ansari's family take the combined announced amount to ₹98 lakh, including the employment assurance made in Mahto's case.

DVC CTPS Assures Displaced Villagers of CSR Benefits, Promises Grievance Redressal in 15 Days

Bokaro: Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC) Chandrapura Thermal Power Station officials have assured displaced villagers of all possible assistance under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR). DGM (Administration) Neeraj Sinha, along with CSR officials, held a meeting with villagers at Bhursabad and directed that locally resolvable grievances be addressed within 15 days. Villagers highlight-



ed pending issues while acknowledging DVC's contributions. Sinha urged them to co-operate with DVC's op-

erations, assuring them of the management's commitment to working together for their welfare.

JPC Seeks Views on FCRA Amendment Bill 2026

New Delhi: A Joint Parliamentary Committee chaired by BJP MP Sanjay Jaiswal on Monday heard stakeholders, including Christian organisations, the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India and senior advocate Kapil Sibal, on the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2026.

AFFIDAVIT

Before the Executive
1st Class Magistrate,
Bokaro

I, BALESHWAR KUMAR DEO, Aadhaar No. 4858 3759 9572, Son of Raghu Nath Deo, aged about 61 years, by faith Hindu, by occupation Service, resident of Village Chandanabad, Kuramba, P.S. Dugda, District Bokaro, Jharkhand - 828403, do hereby solemnly affirm on oath and declare vide Affidavit No. 6743 dated 11/08/2026, as follows: 1. That I, BALESHWAR KUMAR DEO, am a permanent employee of DVC CTPS, Chandrapura, vide Staff No. 310123. 2. That my daughter's actual and correct name is NITU DEVI, and her date of birth is 01.10.1993, according to my daughter's Aadhaar Card No. 7933 0269 4078 and PAN Card. 3. That the date of birth of my above-mentioned daughter is recorded as 05.11.1992 and her name as NITU KUMARI in my service book/service records. 4. That NITU DEVI and NITU KUMARI are the names of one and the same person, that is, my daughter. 5. That I want my above-mentioned daughter's date of birth in my service book/service records to be recorded as 01.10.1993, instead of 05.11.1992, and her name to be recorded as NITU DEVI, instead of NITU KUMARI. 6. That I am swearing this affidavit to produce the same before the concerned authority and for the needful purpose.

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DEPONENT

AFFIDAVIT

Before the Executive
1st Class Magistrate,
Bokaro

I, BALESHWAR KUMAR DEO, Aadhaar No. 4858 3759 9572, Son of Raghu Nath Deo, aged about 60 years, by faith Hindu, by occupation Service, resident of Village Chandanabad, Kuramba, P.S. Dugda, District Bokaro, Jharkhand - 828403, do hereby solemnly affirm on oath and declare vide Affidavit No. 6745 dated 11/08/2026, as follows: 1. That I, BALESHWAR KUMAR DEO, am a permanent employee of DVC CTPS, Chandrapura, vide Staff No. 310123. 2. That my daughter's actual and correct name is SID-DHI KUMARI and her date of birth is 01.01.1999, according to my daughter's Aadhaar Card No. 8346 3195 6037 and PAN Card. 3. That the date of birth of my above-mentioned daughter is recorded as 18.11.1998 and her name as SIDHI KUMARI in my service book/service records. 4. That SIDDDHI KUMARI and SIDHI KUMARI are the names of one and the same person, that is, my daughter. 5. That I want my above-mentioned daughter's date of birth in my service book/service records to be recorded as 01.01.1999, instead of 18.11.1998, and her name to be recorded as SIDDDHI KUMARI, instead of SIDHI KUMARI. 6. That I am swearing this affidavit to produce the same before the concerned authority and for the needful purpose.

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SC restored people's faith: Kapil Sibal a day after venting frustration

New Delhi, Agency: Supreme Court's order Sunday finding prima facie breach of its Oct 9 order against complete shutdown of Metro and train services and issuing notice to Union home secretary, Delhi Police commissioner and Delhi Metro chief altered over the course of a day senior advocate and Rajya Sabha MP Kapil Sibal's views on the apex court.

On Saturday, Sibal had told reporters "if we go to courts, I do not know whether we will ever get relief. The people of this country have decided that this govt has to go. If anyone can save the Constitution at this juncture, it is Supreme Court."

He added, "I am tired of repeatedly approaching the SC. It's in my mind that there is no purpose in going there. I have not much expectations from SC. Whatever is to happen will happen. I only pray the country's democracy remains intact... The



tribunals (in West Bengal) have allowed appeals of 93% voters whose names were deleted illegally. SC has come to know this. But we did not get any relief".

On Sunday, he was leading a 100-strong team of lawyers in SC to question the detentions of protesters and alleged violations of court's Oct 9 order against shut-down of Metro and rail services.

The emotionally charged arguments saw pro-protester lawyers paint a picture of injustice and violation of fundamental rights on Saturday, compare it to an "undeclared emergency" and shout down a senior advocate who said lawyers must confine their activities to courts and not hit the streets, and that freedom of speech came with reasonable

restrictions.

At an appropriate juncture, Justice Joymalya Bagchi said, "Our purpose is to instil people's faith in the system, and in that process your (lawyer's) confidence is most vital for our fight against injustice." The court also passed a slew of directives, including normalising Metro, train and internet services and traffic in the city and allowing lawyers and journalists to carry out professional work.

Soon after the SC order, Sibal said, "We are deeply grateful to the Supreme Court for passing an order that restores the faith of the Indian people, as well as the faith of professionals, in the justice system of this country. Within an hour of SC passing the order, a senior advocate entered into an argument with cops over removal of barricades, citing the SC ruling. The order was yet to be made public and police personnel didn't know about it.

BJP: Rahul Gandhi pushing India towards anarchy, creating north-south divide



New Delhi, Agency: BJP Sunday accused Rahul Gandhi of seeking to stoke division in the country on linguistic grounds after the LoP alleged that PM Modi has launched a "full-scale attack" on the Tamil language and culture.

BJP spokesperson Sudhanshu Trivedi said the reality is that the Tamil language has received "immense respect" during Modi's tenure, with the PM praising it as the world's oldest language and applauding its rich culture even abroad.

He said, "Efforts have been made to establish the Tamil language across its various dimensions, not only at the national level but also on the international stage."

The BJP MP said Rahul has been try-

ing hard to push India towards anarchy and create a divide between the north and south on a linguistic basis. "When the sacred Sengol was placed in the new Parliament building as a revered symbol of eternal Tamil culture in 2023, Congress opposed it," Trivedi said.

Modi recently presented a copy of the Russian translation of 'Thirukkural' to Vladimir Putin, he pointed out. Trivedi also slammed Rahul for his "undeclared Emergency" jibe at Modi. "Today, you can say whatever comes to mind about the prime minister, making baseless and reckless comments. There was a time when if you merely said at a public place that the Indira Gandhi govt must be removed, you were jailed.

OK with peaceful stir for Khalistan: Envoy to Canada

New Delhi, Agency: Indian high commissioner to Canada, Dinesh Patnaik, has said India doesn't mind advocacy and protests for Khalistan, as long as these are peaceful. In an interview, Patnaik urged Canada to understand that activities around the separatist movement were taking place on its own soil, not in India.

"I have been saying from Day 1, Indians, Canadians, Sikhs can peacefully advocate for what they believe in, even if it is Khalistan or a separate homeland. Politically, we have zero problem," said Patnaik.

"In last 40 years, political parties in India have been advocating for that. So, it's nothing new... What we say... don't bring in negativity, filth, terrorist element, gun-running, organised crime and extortion into it. Don't have Khalistanis protesting with pictures of the killing of my PM," he said. The remarks came ahead of a Khalistan referendum sched-



uled for Alberta later this month.

After a prolonged period of diplomatic strife over the killing of a Khalistani separatist in British Columbia in 2023, India and Canada have normalised the relationship and are currently discussing a potentially landmark trade deal. Both nations recently held another round of security dialogue, agreeing to deepen coordination in combating organised crime, terrorism and extremism.

HC questions Assam government on woman sent to Bangladesh

New Delhi, Agency: Gauhati high court has intensified scrutiny of circumstances in which Nagaon's Mumtaz Begum was sent to Bangladesh, warning Assam govt that it would presume a Foreigners' Tribunal's May 30 opinion declaring her a foreigner would be considered "not ready" if the state fails to establish when it was finalised.

In its latest order on Oct 7, the high court recorded MEA's submission that an inquiry into Mumtaz's whereabouts was ongoing and that it needed more time.

Media had reported that Bangladesh's home ministry began searching for Mumtaz after this newspaper contacted authorities in Dhaka in the last week of Sept. Not only Mumtaz, another woman also 'missing' after B'desh



expulsion

The Gauhati high court, in its Oct 7 order, said, "The court shall presume that the opinion...was not made ready within the appropriate time, i.e., prior to the taking into custody" of Mumtaz. The court had ordered an inquiry on Sept 3 and directed MEA to trace Mumtaz and facilitate her return, observing that she was sent to Bangladesh without a "reasonable opportunity" to challenge the tribunal's opinion.

The court had previously set aside an earlier opinion declaring

her a foreigner and ordered fresh consideration of her case.

Her son, Momruz Ali, had on Oct 7 disputed Assam CM Himanta Biswa Sarma's claim that she was safe and in regular contact with him and had told Media that the family had no idea where she was and that the family was "breaking" under the strain of the search.

The case dates back to April, when Gauhati HC set aside an earlier Foreigners' Tribunal opinion declaring Mumtaz a foreigner and remanded the matter for fresh consideration. She appeared before the tribunal again on May 30, the date borne by the fresh opinion, and was taken into custody. The central question now before the court is whether that opinion had actually been made

ready before officials acted on it.

According to the chronology recorded in court proceedings, Mumtaz was subsequently moved through holding facilities in Assam and handed over to BSF on June 13. BSF told the court she was "sent back to Bangladesh" in the early hours of June 14, from the Kalaincherra area of Cachar. Her whereabouts have remained unknown to her family since she was sent across the border, according to her son. Mumtaz is not the only woman from Nagaon reported missing after being sent across the border. Another woman, Jahanara Begum, whose case is ongoing in HC, has also gone missing under similar circumstances. The high court heard her case together with that of Mumtaz Begum.

Another showdown in Delhi INDIA bloc to hold protest over CEC; CJP gives 24-hour ultimatum

New Delhi, Agency: The Congress and other opposition parties will march to the Supreme Court on Monday, October 12, demanding chief election commissioner Gyanesh Kumar's resignation over alleged irregularities in the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls. The protest comes a day after a police crackdown on demonstrators in Delhi and amid fresh political tensions over the alleged misuse of force against protesters.

Leader of opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi has called on young people, opposition parties and civil society groups to join the march. The Congress has named it "Chalo Delhi - March for Democracy" and said participants will assemble at 1.30pm at the Connaught Place-Barakhamba Road junction. The opposition plans to submit a memorandum to Chief Justice of India Surya Kant, demanding an end to alleged "vote chori", a halt to SIR and Kumar's resignation. However, sources said on Sunday night that the CJI had not agreed to meet Gandhi and Leader of Opposition



in the Rajya Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge, who had sought an appointment between 4pm and 5pm on Monday.

Rahul, in a post on X, urged people to unite beyond party, gender, caste, community and state. "Yesterday, the nation's young came out in Delhi to peacefully protest. They came with love in their hearts, not hatred or anger. They were beaten, both by cops and BJP goons. This is not the India we want," he said.

Tomorrow, we will march to the Supreme Court as Indians, united beyond party, gender, caste, community and state.

Youth, all opposition parties, civil society groups, all those who believe in democracy and stand by the Constitution of India, will walk with us," he added.

Supreme Court steps in after crackdown The march follows Saturday's police action against protesters demanding Kumar's removal. Several demonstrators, including activists of the Cockroach Janta Party (CJP), were detained as security personnel prevented them from reaching the designated protest site.

On Sunday, the Supreme Court directed authorities to immediately lift prohibitory

orders under Section 163 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita around the apex court complex.

A bench of Justices Joymalya Bagchi and V Mohana said peaceful citizens should not face illegal detention and that movement across Delhi must be allowed in accordance with the law. The court was hearing petitions challenging the police crackdown and detentions, along with a contempt plea alleging disobedience of its orders.

Meanwhile, CPI(M) Rajya Sabha MP John Brittas was taken to Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital after he was allegedly manhandled by police during Sunday's protest. He later sought an independent investigation and accountability from the President, the Rajya Sabha chairman and the CJI. Brittas alleged that police personnel dragged him for around 50 metres, forcibly put him in a vehicle and assaulted him inside it before leaving him by the roadside. Congress MP Shashi Tharoor condemned the alleged mistreatment and called for an investigation.

After Hindu Raksha Dal claims attack, saffron-clad groups threaten Delhi protesters again

New Delhi, Agency: Saffron-clad groups carrying sticks were seen threatening demonstrators in central Delhi for a second consecutive day on Sunday, a day after the Hindu Raksha Dal claimed responsibility for an assault on protesters demanding Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar's resignation. The comments came after police arrested four men in connection with Saturday's alleged assault on DDU Marg.

According to Media, several men carrying sticks moved around Connaught Place, where demonstrations were taking place, confronting protesters and issuing threats. Their presence came despite prohibitory orders under Section 163 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS) being in force.

On Saturday, groups of men wearing saffron scarves and raising religious slogans were seen moving around protest sites, threatening demonstrators and openly defending violence against those protesting the Election Commission (EC). Some claimed they had turned up in support of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and were unconcerned about being detained by police.

The men accused protesters of raising "anti-national and anti-Modi" slogans, with some describing them as "anti-national elements" who "deserved to be thrashed". Groups were also heard shouting, "Delhi Police tum lath bajao, hum



tumhare saath hain (Delhi Police, you wield the baton, we are with you)".

The incidents unfolded as thousands of protesters were detained across the capital during demonstrations demanding Kumar's resignation over alleged irregularities in the EC's functioning and its Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls.

A widely circulated video purportedly showed two men assaulting a male protester and manhandling a woman, pushing her to the ground and pulling at her clothes. The footage also appeared to show police personnel at the scene. Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi was among those who shared a screenshot of the alleged assault.

Hindu Raksha Dal chief Pinki Chaudhary subsequently shared the video on X, claiming the attackers were members of his organisation. "These are my workers from the Hindu Raksha Dal, an organisation that delivers on its promises," he wrote, adding that the outfit could set the minds of "cockroaches" straight.

Delhi Police release video of informing Dipke of grandmother's death in detention

New Delhi, Agency: Delhi Police on Sunday released a video showing officers informing Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) founder Abhijeet Dipke about his grandmother's death while he was in detention in the national capital. Deputy Commissioner of Police Neha Yadav said Dipke was offered assistance to travel to his hometown for the last rites.

DCP Neha Yadav said officers approached Dipke as soon as they received information about his grandmother's demise and offered help with flights, phone calls and other arrangements but the CJP

founder declined. As soon as the Delhi Police received information about the passing away of Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) Founder Abhijeet Dipke's grandmother, officers approached him to convey this sad news and offered all possible assistance. They sensitively asked if he needed help with flights, phone calls, or anything else. They repeatedly asked if he wished to speak to his parents, but he declined," DCP Yadav said.

The video release came after Dipke's mother, Anita Dipke, accused Delhi Police of lying



about informing her son of the death, saying the family had been unable to contact him and had put the last rites on hold until he could return. Responding to Dipke's

mother, Delhi Police clarified that Dipke was informed about the death and the scheduled funeral time, and was offered assistance to facilitate his travel to his home-

town on humanitarian grounds. However, the police said he declined the offer. Police on why Dipke was detained Dipke, along with CJP co-convenor Saurav Das and leader Ashutosh Ranka, was detained on October 10 after arriving in Delhi from Mumbai ahead of the party's proposed protest at Jantar Mantar demanding Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar's resignation over alleged irregularities in the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls. DCP Yadav said permission for the proposed sit-in at Janpath was denied because of the

party's alleged failure to follow prescribed procedures, its past conduct and the prevailing security situation. She also cited restrictions imposed under Section 133 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS) in several areas. Regarding CJP, their past conduct showed a failure to adhere to previously given undertakings and local directives. When permission was granted previously, they did not abide by the law; the crowd they mobilized engaged in heavy stone-pelting, arson, and violence, causing significant damage to public property," she said.

Maa Chandraghanta: The Divine Power of Courage and Peace



The third day of Navratri celebrates the Goddess who symbolises fearlessness, protection and the strength to face life's challenges with confidence

Navratri is a celebration of divine feminine power, devotion and the eternal victory of good over evil. Each of its nine days is dedicated to a different manifestation of Goddess Durga, with every form representing qualities that guide human life. On the third day, devotees worship Maa Chandraghanta, a powerful manifestation associated with courage, alertness, protection and peace. Her divine form conveys an important message: true strength lies not only in confronting danger but also in maintaining balance and wisdom while doing so.

Maa Chandraghanta derives her name from the crescent-shaped bell, or ghanta, associated with her forehead. According to traditional depictions, she rides a tiger or lion and has ten hands carrying different weapons and sacred objects. Her appearance com-

bines a protective and warrior-like presence with a serene expression. The symbolism reflects her readiness to confront evil and protect those who seek refuge in the divine.

The story behind the Goddess

According to Hindu tradition, Maa Chandraghanta is associated with Goddess Parvati after her marriage to Lord Shiva. In popular religious narratives, the crescent moon and bell-like shape on her forehead give the Goddess her distinctive name. Her formidable appearance represents the transformation of divine energy into a force prepared to confront threats and restore order.

Her weapons symbolise preparedness and the power to overcome adversity, while her calm expression represents control over fear and anger. Rather than encouraging aggression, her image conveys the importance of

using strength responsibly. Courage becomes meaningful when it protects the vulnerable, confronts injustice and supports the restoration of peace.

The bell is another important element of her symbolism. In Hindu worship, bells are commonly rung during prayer, creating a sound that marks the beginning of a sacred moment and draws attention away from distractions. In the context of Maa Chandraghanta, the bell can also be understood as a symbolic call to awaken courage, awareness and moral responsibility.

The meaning of courage in modern life

The teachings associated with Maa Chandraghanta remain relevant in a world where people face professional uncertainty, family responsibilities, social pressure and rapidly changing circumstances. Courage is often imagined as a dramatic act performed in a moment of danger. In everyday life, however, it frequently appears in quieter forms.

A student who continues preparing after disappointing results, a worker who speaks honestly about an unfair practice, or a person who seeks help during a difficult period demonstrates courage. It can also mean acknowledging a mistake, standing beside someone facing discrimination or choosing a responsible path when an easier option is available.

The Goddess's symbolism encour-

ages people to distinguish courage from recklessness. Acting bravely does not mean ignoring danger or refusing advice. It means recognising a challenge, considering the consequences and taking appropriate action despite uncertainty.

Strength that protects rather than intimidates

Maa Chandraghanta's warrior-like appearance is closely associated with protection. This aspect of her symbolism offers a meaningful perspective on leadership and responsibility. Strength is most valuable when it is used to protect people, uphold fairness and prevent harm.

In families, this can mean creating an environment where children feel safe expressing concerns. In workplaces, it can involve challenging harassment and ensuring that colleagues are treated respectfully. At the community level, it may mean helping vulnerable residents, supporting emergency services or standing against violence.

Her image also reminds people that peaceful behaviour does not indicate weakness. A calm person can be firm about boundaries, respond decisively to injustice and refuse to participate in harmful conduct. Inner stability can make courageous action more effective because it reduces the likelihood of impulsive decisions.

Navratri worship and its spiritual significance

On the third day of Navratri, devo-

tees visit temples, offer flowers and prayers, light lamps and participate in devotional singing according to their family and regional traditions. The colour associated with the day may differ according to regional practice and the annual Navratri colour calendar, but devotion to Maa Chandraghanta remains central.

For many worshippers, religious observance offers an opportunity to pause and reflect on personal conduct. Prayer can provide reassurance during uncertainty, while devotional gatherings strengthen connections among families and communities. The spiritual value of the festival becomes deeper when its messages influence everyday behaviour.

Respecting others, managing anger, keeping promises and helping people in distress are practical ways to translate the Goddess's symbolism into action.

A message for a changing society

The third day of Navratri offers a reminder that courage and peace are not opposing qualities. Courage helps people confront challenges, while peace enables them to act with clarity and restraint. Together, they form the foundation of responsible strength.

Maa Chandraghanta represents the determination to confront wrongdoing without abandoning compassion. Her image invites devotees to remain alert to injustice, protect those who need support and approach difficult situations with confidence.

Finding Inner Peace in a World Full of Noise

The worship of Maa Chandraghanta highlights the importance of emotional balance, awareness and calm decision-making in modern life

In an age of constant notifications, demanding schedules and unending streams of information, peace of mind has become an increasingly valuable part of everyday life. People move between professional responsibilities, family expectations and digital distractions, often leaving little time for silence or reflection. The third day of Navratri, dedicated to Maa Chandraghanta, provides an opportunity to consider how courage and inner calm can help people navigate these pressures.

Maa Chandraghanta is traditionally depicted as a powerful form of Goddess Durga, carrying weapons and sacred objects while maintaining a composed expression. Her crescent-shaped bell symbolises her distinctive identity, while her warrior-like appearance represents readiness to confront threats. Together, these features convey an important spiritual lesson: a person can remain peaceful without becoming passive and



can be courageous without allowing anger to control every response.

Understanding the value of inner balance

Peace is often associated with the absence of conflict, but everyday life rarely provides completely conflict-free circumstances. Disagreements occur within families, professional responsibilities create pressure, and unexpected difficulties can disrupt carefully made plans. Inner peace does not eliminate these challenges;

it helps people respond to them more thoughtfully.

The symbolism of Maa Chandraghanta encourages devotees to develop a balance between alertness and calmness. Alertness allows people to recognise problems, while calmness gives them the space to consider possible solutions. When these qualities work together, individuals are better equipped to avoid unnecessary confrontation and make responsible decisions.

The Sound of the Divine Bell: Understanding Navratri's Sacred Symbols

Maa Chandraghanta's distinctive form reveals how bells, weapons and traditional worship express the deeper meaning of courage and



Religious symbols often communicate ideas that are difficult to express through words alone. A lamp can represent hope, a flower can express reverence, and a bell can mark the beginning of a sacred moment. During Navratri, these familiar objects become part of a wider tradition through which devotees connect with the divine.

On the third day, dedicated to Maa Chandraghanta, the symbolism of the bell takes on particular significance, linking her identity with alertness, courage and spiritual awareness.

Maa Chandraghanta is the third form of Goddess Durga in the traditional Navadurga sequence. Her name refers to the crescent-shaped bell associated with her forehead. She is commonly depicted riding a tiger or lion, with multiple hands holding weapons and sacred objects. Her appearance combines the qualities of a warrior with the calm expression of a protective divine mother.

Why the bell matters

Bells have a long-standing place in Hindu worship. In temples and homes, devotees often ring a bell before or during prayer. The sound marks a transition from ordinary activity to a moment of devotion, helping worshippers focus their attention on the ritual.

In popular religious understanding, the bell's sound is also associated with auspiciousness and the invitation to become attentive to the sacred. Its clear resonance can create a sense of occasion and provide a familiar rhythm to worship.

Maa Chandraghanta's association with the bell extends this symbolism into the idea of awakening. The Goddess represents readiness to confront danger and the determination to protect those in need. Her name and appearance remind devotees to remain alert to wrongdoing rather than allowing fear or indifference to prevent action.

This symbolism can be interpreted in everyday terms. Awareness allows people to recognise a problem before it becomes more serious, while courage helps them respond appropriately. Whether the challenge concerns personal responsibility, public safety or unfair treatment, alertness is often the first step towards meaningful action.

Weapons and the meaning of protection

The weapons shown in traditional depictions of Maa Chandraghanta represent her readiness to confront harmful forces. They should not be understood simply as expressions of aggression. Within the religious narrative, they symbolise divine power directed towards protection and the restoration of order.

Navratri and the Power of Women: Courage, Leadership and Self-Respect

The worship of Maa Chandraghanta provides an opportunity to reflect on women's safety, independence and growing contributions to Indian society

Navratri places the power of the feminine at the centre of religious and cultural life. Through the nine forms of Goddess Durga, devotees celebrate qualities including wisdom, compassion, determination and the courage to confront injustice. On the third day, Maa Chandraghanta represents protective strength and fearlessness.

Her powerful image offers an opportunity to consider how these qualities connect with the lives, aspirations and challenges of women in con-

temporary India.

Traditionally depicted riding a tiger or lion and carrying weapons, Maa Chandraghanta symbolises readiness to defend against harmful forces. Yet her serene expression also suggests that strength does not need to be accompanied by hostility. Courage can be expressed through responsible leadership, firm boundaries and the determination to protect the dignity of others.

The meaning of feminine strength

The worship of Goddess Durga has an

important place in Hindu religious traditions because divine power is represented through a female form. During Navratri, this symbolism becomes especially visible as families and communities gather for prayer and celebration.



The significance of feminine power can also encourage reflection on how women are treated in everyday life. Respect for the Goddess should be accompanied by respect for women's rights, choices, contributions and individuality.

Navratri's Community Spirit: How Faith Brings People Together

The third day of the festival highlights the role of shared worship, cultural traditions and collective responsibility in strengthening neighbourhood bonds



Navratri is not only a period of individual devotion but also a celebration that brings communities together. Across India, temples welcome worshippers, families organise prayers, markets become more colourful and neighbourhoods prepare for cultural programmes.

These activities create opportunities for people to meet, cooperate and share traditions that have continued across generations. On the third day, dedicated to Maa Chandraghanta, the festival's message of courage and protection offers an additional reminder of the importance of collective responsibility.

Maa Chandraghanta is traditionally associated with fearlessness, alertness and the protection of devotees.

Her powerful appearance symbolises the willingness to confront harmful forces, while her calm expression represents the wisdom required to preserve peace. These qualities have relevance not only for individuals but also for communities seeking to build safer, more cooperative and inclusive surroundings.