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'He Was Mentally Unwell': Family On Bangladeshi Man Killed Over 'Blasphemy'

Dhaka.(Agency)

A 38-year-old man has been beaten to death by a mob in Bangladesh's Sathkira over allegations that he had hurt religious sentiments, police have said. Wahiduzzaman Shamim was targeted after several audio clips purportedly containing his 'blasphemous' remarks went viral on social media, according to a report by The Daily Star.

The report said police once rescued Shamim from the mob and admitted him to a hospital. But later at night, the group returned and took him away from the hospital to assault him again. The man's condition soon deteriorated, and he died on his way to another hospital.

Shamim became the target of the mob's anger after several of his audio conversations were shared on social media. Khairul Alam, a local, told Bangladesh daily Prothom Alo that the recordings contained remarks that allegedly offended religious sentiments.

The audio clips sparked tension in the area, leading to the violence. The victim's family, however, has claimed that he had been behaving unusually for several days and was not mentally well.

'Special Day': How A Coworker Stopped US Teen's Hindu Temple Shooting Plot

Washington.(Agency)

The US teen, who has been arrested for planning a violent plot targeting a Hindu place of worship in Illinois, Chicago, was one malfunctioning rifle away from becoming a mass shooter, according to police. Alexandros Paporakis, 19, who works as a cashier at Taco Bell in the suburban hometown of Palatin, had plotted to carry out a "mass shooting of Indian people" at a Hindu temple in Aurora.

Paporakis allegedly drove from his mother's home in Palatine to a temple in Aurora on Sunday, where he intended "to kill a significant number of Indians", NBC Chicago reported, citing police. According to the report, the suspect tried to open fire, but his gun jammed, forcing him to drive back home. There he "searched the internet trying to learn how to unjam his gun and called a colleague, informing them of (his) intent to carry out a mass shooting," police said.

"Risk To Her Safety Too Great": Indian-Origin Man Denied Bail In Stalking Case

Canberra, Australia.(Agency)

An Indian-origin public servant in Australia has been refused bail after being accused of stalking and threatening a woman he met through a dating app. A court ruled that releasing him could put the woman's safety and wellbeing at serious risk. The accused, identified as 31-year-old Suyash Sinha, appeared before the Australian Capital Territory (ACT) Magistrates Court on Wednesday, October 14, after police arrested him during an operation at his home. According to ABC News, prosecutors opposed Sinha's release, claiming he had become obsessed with the woman and continued contacting her despite her repeated rejection. They argued that granting bail could put her safety at risk and that he might interfere with witnesses or evidence. The court also heard that the woman was frightened by his alleged behaviour and was experiencing symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). According to ABC News, despite allegedly saying to Mr Sinha, "I told you, I'm not interested."

North Korea says it tested cruise missiles designed to be fired from submarines

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SEOUL.(Agency)

North Korea says it has test-fired cruise missiles designed to be fired from submarines as it continues to expand its military capabilities during a prolonged freeze in diplomacy with Washington and Seoul. North Korean state media on Thursday said the military tested two types of such missiles in the country's eastern waters on Wednesday. The report described the weapons as strategic, implying an intent to arm them with nuclear warheads, but did not specify whether

they were launched from an actual submarine or an underwater test platform. North Korean state media said the tests were aimed at assessing the readiness of the country's underwater combat systems, improving the Navy's ability to



carry out strategic missions and demonstrating the reliability of its nuclear deterrent. The South's military did not immediately comment on the tests. The launches extended a recent run in weapons demonstrations, including tests of various hypersonic missile systems on Sept. 20 and Oct. 3

that the North said were aimed at advancing its arsenal of weapons designed to overwhelm missile defenses in South Korea and Japan.

North Korea for years has been developing various ballistic and cruise missiles designed to be fired from underwater. It has also claimed progress in recent months in building a nuclear-powered submarine that it intends to arm with nuclear-capable weapons, as leader Kim Jong Un turns his focus to strengthening the navy after a decade of expanding the country's ballistic missile program. North Korea's potential acquisition of a submarine capable of operating stealthily for extended periods and launching missiles from underwater would be a worrying development for its neighbors as such launches would be difficult to detect in advance. But there have been questions about whether North Korea, a heavily sanctioned and impoverished country, has the resources and technology needed to build such systems. North Korea in recent weeks has also conducted live-fire drills and commissioned a new warship as leader Kim Jong Un continues to flaunt his nuclear weapons program while rejecting US and South Korean offers to resume long-stalled diplomacy.

'It mainly means fear': Prospect of Bolsonaro win looms large over Brazil's Indigenous

MANAUS.(Agency)

Brazil's Amazonian Indigenous communities are watching with bated breath as presidential candidate Flavio Bolsonaro inches closer to power, recalling the damage wrought on the rainforest under his father Jair Bolsonaro. The suspected trafficking operation. The surname they share "represents everything bad for us," Inara Waty, leader of the Saterre-Mawe people in the Amazonian city of Manaus, told AFP. "It mainly means fear," she said, her eyes filling with tears as she recalled life under the last Bolsonaro administration. Jair Bolsonaro governed the world's most biodiverse country between 2019 and 2022, a period marked by record levels of deforestation in the Amazon and backsliding in Indigenous rights. His son, the favorite in the October 25 runoff against leftist incumbent Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, says he would run a "Bolsonaro 2.0" presidency. "The greatest way we addressed environmental issues was what we did during president Bolsonaro's administration," the senator said during an interview on the campaign trail. The candidate believes his father, currently serving 27 years for coup-plotting, "fought" against a "radical environmental agenda." He claims that extreme weather events that scientists attribute to man-made global warming are merely "cyclical."

'Question of life'

Like his father, Flavio Bolsonaro can count on the support of large-scale

agricultural and livestock producers locked in land disputes with Indigenous communities. Bolsonaro allies were elected in seven of Brazil's nine Amazonian states earlier this month. "They want land to plant soy, to keep their cattle. We want land to survive, to plant; we want the land so we can take care of it," said Waty. This divide makes the election a "question of life" for



Indigenous people, she added. A recent video posted online showed women from the Yanomami ethnic group accusing Flavio Bolsonaro of having ties to illegal miners. "If the forest is destroyed, how are we going to live?" they shout, their faces adorned with paint. "We don't want to be killed again!" During Jair Bolsonaro's mandate, this community suffered invasions by artisanal gold miners known as "garimpeiros," whose activities triggered a humanitarian crisis. Flavio Bolsonaro has proposed treating the environment as a "strategic asset," including a pledge to end "illegal

deforestation" by 2029. That point harks back to a similar, unfulfilled promise by his father, who instead oversaw soaring deforestation rates. That goal "is incompatible with (Flavio Bolsonaro's) environmental policy," said Adriana Ramos of the NGO Instituto Socioambiental. His campaign did not respond to AFP's request for information about his environmental program, nor a request for comment about Indigenous and environmental concerns.

Even worse'

One particularly painful moment for these groups was in 2019, when fires started by government-aligned landowners scorched the rainforest for weeks on end. Authorities at the time caused "daily madness for everyone," said Suely Araujo of the Climate Observatory NGO. The Amazon lost around 11,600 square kilometers of rainforest per year under Jair Bolsonaro -- almost 60 percent more than in the previous four years, official figures show. Lula's government slashed that figure by half in 2025 and expanded the limits of Indigenous lands. But it also faces criticism for backing oil exploration off the Amazonian coast. The climate has barely registered as an issue during this election campaign, although Brazil is vulnerable to the El Nino weather pattern, which causes drought and other erratic conditions in the region. The number of fires in Amazonas state skyrocketed in September and October this year compared to the same period in 2025.

Brazil's Senate approves shorter 40-hour workweek in major win for Lula ahead of runoff

SAO PAULO.(Agency)

Brazil's Senate approved a constitutional amendment Wednesday to reduce the country's maximum workweek from 44 to 40 hours without a salary cut, a move backed by President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, who hopes it will boost his standing against Flavio Bolsonaro in the Oct. 25 presidential runoff. Lula is expected to sign the shorter workweek into law next week after the measure passed the Senate in two rounds of voting with the same result: 75 to 1 out of 81 members. The sole vote against it came from former Vice President Hamilton Mourao, who served under President Jair Bolsonaro. Flavio Bolsonaro, who opposed

the initiative until early this week, voted for it remotely as he campaigned in southern Brazil. Analysts and politicians say his allies in the Senate stopped blocking the popular move so he wouldn't be hurt in his neck-to-neck race against Lula. The amendment gives businesses 14 months to adopt the shorter workweek, which was a key sticking point in the negotiations. Many business leaders and lawmakers wanted the changes to be made gradually over 10 years.

The constitutional amendment establishes a 40-hour weekly limit and two rest days without reducing pay. More than 37 million workers could benefit from the new rules, according to the government.

"When You Are Given Gifts, You Take Them": Trump On Accepting Qatar's Air Force One



Washington.(Agency)

President Donald Trump showed off the new Air Force One and defended accepting the luxury jet from the Qatari royal family as he

campaigns for Republicans Wednesday in an economically struggling corner of rural Arizona. His first substantive comments after he got off the plane to address the airport rally described learning that the Qataris had "the best of all the 747s." He said he called to ask the country's leader to borrow the aircraft before the emir offered it instead as a gift. Trump accepted the airplane last year despite strong bipartisan criticism, including from some of his staunchest Republican supporters. "When you're given gifts, you take 'em, right?" Trump told the crowd in Bullhead City. "When they give you a 747 you say two words: 'thank you.'

UK prosecutor labels Russell Brand 'ruthless sexual predator' as his sex assault trial begins

LONDON.(Agency)

Russell Brand behaved as a "ruthless" sexual predator when he assaulted six women over a decade, a prosecutor said Wednesday, as she opened the rape and sexual assault case against the actor-comedian. Brand, 51, has pleaded not guilty to three counts of rape, three counts of sexual assault and one count of indecent assault. The charges involve six women and alleged offenses between 1999 and 2009. Prosecutor Riel Karmy-Jones told jurors at Southwark Crown Court in London that the six women, who don't know each other, were assaulted by Brand in "a hotel room, workplaces, a toilet cubicle in a bar and at his home address." She said Brand at the time had an "indiscriminate and voracious" desire for sexual contact, and "women were simply a means to an end." The prosecutor said Brand could be funny and charming, "a flirt with a huge sexual appetite — childlike in his expectation that his every desire should be met." "He was ruthless, he was calculating, he was manipulative. And, the prosecution say, he was a sexual predator," Karmy-Jones said.

Jury will hear from Brand's accusers later in the trial. Brand listened intently from the dock as the prosecutor described each of the alleged incidents, including the earliest, in which Brand allegedly raped a woman in a hotel room during the Labour Party's annual conference in 1999. Brand, then a rising stand-up comedian, was performing in a cabaret on the fringe

of the conference in the English coastal town of Bournemouth. Two years later, another woman alleges, Brand tried to drag her into the men's bathroom at the office building where she worked. "There can be little doubt as to what Mr. Brand's intention was," Karmy-Jones said. A third woman alleges that Brand orally raped her in 2004 in the restroom of a London bar, telling her "Don't be a spoilsport" when she asked him to stop. The prosecutor said the other complainants include a woman who says Brand kissed and groped her at a London radio station



in 2004 or 2005, leaving her feeling "dirty and disgusting"; and a then-21-year-old fan who says Brand anally raped her at his home after she met him at one of his shows in 2009. She said the following year she exchanged text messages with Brand, telling him: "You treated me like an animal." He replied: "I'm sorry." The final complainant says Brand demanded a massage and pressed his face into her groin during the recording of an advertisement in 2009.

Delhi to see heavy rain, strong winds as IMD puts capital on orange alert

Delhi.(Ajency)

Delhi witnessed overcast skies on Thursday morning as the India Meteorological Department (IMD) issued an orange alert warning of light to moderate rain, thunderstorms and lightning across the national capital. The IMD stated that intermittent lightning and gusty winds were expected, signaling likely rainfall across multiple areas of the city. The weather office issued an orange alert, predicting light to moderate rain, accompanied by thunderstorms or lightning and winds with speeds ranging from 30-40 kilometres per hour gusting up to 50 kilometres per hour, in many places till 12.50 pm on Thursday (Oct 15). The minimum temperature was recorded at 23.3 degrees Celsius, 3.7 notches above normal—while daytime temperatures are projected to dip to a maximum of around 29 degrees Celsius, said the IMD.

Connaught Place's Moets, Sagar Ratna see surge in customers after INDIA bloc leaders' visits

Delhi.(Ajency)

For two consecutive days last week, two restaurants in Delhi's Connaught Place became an unusual backdrop to the INDIA Bloc's political meetings. With opposition leaders having gathered over lunch at Sagar Ratna, Janpath and Moets Restaurant at CP's K Block, the attention appears to have spilt beyond politics, with people stopping to click photographs outside the establishments and the establishments witnessing renewed curiosity around the venues. The visits have given the restaurants a moment in the public spotlight, turning familiar dining destinations into talking points for passersby. At Moets, the management said the arrangements for the political gathering had required the restaurant to temporarily keep its regular business aside, with the entire establishment reserved for the visiting leaders. Speaking to the newspaper, Harish Chandra, General Manager at Moets, said that the restaurant received a call late on the night of October 7, informing the management that around 75-100 people were expected for lunch the following day. Given that the restaurant has a seating capacity of about 80, the management initially discussed accommodating the guests in batches.

85% of network worked on Oct 10: DMRC to SC

Delhi.(Ajency)

In an affidavit filed before the apex court, the DMRC said over 85% of the metro network—258 stations—remained fully operational, accessible and functional for commuters. It also noted that entry and exit were restricted at only 45 out of 303 stations, accounting for 15% of the entire network, from 9 pm of October 9 till October 10. The DMRC affidavit explained that the entry and exit regulations were undertaken pursuant to assessment of law enforcement agencies and in accordance with their directions. The affidavit was filed in connection with a contempt plea alleging wilful disobedience. While hearing a plea against the closure of various metro stations and cancellation of trains to Delhi in view of the protests in the national capital, the top court had directed the Centre on October 9 to ensure that there was no “complete prohibition” of the movement of metro and trains coming to Delhi. A separate affidavit was also filed in the apex court by the DMRC chairperson, who said the October 9 order was complied with in letter and spirit. A bench headed by Chief Justice of India Surya Kant—which had earlier directed DMRC and others to file compliance affidavit—is scheduled to hear the plea on Thursday.

Ambedkar University suspends 10 students after clashes during protest

Delhi.(Ajency)

Ambedkar University Delhi (AUD) suspended 10 students following clashes between protesters and security personnel at its Kashmere Gate campus on Tuesday evening, barring them from entering university campuses pending a detailed inquiry. The clashes took place on the 16th day of an indefinite sit-in led by the All India Students' Association (AISA)-led AUD



Students' Collective, which began over demands for basic infrastructure and faculty recruitment, among other things. AISA has alleged a crackdown by the administration and that students were physically assaulted. Suspended students can't enter campuses: AUD In a statement issued on Wednesday, the university said, "After reviewing the preliminary report of the Proctorial Board, CCTV footage and other visual inputs, the students have been placed under suspension with immediate effect for their alleged involvement in acts of indiscipline." The varsity has also prohibited the suspended students from

entering its campuses during the suspension period and referred the matter to the Proctorial Board and Disciplinary Committee for further inquiry. It has been asked to submit the report in a week. The suspension orders do not specify a fixed duration, stating that the students will remain suspended pending the outcome of the inquiry. The orders do not state whether the suspensions will be revoked once the report is submitted or will continue pending further

disciplinary action. **What happened on Tuesday** Students had gathered at the campus's Wall of Democracy on Tuesday evening for a screening of a documentary, Jai Bhim Comrade. AISA alleged that security personnel tore down posters and bedsheets, switched off campus electricity around 6 pm and physically assaulted students attending the screening. Female students reported misconduct and injuries, including torn clothing and broken sandals, the student organisation said in its statement issued on Wednesday. AISA also alleged that one of the students was singled out and

✱ The university has barred the suspended students from entering its campuses pending a disciplinary inquiry; AISA has alleged that security personnel assaulted students during a documentary screening.

assaulted, and subjected to communal threats. The collective claimed that students threatened to force open the gates to ensure his safety, alleging that he was being held hostage by security personnel. AUD, in its statement on Tuesday, however, claimed protesting students caused damage to university property and engaged in scuffles and physical altercations with the female and male security personnel deployed on duty. The varsity also alleged that officials attempting to initiate dialogue with the students were subjected to abusive behaviour. "Observing that the situation was becoming unmanageable, and keeping in view the safety and security of the campus and other students, the University Administration informed the police authorities," the statement said.

Delhi's new protest sites: One booked for Ramlila, another strewn with debris

Delhi.(Ajency)

CBD Ground: Waste piles & Ramlila bookings Tall grass and bushes cover large stretches of CBD Ground in Shahdara, with piles of waste lying along its edges. At another end, preparations for Ramlila events are underway, raising questions about the ground's readiness to host protests. This is one of the three alternative sites – the others are Burari Ground and Ramlila Maidan – allotted by the Delhi Police after Jantar Mantar was denotified as a designated protest site in the city. An official of Shanghai Tunnelling Project Engineering Co, a third party company that worked for



the National Capital Region Transport Corporation (NCRTC), said the ground – located around 12 km from Jantar Mantar – was clean and well-maintained when the corporation handed it over to the Delhi Development Authority (DDA). "The lack of maintenance by the DDA has made the area like this," the official said, pointing to the overgrowth and waste. The official warned that protests and police barricades could disrupt traffic in this commercial area, inconveniencing residents and commuters. An organiser said three Ramlila events were underway at the ground, drawing nearly 5,000 people daily. "The venue is booked until next month. It is unlikely that protests could be held there during this period," he added. Malls, wedding halls and a village nearby could add to congestion if large numbers of protesters arrived, he further said.

At 37, Delhi man suffered a heart attack. After 11 years, a stranger's heart saved his life

✱ Last month, the 47-year-old Delhi businessman underwent a heart transplant. He received a donor heart from a patient at PGIMS Rohtak, in a race against time that hinged on a green corridor and a family's decision to donate.

Delhi.(Ajency)

On September 17, a stranger's heart began beating inside Chanchal Yadav, transported nearly 100 km from Rohtak in Haryana to Delhi. It belonged to a 41-year-old man who had died in a road accident a day earlier. His family agreed to donate his organs, giving Yadav, a 47-year-old business owner from Delhi's Vikaspuri, a chance at a new life. For patients like him, finding a donor heart is a long and difficult process. India performs roughly 225 heart transplants a year — against an estimated annual demand of nearly 50,000 — while Delhi recorded 14 transplants in 2024, as per sources in the State Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation (SOTTO). **11 years of waiting** For Yadav, the surgery followed 11 years of living with a damaged heart that began with a minor attack in 2015. "I

didn't even realise it had happened," he said. "We found out three months later, by which time heart damage was already done." He watched as his world slowly shrank. First, he had to give up playing sports. It was his passion — volleyball,



badminton, running, whatever kept him on his feet. "Iss beemari ne mujhe 11 saal sports se dur kar diya (This ailment distanced me from sports for 11 years)," said Yadav. Then he struggled to even walk. "Every movement started getting curtailed. There were restrictions on everything," he

said. "Gradually, I had trouble even walking. I used to feel exhausted doing the smallest things." In 2023, Yadav was placed on the transplant waiting list. By the time he reached Fortis Hospital, Shalimar Bagh, in June 2026, doctors found his heart functioning at a fraction of what it should. Dr Dinesh Kumar Mittal, the senior cardiac surgeon who would go on to lead Yadav's transplant, said, "A heart transplant becomes necessary when the left ventricle — the heart's main pumping chamber — stops functioning properly, falling below 20% of its total capacity." In patients who need a transplant, this can fall to as low as 10-15%, he said, adding, "At that stage, even walking becomes difficult." In July this year, doctors implanted an automated implantable cardioverter-defibrillator — a small device fitted under the skin that delivers an electric shock, jolting a dangerously irregular heart back into rhythm and buying extra time as he waited for a donor. Soon after the procedure, Fortis called to ask whether he could undergo a transplant immediately. "But I told them I need to rest my body first," Yadav recalled. A donor heart, 95 km away — and a race against time The wait finally ended on September 17. At 8.50 am that day, the transplant coordinator at Fortis Hospital, Shalimar Bagh, received a message from the National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation (NOTTO). A heart was available, matched to a B-positive recipient. But the donor, a road accident victim, was at PGIMS Rohtak, 95 km away.

In 3 weeks, over 77,000 households register for Delhi's rooftop solar scheme

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Delhi.(Ajency)

More than 77,000 households have registered for Delhi's rooftop solar scheme since its launch over three weeks ago, officials said on Wednesday, crossing one-third of the government's target to install 2.3 lakh solar power units in the city by March 31 next year. This marks a significant increase in interest in rooftop solar installations in the Capital, which

had only witnessed 29,718 solar connections installed by BSES and Tata Power — with a combined capacity of 472 Mwp (Megawatt-peak) — before the scheme was launched. Since September 21, 77,614 applications have been received on the portal. The highest number of registrations, 27,197, came from areas served by BSES Yamuna Power Limited (BYPL), which covers East and Central Delhi. Tata Power Delhi Distribution Limited (TPDDL), which serves North and Northwest Delhi, received 26,788 applications, while BSES Rajdhani Power Limited (BRPL), covering South and West Delhi, recorded 23,925 registrations. Power Minister Ashish Sood said the response, particularly from rural areas and unauthorised colonies, showed growing interest in rooftop solar installations.

"This shows the immense trust and enthusiasm of our citizens," he added. Officials have attributed the slow adoption of rooftop solar in the past partly to the existing electricity subsidy. Eligible consumers receive free electricity for consumption of up to 200 units a month, reducing the incentive to invest in solar systems. The high initial cost of installation and difficulties in securing agreement among residents of group housing societies have also posed hurdles in the way of adoption of the scheme. The Delhi Solar Policy offers additional subsidies to reduce the cost of installation. Under the Pradhan Mantri Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana, the Centre provides a subsidy of up to Rs

78,000 for rooftop solar systems of up to 3 kW. The Delhi government has announced an additional subsidy of up to Rs 78,000, taking the total subsidy to Rs 1.56 lakh for eligible consumers, making the installation almost free of cost. Further, the government has increased its subsidy for rooftop solar installations serving common facilities in group housing societies from Rs 2,000 to Rs 11,000 per kW, up to a capacity of 500 kW. Eligible installations can also receive central assistance of Rs 18,000 per kW.



Special Summary Revision Camps in Gautam Buddha Nagar on Oct 17, 24

Delhi.(Ajency)

Special Summary Revision Camps will be held in Gautam Buddha Nagar on October 17 and 24, with a special focus on eligible voters who have been left out after the final electoral roll was published on April 10 following a Special Intensive Revision exercise in Uttar Pradesh. This follows a direction from the state's Chief Electoral Officer that such camps be conducted. Booth Level Officers (BLO) have to be present at each polling booth from 10 am to 4 pm on both the days. On Wednesday, election officers in the district met supervisors, asking them to immediately coordinate with the BLO's in their respective areas and inform them that new voters now being added to the electoral roll under special circumstances are no longer required to provide information related to the SIR. This comes amidst an ongoing row over the alleged irregularities in the SIR exercise involving deletion of over the 13 crore names from the draft rolls in 30 states and Union Territories. An investigative report, published by The Indian Express on September 23, pointed to an internal rift within the Election Commission. This newspaper also reported that the Election Commission directed the 20 states and Union Territories where the exercise had concluded to run a "special drive" to enrol

voters "left out" of the rolls. While 2.05 crore names were struck off following the 166-day SIR exercise in UP, roughly 3.6 lakh from Gautam Buddha Nagar did not make it to the final electoral roll, while the draft had 4.4 lakh voters removed. "A sufficient number of Form-6s will be available for new voter registrations, and applicants must attach their latest photograph, date of birth, and proof of address with the form," said an officer. The officer added that the focus will also



be on first-time voters, and that all Indian citizens born before January 1, 2009, and aged 18 years and above, should be included on a priority basis. The focus will also be on women, while physical verification of voters aged 80, and details of third-gender citizens will be recorded or appropriately marked. "Whenever a person fills out Form 6, it is added to the local BLO's cart on the app," a BLO said.

Karnataka to GST Council: Share revenue with local bodies

New Delhi. (Agency)

Chief Minister DK Shivakumar said that the Karnataka government would submit a proposal to the Goods and Services Tax (GST) Council to share GST revenue with rural and urban local bodies. He said the government would take necessary steps to improve the financial position of gram panchayats and further strengthen decentralised governance.The CM said that the State Government had taken note of the decline in gram panchayat revenue following the withdrawal of their power to levy taxes on industries by the Karnataka Industrial Areas Development Board (KIADB). The law allows 30% of the property tax collected by the authority to be shared with gram panchayats. He directed officials to provide complete details of the property tax collected by the authority so far and the amount distributed to gram panchayats. Speaking at a meeting of the Karnataka State Decentralisation Planning and Development Committee on Wednesday, the CM said a committee would be constituted under the chairmanship of the RDPR Minister Eshwar B Khandre to examine the recommendations of the Fifth State Finance Commission on fund allocation and administrative reforms.

'Hallmark of Modi govt is to silence victims': Rahul on detention of Ankita Bhandari's parents

Karnataka. (Agency).

"Yesterday, Priyanka and I met these parents. Even before the results of that investigation came in, the appointment was rushed, and the parents asking questions were picked up in the dead of night," Gandhi said."This is the hallmark of this government: silence the voices of the victims, remove those who ask questions," the Lok Sabha LoP said, adding: "the fight for justice will neither be silenced nor stopped." The Congress stands with Ankita Bhandari's family, and will continue to stand with them until they get justice, he asserted using the hashtag 'Justice For Ankita Bhandari'.

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RSS Invites Ex-Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar To Dussehra Event In Nagpur

New Delhi(Agency).

Former Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar has been invited to the RSS' annual event to be organised on Vijayadashmi in Nagpur next week.According to the RSS,



Dhankhar has been invited as a guest for the event which is organised every year on Vijayadashmi to mark the organisation's foundation day. This year's event, to be organised at Nagpur's Reshimbagh

Ground on October 20, will also mark closing of the RSS' centenary year.Sanjay Gupta, Editor-in-Chief of Dainik Jagran, will be the chief guest at the event to be addressed by RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat, the Sangh said.This year, the invited guests for the Sangh's Vijayadashmi celebration, marking the conclusion of its centenary year, will be former Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar and Yaniv Revach, Israel's Consul General for the Midwest India region," the RSS said. On Dhankhar being invited to the event, the Congress took potshots at the Modi government, saying that the "ecosystem is at war with itself". In a post on X, Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh said even though Dhankhar has got an invite from the RSS, the government is yet to allot him a house that he is entitled to since he resigned suddenly in July last year.

Yogi Adityanath highlighted Uttar Pradesh's progress in girls' education, maternal healthcare and women's empowerment since 2017, citing improved school facilities, lower dropout rates and expanded educational opportunities.

New Delhi(Agency).

Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath described Maa Bhagwati in her Skandamata form as the embodiment of affection, maternal love and nourishment. He said that the worship of Maa Skandamata conveys the sacred message that the nation's present can be secure and its future bright only when women are healthy, educated and empowered. In a post on X, the Chief Minister said that before 2017, previous governments focused on nurturing their own political families instead of empowering daughters. He added that maternal healthcare and girls' education in the state had suffered due to gross neglect and corruption. Poor hospital conditions, shortages of medicines and inadequate facilities for institutional deliveries had pushed maternal

and infant mortality rates to alarming levels. The Chief Minister said that the double-engine government had transformed the situation over



the past nine and a half years. Earlier, lakhs of girls in the state were forced to drop out of school due to the lack of basic facilities. However, over the past 9.5 years, the government has established a comprehensive

framework for women's safety and welfare, covering every stage from a girl's birth and education to safe motherhood.

Highlighting the changes since 2017, Adityanath said that under Operation Kayakalp, the coverage of basic facilities in primary schools had increased from 36 per cent to over 96 per cent. The school dropout rate had also declined from 20 per cent to less than 3 per cent. He added that Atal Residential Schools are providing modern, world-class residential education to girls from workers' families and disadvantaged sections of society. Meanwhile, the expansion of educational facilities up to Class 12 in Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas is enabling more girls to complete their schooling.The Chief Minister said that investing in girls' education was an investment in strengthening their confidence and securing the future of the state.

Ridership fell from 58 lakh to 32 lakh on CJP protest day: Delhi Metro to SC

The DMRC maintained that it ran all 4,157 scheduled train trips without curtailing or cancelling services. Entry and exit were restricted at 45 of its 303 stations on law enforcement directions, while the remaining 258 stayed fully accessible.

New Delhi. (Agency)

Delhi Metro ridership fell nearly 45 per cent during Saturday's protests against Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar, the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) told the Supreme Court. It attributed the drop to the protests, saying many commuters appeared to have avoided travelling. Around 32 lakh passengers used the Metro on October 10, compared with about 58 lakh on a normal second Saturday. The DMRC described ridership as "slightly lower" than normal in its affidavit. "This reduction may be attributed to the protest, which appears to have prompted a large number of commuters to refrain from travelling and, consequently, from undertaking their usual daily activities or attending to their business or private employment," it said. The DMRC maintained



that all 4,157 scheduled train trips ran without curtailment or cancellation. Entry and exit were restricted at 45 of its 303 stations on law enforcement directions. The remaining 258 stayed fully accessible, it said. Passengers could still change lines at all 14 interchange stations where entry and exit were restricted, the corporation said. It added that steps were taken to keep nearby stations open.

DMRC RESPONDS TO SUPREME COURT

The DMRC and its chairperson filed affidavits in proceedings over alleged violations of the Supreme Court's directions on Metro and train services. The chairperson said the October 9 order had been followed "in letter and spirit".On October 11, while hearing a plea seeking contempt proceedings, the court said the petitioners had made out a "prima facie" case. Only the DMRC has responded so far. The Union Home Ministry and Delhi Police are yet to reply to notices issued on Sunday and again on Tuesday. The notices concern petitions over protesters' detention and alleged assaults on lawyers and journalists, as well as contempt proceedings over alleged shutdowns of roads, Metro and railway services, and internet access.

'Will go on hunger strike': Ankita Bhandari's parents briefly detained after India Gate protest

New Delhi. (Agency).

Delhi Police briefly detained the parents of 19-year-old Ankita Bhandari, 10 hours after they began a sit-in protest near India Gate against the appointment of former BJP Uttarakhand Chief Dushyant Kumar Gautam as Sikkim governor. Along with Virendra Bhandari and Soni Devi, Congress leader Supriya Srinathe, National Students' Union of India member Varun Chaudhary and Indian Youth Congress chief Uday Bhanu Chib were also detained. They were taken to the Tilak Marg police station at 4.30 am, and were released after half an hour. "If we are not allowed to sit here, we will go on a hunger strike from our home till the decision to appoint him governor is not revoked," Soni told the media.



The case

Ankita, who worked as a receptionist at the Vanantra Resort in Rishikesh, was killed on September 18, 2022. Her body was recovered from the Chilla canal four days later. Resort owner Pulkit Arya, son of former BJP leader Vinod Arya, and two accomplices have been convicted in the case and sentenced to life

imprisonment.

The protest

Her parents have been demanding that Gautam's appointment be put on hold until the ongoing CBI investigation into the case is complete. The family has alleged that an unidentified VIP was involved in the circumstances leading to Ankita's murder and has named Gautam in its allegations. Gautam has denied any involvement and has initiated defamation proceedings against those accusing him. Earlier on Wednesday, Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi, and Congress MP Priyanka Gandhi Vadra met the parents; Priyanka hugged Soni during the protest. Virendra had said on Wednesday that his daughter's murder probe has not been satisfactory till now.

EAM Jaishankar calls for 'urgent' reform of multilateralism, cites India-UAE partnership

New Delhi(Agency).

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Wednesday called for "urgent" reform of multilateral institutions to reflect the changing global order, saying stronger cooperation among smaller groups of countries could support the process.Jaishankar made the remarks during a session of the Raisina Dialogue's Middle East edition in Abu Dhabi, where he joined UAE Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed Al-Nahyan for a discussion on 'The World Ahead: Power, Purpose & Possibility'.Highlighting the increasing pace of change in the global order during the conversation, the minister said it reflected both "long-term trends and immediate shocks", prompting countries to explore new partnerships and alternatives in response to their specific circumstances."New partnerships and fresh options are inevitably explored in that pursuit," he said in a social media post after the discussion.This required countries to move beyond traditional comfort zones and develop sharper strategic awareness, Jaishankar said.

"The reform of multilateralism is urgent. It can be supported through stronger minilateralism," he underlined. Minilateralism refers to cooperation among a relatively small group of countries to address specific issues, often allowing them to work together more effectively when broader multilateral forums struggle to reach consensus.Jaishankar cited the India-UAE partnership over the past decade as an example of how countries have responded to a changing global environment."The India-UAE partnership of the last decade is a great example of our two nations responding to the changing global environment," he said.

"Difficult": Chennai Auto Drivers On Chief Minister Vijay's Free Bus Scheme

Chennai. (Agency).

For an hour, ten auto-rickshaw drivers waiting at a stand in Chennai's Ashok Pillar area did not get a single passenger. They blame the expansion of free bus travel for women by Chief Minister C Joseph Vijay's government, saying more commuters are opting for buses, leaving them with fewer rides and dwindling earnings. A Pakkiri, a worried auto driver said that there many like him in Chennai who have seen their business drop by 50 percent. "I used to get 10 to 15 trips daily. Now I get 5 to 6 trips only".



"The expansion means women have more connectivity and even those working women who can afford earning fifty thousand or above avoid the auto and take the bus," he added. N Babu, another auto driver shared the impact is being felt at home also as dwindling earnings make it harder to meet household

expenses, provide for their children and repay vehicle loans. "One driver even recently committed suicide recently unable to manage", he claimed.P Nagoor Gani said he was dependant mainly on street pick ups and not on Ola or Uber. "It's getting difficult." The complaints come as the TVK government recently expanded a popular welfare scheme of the previous DMK government. The MK Stalin-government had introduced free bus travel for women on ordinary government buses in 2021. Vijay's government has extended the benefit to additional services, including express and rural buses, fulfilling a key poll promise.

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When Women First Found Their Voice

At the turn of the 20th century, a silent gender revolution was brewing in India—one that has sadly gone largely unnoticed by historians, sociologists, and feminists. India had its first brush with recording technology imported from Europe and America, through multi-national firms such as The Gramophone Company. European recording agents, with no knowledge of India’s languages or music, were sent in as ‘experts’ to gather as many commercially viable recordings of ‘natives.’ Singing in high-pitched voices for foreigners in the absence of microphones during the era of acoustic recording and limiting one’s presentation of an expansive art-form like Indian classical music to a mere three-minute capsule (which is all that an early shellac disc could hold) were creative challenges that unsettled most artists.

Yet, across India, while men largely stayed away, women stepped forward. Braving these challenges, they adapted their art to this new technology and its limitations, even negotiating commercial and copyright terms with European agents. Many of them came from tawaif and devadasi communities. In early recording expeditions of The Gramophone Company—in 1902, 1904-05, and 1906-07—women’s recordings accounted for 80.95 per cent, 83.51 per cent, and 85.36 per cent respectively of the total recorded catalogue of Indian classical music. While some information on the North Indian women pioneers, including the celebrated Gauhar Jaan, are well-known, the southern counterparts are largely forgotten. Among the earliest recorded superstars of South India was Salem Godavari, who lived in (then) Madras’ devadasi stronghold—Thambuchetty Street. Negotiating with the French Pathé Company that secured Godavari initially for 16 titles for Rs 300, she got herself a whopping raise to Rs 900 at the end of just two days! Her Carnatic music recordings sold widely and like her fellow-women artists, she made a fortune. But by the time of her death in 1911, she had willed her property away to the famed Pachaiyappa College, Society for Protection of Children, Annanda Samajam, Salem College, Vedic School attached to Salem Theosophical Society, and for temple cars and a rest house for pilgrims at a Shiva Temple in her hometown Salem. Would these institutions even know of Godavari or her munificence today, one wonders. Another prolifically recorded artiste was Dhanakoti Ammal of Kanchipuram, who had family ties with the prima donna of Carnatic music Veenai Dhanammal. She had a wide repertoire of Tamil songs and knew several Ramayana kritis of Arunachala Kavirayar. It is said that at one of her concerts, an intemperate young zamindar once rudely addressed her by her first name, ordering her to sing a song from the Ramayana, causing angst to everyone including her. But she quickly composed herself and broke into song: ‘Yaaru Da nee Korange?’ (Who are you, O! Monkey!). While the repartee seemed apt for the rude man, this was actually a Ramayana song where Ravana questioned Hanuman on his first visit to Lanka. Her presence of mind and wit turned an insult into a joke, at the ill-mannered zamindar’s expense. The erotic padams and javalis that women like Dhanakoti recorded are a treasure trove of a forgotten chapter of Carnatic music.

One of the more popular recorded artistes was Bangalore Nagarathamma (1878-1952), daughter of the devadasi Puttulakshmi in Mysore. Their patron’s insult of the young girl made the mother vow to made Nagarathamma a star. By the time she was 15, she had been feted by the Mysore ruler Chamarajendra Wodeyar X. Her recordings in chaste Sanskrit and erotic Telugu padams were widely consumed. But in 1910, she courted a huge public scandal by publishing the 18th century erotic love-poem Radhika Santhvanamu (Appeasement of Radhika) of courtesan Muddupalani of Thanjavur.

The bold storyline, the inherent woman’s voice and articulation of female sexual needs, drew loud social and moral protests. Legal cases followed. She was called a prostitute and adulteress who had shamelessly put out intimate scenes for commercial gains.

Do a Good Job, But Not Too Good a Job

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I was in Paris last weekend to give a lecture at INSEAD. My trip coincided with the Pope’s visit so most roads were cordoned off and it was almost impossible to find buses or cabs. This meant walking across the city from one adventure to the next. The weather was great and being without a predetermined plan in Paris isn’t the worst idea.

Around midnight on Saturday, I stumbled into a restaurant called Fitzgerald. For a brief moment, I thought of doing the responsible thing and heading back to my hotel. Thankfully, better sense prevailed. The most popular item on the menu was “a la Montaigne”, named after one of my favourite philosophers. I was alone so I thought it best to enjoy “a la Montaigne” with my Kindle highlights of his essay Of Husbanding Your Will, in which Montaigne looks back on his years as mayor of Bordeaux. Its advice, in modern office language, is to do a good job, but not too good a job. For anyone who takes their work seriously, this is blasphemous. Not doing too good a job is the kind of language associated with slackers, the unmotivated, and the directionless. It is definitely not going to be anyone’s LinkedIn post any time soon. This raises the question: Was Montaigne really asking us to do a good enough job to not get fired and coast along?

In 1581, while travelling in Italy, Montaigne learnt that Bordeaux had elected him mayor. He tried to decline. Henri III then wrote to him in person, telling him to take up the post. Montaigne relented but set strict norms around what to expect from him. His father had held the same office, and Montaigne remembered him in old age, agitated by public business, neglecting his home, his health, and very nearly his life. Montaigne would be sorry, he told them, to let their affairs take hold of him that way. His principle was plain: Il faut se prêter a autrui et ne se donner qu’a soi-même. Lend yourself to others, and give yourself only to yourself. Most professions, he wrote, are a kind of theatre. We should play our part properly while remembering that it is a borrowed role. Le maire et Montaigne ont toujours été deux. The mayor and Montaigne were always two separate people. Montaigne was mayor during the Wars of Religion, when Catholics and Protestants were killing each other. He had seen



strong beliefs turn neighbours into enemies. A mayor who treats every city dispute as a personal attack makes poor decisions, and a city at war needed a mayor who could stay calm.

Some critics called his time as mayor unremarkable. Montaigne replied that a city kept calm through a civil war gives people little to remark on. The graver charge came in 1585. Plague reached Bordeaux in the final weeks of his second term, and Montaigne chose to remain outside the city. Critics have held it against him ever since, claiming that distance from one’s work can harden into distance from one’s duty.

Even so, the advice holds up. Montaigne took the job seriously and kept enough distance to see it clearly. He protested unfair taxes on Bordeaux, hosted Henri of

Navarre at his château to keep talks between Catholics and Protestants alive, and worked with the king’s governor to secure the city’s defences when the Catholic League plotted to seize Bordeaux.

None of this means Montaigne was an ideal mayor or that his principles should be emulated by all of us. His essay is simply a useful reminder that suffering or sacrificing for work is not a form of virtue. Even extreme workaholics can learn a ton from Montaigne if they take his advice seriously, not literally. Essentially, he argues that a healthy distance between what we work on and who we are is helpful. If what we work on and who we are are the same, Montaigne suggests that objectivity, happiness, and composure become elusive. For some, the gamble is worth it. For others, it is not.

Fight malpractice, but don't risk patient care

While concerns are legitimate, a CM’s remarks warrant careful consideration. Generalisations that cast doubt on medical interventions risk undermining trust between doctors and patients

Keralam Chief Minister V D Satheesan’s call to avoid unnecessary clinical investigations and angioplasty procedures driven by commercial interests has brought a pressing concern in Indian healthcare into focus. He alleged that financial incentives can influence medical decisions, with patients often pressured into expensive procedures without adequate time to reflect or seek second opinion. His remarks echo growing public anxiety over rising medical costs and commercialisation. Though the medical community remains divided over his criticism, there is broad agreement that medical ethics must be upheld and emergency care never be compromised.

While these concerns are legitimate, a CM’s remarks warrant careful consideration. Generalisations that cast doubt on medical interventions risk undermining trust between doctors and patients. Cardiovascular diseases remain the leading cause of death in India, with diabetes, obesity and hypertension increasing the risks. Estimates suggest that roughly four Indians suffer a heart attack every minute. The country’s cardiovascular mortality rate



stands at about 274 deaths per lakh people, above the global average. India reportedly records 4.5-6 lakh angioplasties annually, with the number growing by around 6 percent a year. These figures underline the urgent need to strengthen medical infrastructure rather than fuel suspicion about life-saving procedures.

At the same time, investigations and interventions driven by financial motives, not clinical necessity, expose patients to avoidable expenses and medical risks. Such

malpractice must be identified and punished. But isolated instances of wrongdoing should not discredit the entire profession. When clinically indicated, angioplasty can save lives. Fear of unnecessary procedures must not discourage patients from seeking medical attention or delay treatment when every second counts. Patients must receive clear information about their condition, treatment options, risks and alternatives, and participate in decisions about their care. In medical emergencies, informed decisions must be made swiftly to ensure that life-saving treatment is not delayed.

The erosion of public trust in healthcare that this debate highlights calls for urgent corrective action. Doctors and hospitals must ensure that every intervention is evidence-based and that treatment decisions are transparent. Public discussion must distinguish between elective interventions and emergency care, where delays can have serious consequences. Governments must strengthen regulation and take firm action against proven malpractice. Satheesan’s remarks have brought an important issue into public debate.

The diesel pact, double standards and the price of strategic partnership

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On October 9, President Donald Trump announced an agreement with President Vladimir Putin for Russian diesel supplies to the US and global markets. Trump said Russia would supply more than 300,000 tonnes immediately, 500,000 tonnes in November and further shipments that could bring the announced total to roughly 4.8 million tonnes. The US Treasury promptly issued a general licence permitting specified transactions involving Russian diesel valid for six months. Trump’s justification on Truth Social was straightforward: “Lower prices for Americans . . . is my greatest priority.”

Coming days before Washington’s own deadline of taking steps against buyers of Russian energy, the announcement exposes an uncomfortable double standard in US foreign policy: Washington has threatened punitive tariffs against major buyers of Russian energy, yet has made an exception for it’s own purchases when domestic diesel prices became a concern. Three weeks earlier, on September 18, Trump had signed the Lindsey O. Graham Sanctioning Russia and Iran Act (SRIA) into law. Among other measures, it authorises the President to impose tariffs of up to 100% on goods from countries among the five largest importers of Russian origin crude oil or natural gas, as well as measures against certain facilitators of sanctions evasion. India, as a major buyer of Russian crude, could be affected. October 18 is the deadline for Trump to take the initial implementation steps prescribed by SRIA, though the precise application of the tariff provisions depends on the Act and Presidential decisions. The diesel pact, announced just nine days before that deadline, puts Washington’s own energy calculations under the spotlight. India has earlier faced punitive US

tariffs for buying Russian oil, including an additional 25% levy imposed in August that took the overall tariff burden on Indian goods to 50%, alongside threats of further secondary tariffs. Washington’s argument has been that Russian energy helps sustain Moscow’s war effort. Yet when domestic fuel prices became a pressing concern, the US turned to Russian diesel and issued a licence to permit the imports. The circumstances may differ, but the underlying question of national interest is the same. The Trump-Putin diesel pact vindicates India’s position, which has consistently been that its energy choices must reflect the welfare of its 1.4 billion citizens and the requirements of its economy. Trump’s justification mirrors the logic India has invoked for its Russian crude purchases: affordable fuel is a legitimate domestic priority. If the US can weigh energy security against its wider objectives, India has the same right to do so. The principle either cuts both ways, or neither.

The pact exposes the limits of Washington’s campaign to use secondary tariffs to shape other countries’ energy choices. SRIA remains in force, and the US may still impose tariffs on India and other countries within its scope. The diesel licence does not repeal SRIA or dismantle the wider sanctions regime. It does, however, reveal the discretion with which restrictions can be applied when American interests demand it. A policy that demands sacrifice from others while reserving exceptions for oneself undermines its own credibility. Any move to penalise India for buying Russian energy will now face an obvious question: why should Washington enjoy an exemption it denies others?

SRIA embodies the illogic of forced trade: deploying

tariffs, financial leverage and economic coercion to shape the commercial decisions of sovereign states. Every country pursues its national interests. The question is whether Washington can compel others to accept constraints it relaxes for itself. India’s energy security cannot be subordinated to another country’s domestic political pressures, still less to a standard that Washington does not apply to itself. The diesel pact could ease price



pressures in some markets, although the additional volumes may have only a limited effect on global prices. India should welcome any genuine easing of supply constraints. As a major energy importer, it has a direct interest in affordable fuel. Diesel underpins freight, agriculture and small industry, and its cost affects prices across the economy. Yet, the significance of the pact lies less in its immediate market impact than in what it reveals about the relationship between energy security and

sanctions policy. The implications extend to the India-US Comprehensive Global Strategic Partnership of 2020. Washington has treated its own need for affordable energy as sufficient reason to adjust policy, while questioning India’s equivalent calculations. That discrepancy belongs squarely in bilateral discussions. A genuine strategic partnership must accommodate differences over commercial choices without turning them into tests of loyalty. Strategic cooperation loses credibility when economic pressure becomes a means of demanding compliance on issues where national interests diverge.

The timing, with US midterm elections approaching on November 3, also highlights the importance of domestic political pressures. High fuel prices affect voters directly, giving the Trump administration an incentive to demonstrate that it is acting. The precise weight of electoral considerations in the decision is difficult to establish, but the broader lesson is clear: US policy, like that of other major powers, is shaped by domestic imperatives and can change when those imperatives change. India must plan accordingly rather than mistake strategic rhetoric for a guarantee of consistency. This is not the first time Washington’s decisions have imposed costs on India. In 2019, the withdrawal of waivers for Iranian crude forced Indian refiners to reconfigure their supplies. More recently, changes to the US exemption for India’s Chabahar engagement with Iran complicated a port project in which New Delhi had invested for years. These cases arose under different circumstances, but they illustrate how American decisions can disrupt Indian economic and strategic initiatives. The diesel pact reinforces the need to account for such uncertainty.

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जॉब पर वे बातें जो आपको कोई नहीं बताएगा...



पढ़ाई खत्म करने के बाद जब आप किसी कंपनी में काम करने जाते हैं तो शुरू के कुछ साल आपको बिजनेस एथिक्स समझने में लग जाते हैं। पर कंपनियां यह सोचती हैं कि आपको ये एथिक्स पहले से पता होना चाहिए। ये बातें आपको अपने कार्यस्थल पर कोई नहीं बताएगा, लेकिन हम आपको मदद कर सकते हैं।

1. पहली नौकरी आपको कई अनुभव देती है। याद रखिए कि अब आप एक प्रोफेशनल बन चुके हैं और आपकी पहली नौकरी आपके करियर के लिए महत्वपूर्ण है। तो अपने कार्यस्थल पर हद से ज्यादा गपशप और देर से आना और बहाने देना अब अच्छा नहीं होगा।
2. कार्यस्थल पर फेसबुक, इंस्टाग्राम, वॉट्सएप आदि सोशल नेटवर्किंग का उपयोग न के बराबर ही करें। इनका अत्यधिक उपयोग आपकी काम में अरुचि को दर्शाता है, इसलिए कई कंपनियां इन साइट्स को ब्लॉक कर देती हैं। अच्छा होगा कि बातचीत करने के लिए लंच ब्रेक का प्रयोग करें।
3. अपने सीनियर से बहस न करें। अपनी गलती मानें और उसे समझें और दोबारा न दोहराने की बात कहें, क्योंकि वे आपके बॉस हैं कई सालों से काम करते हुए उन्हें काम का खासा अनुभव है। आपका ज़रा-सा गलत रवैया बॉस की नज़रों में आपकी इमेज गिरा सकता है।
4. कार्यस्थल एक ऐसी जगह है जहां अलग-अलग प्रकार के, अलग विचारों के लोग एकसाथ काम करते हैं। कभी-कभी किसी बात पर मतभेद भी हो जाता है, तो याद रखें कि मतभेद को मनभेद में परिवर्तित ना होने दें।
5. खुलेआम अपने सहयोगी की बुराई न करें। लोगों की बुराई से ज्यादा अच्छाई देखें।
6. अपना काम हमेशा ईमानदारी से करते रहें। अगर कोई काम समझ नहीं आ रहा है तो अपने सीनियर या सहयोगियों से पूछने में हिचकें नहीं।
7. अगर आप ओवरवर्कड महसूस कर रहे हैं तो अपने सीनियर से अपनी समस्या पर बात करें।
8. कार्यस्थल पर हमेशा विनम्र बने रहें।

बेरोज़गारी का भी मजा लीजिए



कॉलेज से पढ़ाई पूरी करने के बाद ज़रूरी नहीं है कि आपको जॉब मिल ही जाए। आपमें काबिलियत है इसमें कोई शक नहीं लेकिन कभी-कभी समय अनुकूल नहीं होता। जीवन के इस पॉइंट पर जब आपके ज्यादातर दोस्त जॉब पर लग चुके हैं और आप बेरोजगार हैं तो आपको अपने आप को अयोग्य या अनसक्सेसफुल महसूस करने की कोई ज़रूरत नहीं है। ऐसा तो बिलकुल नहीं है कि भविष्य में आपको जॉब नहीं मिलेगा। आप बेरोज़गार हैं तो इसका भी मजा लीजिए और अपने इस खाली समय का सदुपयोग करें। हम बता रहे हैं कैसे-

अपनी हॉबी को समय दें - आप अपने इस खाली समय का उपयोग अपने शौक को पूरा करने के लिए कर सकते हैं। ऐसी चीज़ें करें जो आप करना चाहते थे लेकिन पढ़ाई और दूसरे कामों के चलते आप उसके लिए समय नहीं निकाल पाए। वो डांस सीखना, सिंगिंग क्लास जाना, कोई इंस्ट्रुमेंट बजाना सीखने से लेकर कुछ भी हो सकता है। खुद के लिए उस समय का भरपूर उपयोग करें।

रिश्तों को नयापन दें - ये खाली समय अपने परिवार और दोस्तों को दें। ऐसे दोस्तों से मिलें जिनसे मिले आपको सालों हो गए हैं। अपनी सोशल लाइफ को ट्रैक पर लाएं और चाहें तो नए दोस्त बनाएं। इस खाली समय का आप इस तरह अच्छा उपयोग कर सकते हैं।

छुड़ियों पर निकल जाए - अभी आप किसी के अंडर काम नहीं कर रहे हैं। आपके पास ना 9 से 5 की बंधी हुई दिनचर्या है ना बॉस की झिंक-झिंक है। एक बार ये सब शुरू हो गया तो आप इससे निकल नहीं पाएंगे तो मान कर चलें कि ये आपकी जिंदगी का सबसे अच्छा समय है जो आप अपने लिए खर्च कर सकते हैं जैसे आप चाहें। एक वेकेशन प्लान करें, वीडियो गेम खेलें, स्पा का मजा लें आदि।



डॉक्टर बनने का बेहतर प्लेटफॉर्म

क्यों खास है एआईपीएमटी

डॉक्टर की पृथ्वी के ईश्वर के रूप में पूजा की जाती है। लोग इस पेशे को सम्मानित नजरिए से देखते हैं। यही कारण है कि डॉक्टर बनने का स्वप्न हर युवा देखता है। अभिभावक भी चाहते हैं कि उसका बेटा चिकित्सक बनकर देश की सेवा करे और प्रसिद्धि पाए। लेकिन यह सपना उसी का पूरा हो पाता है, जो सिस्टमेटिक पढ़ाई करता है। यदि आपने सीबीएसई द्वारा आयोजित एआईपीएमटी के माध्यम से एमबीबीएस तथा बीडीएस की पढ़ाई करने का स्वप्न देखा है तो एआईपीएमटी में अच्छी रैंक लाकर सपने को हकीकत में बदल सकते हैं।

संस्थान चयन के फार्मूले

एआईपीएमटी में स्टूडेंट्स को रैंकिंग के आधार पर मेडिकल कॉलेज आवंटित किए जाते हैं। कभी विकल्प भी मांगे जाते हैं। यदि ऐसा अवसर मिले तो शीर्ष संस्थानों को प्रथम वरीयता दें। प्रयास करें होम स्टेट के मेडिकल कॉलेज को सर्वप्रथम वरीयता दें। यदि आप ऐसा करते हैं तो इससे भाषा या इससे संबंधित प्रांतीय समस्याएं सामने नहीं आएंगी।

बारहवीं में बायोलॉजी है अनिवार्य

अखिल भारतीय प्री-मेडिकल/प्री-डेंटल प्रवेश परीक्षा देने के लिए वही कैंडिडेट्स योग्य हैं, जिनकी उम्र 31 दिसम्बर को 17 से 25 वर्ष के बीच हो और 50 प्रतिशत अंकों के साथ फिजिक्स, केमिस्ट्री और बायोलॉजी यानि पीसीबी के साथ 10+ 2 उत्तीर्ण हों या फिर 2012 में परीक्षा दे रहा हों।

जानिए प्रारंभिक परीक्षा का पैटर्न

एआईपीएमटी की प्रारंभिक परीक्षा में एक प्रश्नपत्र होगा जिसमें 200 ऑब्जेक्टिव टाइप प्रश्न होंगे। समयावधि तीन घंटे की होगी। परीक्षा में पूछे जाने वाले सभी प्रश्न फिजिक्स, केमिस्ट्री, बॉटनी और जुलॉजी से होंगे। प्रारंभिक परीक्षा की तरह फाइनल परीक्षा में भी फिजिक्स, केमिस्ट्री, बायोलॉजी (जुलॉजी और बॉटनी) के प्रश्न



पूछे जाएंगे। इसमें भी केवल एक प्रश्नपत्र होगा, जिसमें 120 ऑब्जेक्टिव प्रश्न पूछे जाएंगे।

क्या है मीडियम आफ क्लेशन

एआईपीएमटी परीक्षा का मीडियम अंग्रेजी और हिन्दी दोनों भाषाएं होगी। आप जिस भी भाषा में परीक्षा देना चाहते हैं, उसके लिए फार्म भरते समय संबंधित कॉलम में टिक करना ज़रूरी है। आवेदन फार्म भरने के बाद भाषा बदलना संभव नहीं होगा।

तैयारी के मंत्र

कड़ी मेहनत के साथ यदि तैयारी में बेहतर गाइडेंस व पुर्ण्डा रणनीति का रंग मिला दें तो यहां कामयाबी काफी कुछ सहज हो सकेगी। 12वीं के सिलेबस से विलयर होगा फंडा एआईपीएमटी में पूछे जाने वाले प्रश्न दसवीं व बारहवीं स्टैंडर्ड के होते हैं। स्टूडेंट्स यदि दसवीं से ही इस प्रतियोगिता की तैयारी शुरू कर दें तो वे आसानी से अच्छी रैंक ला सकते हैं। विशेषज्ञ मानते हैं कि वे छात्र जो अपनी बारहवीं की पढ़ाई में संजीदा रहते हैं, उनके लिए इस परीक्षा के भंवर को पार करना थोड़ा आसान रहता है। ऐसे में आवश्यक है कि स्टूडेंट्स फिजिक्स, केमिस्ट्री और बायोलॉजी के बेसिक्स पर ज्यादा ध्यान दें और उससे भी पहले सिलेबस को अच्छी तरह समझ लें।

प्रेक्टिस का नहीं है अल्टरनेटिव

लगातार प्रैक्टिस इस परीक्षा में कामयाबी का मंत्र है। चूंकि इस परीक्षा का नेचर ऑब्जेक्टिव टाइप होता है, इसलिए इसकी प्रैक्टिस बहुत ज़रूरी है। ऐसे में ज़रूरी है कि कैंडिडेट्स पिछले वर्षों के प्रश्नों पर ध्यान दें। घर में ही परीक्षा जैसा महौल बनाएं। कि स चेंटर से कितने प्रश्न पूछे गए हैं, को भी दिमाग में रखना अहम होगा। ऐसा बार-बार करने से विषय में पकड़ मजबूत होगी व तैयारी भी बेहतर होगी।

और भी हैं डाक्टर बनने की राह

यदि आपने मेडिकल में सुनहरे कल की इबारत लिखने का

एक पुरानी चीनी कहावत हैकि सबसे बेहतर डॉक्टर वह है , जो बीमारी के आने से पहले ही उसे दूर कर देता है। इसके बाद वे चिकित्सक आते हैं,जो किसी बीमारी को आने पर उसे और बढ़ने से रोकता है। सबसे निचले स्तर पर वे आते हैं, जो बीमारी का इलाज करते हैं। आज मेडिकल के प्रोफेशन में हर कदम पर यह कहावत खुद को चरितार्थकरती है। सालों पहले जब मेडिक ल सुविधाओं का विकास इतना नहीं हुआ था, तब हम हर बीमारी को अपना प्रारब्ध या प्रकृति का न्याय माना करते थे। लोग बीमारी से लडना तो दूर रहा, उसके नाम से ही घबराया करते थे। ऐसे में अमूमन साधारण बीमारियां भी जानलेवा हुआ करती थीं। लेकिन आज ऐसा नहीं है। पिछले सौ सालों में मेडिकल साइंस में हुई तेज तरक्की ने लोगों की पुरानी धारणा को तो बदला ही है, लोगों को जीने का हौसला भी दिया है। इस हौसले को अपनी क्षमताओं और गहरे समर्पण के बूते आधुनिक धन्वंतरि और भी आसान बना रहे हैं। यदि आपमें भी दर्द झेल रही मानवता के कष्टों के बरक्स अपनी जिम्मेदारी का अहसास है तो चिकित्सक बनकर अपनी इस जिम्मेदारी को बखूबी पूरा कर सकते हैं। ऑल इंडिया प्री मेडिकल टेस्टयानि एआईपीएमटी इस क्षेत्र में आपकी राह प्रशस्त कर सकता है।



संकल्प लिया है तो आने वाले समय में कई संभावनाएं हैं। एसोचैम रिपोर्ट बताती है कि वर्ष 2015 तक भारतीय दवा उद्योग करीब 20 अरब डॉलर होने की संभावना है। अनुमान है कि इस समयावधि में ही देश का दवा बाजार दुनिया के शीर्ष 10 दवा बाजारों में शामिल हो जाएगा। वहीं एक अन्य रिपोर्ट के आंकड़े बताते हैं कि देश के दूसरे और तीसरे दर्जे के शहरों में निजी अस्पताल कारोबार में बढ़ोतरी के मद्देनजर इस सेक्टर के अगले तीन साल में 45 अरब डॉलर तक पहुंचने की संभावना है। देश में मेडिकल प्रोफेशनल के लिए आज एआईपीएमटी के अलावा भी कई विकल्प हैं।

कौन-कौन सी प्रवेश परीक्षाएं

एआईपीएमटी के अलावा कईसंस्थान राष्ट्रीय व राज्य स्तर पर मेडिकल परीक्षा आयोजित करते हैं, जिसमें आर्म्ड फोर्स मेडिकल कॉलेज, पुणे (एएफएमसी), बीएचयू एमबीबीएस इंटेंस एजामिनेशन , एमजीआईएमएस वर्धा एमबीबीएस प्रमुख हैं। इसके अलावा सीपीएमटी, पीएमटी जेसी प्रवेश परीक्षाओं की मेरिट में आकर भी डॉक्टर बनने का सपना आबाद कर सकते हैं। भारत में मेडिकल की कई शाखाएं हैं, जिसमें कई तो बेहद परंपरागत और प्राचीन समय से चली आ रही हैं। ऐलोपैथ, आयुर्वेद (बीएएमएस), होम्योपैथ (बीएचएमएस) तथा यूनानी (बीयूएमएस) मेडिकल की कुछ ऐसी ही उपशाखाएं हैं। इन सभी में इंटी के लिए आपको बायोरूप से बारहवीं होना अनिवार्य है, वहीं बीयूएमएस के लिए उर्दू का ज्ञान होना ज़रूरी है।

सफलता सिर्फ एक बार हासिल करने की चीज नहीं है

सफलता की विशेषताओं के बारे में जानना एवं विशेषण करना सरल है, परंतु इनको अपने व्यक्तित्व में समाहित करना एक वास्तविक चुनौती है। सफलता की विशेषताओं में सकारात्मक सोच, स्वयं पर विश्वास, साहस, लक्ष्य के प्रति समर्पण, कुशल समय प्रबंधन, ऊर्जा प्रबंधन आदि गुण सम्मिलित होते हैं। इनसे एक सजग व्यक्ति भली-भांति परिचित होता है। हर व्यक्ति इन गुणों को स्वयं में उतारने एवं बनाए रखने का इच्छुक होता है। किंतु जब उसका वास्तविकता से सामना होता है, तो पता चलता है कि इनका अभ्यास करना कठिन है। ऐसा आकांक्षा एवं इच्छाशक्ति के बीच एक बड़ा अंतर होने की वजह से होता है। सफलता के कारकों की सूची काफी लंबी हो सकती है, यदि इनको विभिन्न शीर्षकों-उपशीर्षकों में रखा जाए, परंतु सरल बनाने के क्रम में उनको चार शीर्षकों के अंतर्गत रखना पसंद करता हूं। जिनको सफलता के पहिए की चार तीलियां कहा जा सकता है। ये हैं-मस्तिष्क, समय, ऊर्जा एवं मानवीय संबंध। ईश्वर द्वारा मनुष्य को प्रदान किए गए इन चार बेशकीमती उपहारों का कुशलतापूर्वक प्रबंधन कर आप जीवन की किसी भी ऊंचाई तक पहुंच

सकते हैं। सफलता की शुरुआत आप के स्वयं की पहचान के साथ होती है। प्रत्येक व्यक्ति जीवन में सफलता, शांति एवं प्रसन्नता हासिल करने एवं उसका अभिवर्धन हासिल करने की असीम क्षमता के साथ ईश्वर का एक अद्वितीय सुजन होता है। स्वयं की क्षमता एवं अद्वितीयता की समझ एवं पहचान एक अद्भुत अनुभव है। मेक्स लुकाडो कहते हैं-आप एक दुर्घटना नहीं हो सकते। आप थोक में पैदा नहीं हुए। आप जैसे तैसे पुर्जों को जोड़कर बनाए गए उत्पाद नहीं हैं। आप सर्वशक्तिमान स्त्रछा द्वारा जानबूझकर नियोजित, विशिष्ट उपहार में दिए गए तथा बड़े प्यार से इस धरती पर उतारे गए हैं। हममें से हरेक व्यक्ति का इस धरती पर आने का एक उद्देश्य होता है और हर व्यक्ति में अपने लक्ष्यों को हासिल करने के लिए कुछ अद्वितीयता होती है। सफलता की कला वास्तव में हमारे मस्तिष्क

के दक्षतापूर्ण संचालन की एक कला है। यहां, यह समझना महत्वपूर्ण है कि साक्षरता एवं शिक्षा में बहुत बड़ा अंतर होता है। एक व्यक्ति बिना साक्षर हुए भी पूर्ण रूप से शिक्षित हो सकता है। अकबर महान इसका एक सवीतम उदाहरण हैं।



बहुत से संत महात्मा एवं धार्मिक गुरु निरक्षर थे, किंतु वे काफी ज्ञानी थे। दूसरी ओर, हमारे देश में या विश्व में कहीं भी साक्षर और उच्च डिग्री प्राप्त लोगों की संख्या काफी अधिक है, लेकिन उन लोगों की संख्या काफी कम होती है जो

उद्देश्यपूर्ण जीवन जीने तथा इस विश्व को कुछ अर्थपूर्ण योगदान दे जाने के लिए वास्तविक रूप से स्वयं को शिक्षित होने का दावा करते हैं। इसके अर्थ में शिक्षा का सीधा संबंध आत्मबोध से होता है। अकादमिक शिक्षा हमें साक्षर और सूचनाओं एवं ज्ञान से समृद्ध बना सकती है, लेकिन उनका इस्तेमाल एवं अर्थवत्ता हमारी वास्तविक शिक्षा की शक्ति पर निर्भर करती है। गैलीलियो का कहना है कि आप व्यक्ति को कुछ भी नहीं सिखा सकते। आप उसे स्वयं के अंदर ढूंढ़ने में केवल सहायता कर सकते हैं। ईश्वर ने पहले से ही हमारे मस्तिष्क को शक्ति प्रदान कर रखी है, हमें सिर्फ इस बात की खोज करनी है कि हम अधिकतम लाभ के लिए उसका कैसे इस्तेमाल कर सकते हैं। एक सच्चा शिक्षक वही है, जो अपने विद्यार्थी के मस्तिष्क की मौलिकता को मारे नहीं, बल्कि उसे आत्मानुभूति करने में सहायता प्रदान करे। मैं इस संबंध में गौतम बुद्ध के दर्शन में काफी विश्वास करता हूं। वे कहते हैं कि किसी भी चीज पर तब तक विश्वास मत करो, जब तक कि वह तुम्हारे अपने विवेक एवं अपनी सहज बुद्धि को स्वीकार्य न हो, चाहे जहां से तुमने उसे पढ़ा हो, या जिसने भी कहा हो, यहां तक कि मैंने भी कहा हो।

Kuldeep Yadav should've played in Hyderabad: India's bowling plans under scrutiny

Dhaka.(Ajency)

A 38-year-old man has been India's bowling plans have come under scrutiny after their 24-run defeat to the West Indies in the fourth T20I in Hyderabad, with former India pacer Varun Aaron questioning the team management's decision to leave specialist wrist-spinner Kuldeep Yadav out of the playing XI. Aaron, who is also the bowling coach of Sunrisers Hyderabad, felt that the conditions at the Rajiv Gandhi International Stadium were suited to an additional spinner and that Kuldeep could have made a significant difference for the hosts. India stuck with an unchanged XI for the contest, but their bowling attack struggled to contain the West Indies, who



posted 247 for three before restricting the hosts to 223 for nine.ming poison, the family said. “Ultimately, poor bowling plans and a lack of batting awareness cost India the game again. India should have played an extra spinner. Kuldeep should have played on this wicket,” Aaron said on JioHotstar.The surface in Hyderabad was not the flat track many had anticipated. The relaid pitch offered some assistance to the bowlers, with deliveries occasionally holding up during both innings. The lack of dew also meant conditions could have favoured a wrist-spinner, strengthening the argument for Kuldeep's inclusion.

MOTIE'S ROLE IN HYDERABAD

India went into the fourth T20I with Axar Patel and Naman Dhir as their only spin options. Axar returned figures of 1/45, dismissing West Indies opener Jewel Andrew in the powerplay, while Naman conceded 19 runs in his brief spell.

West Indies slammed for final over antics to target Arshdeep Singh in Hyderabad



Washington.(Ajency)

West Indies may have secured a 24-run victory over India in the fourth T20I in Hyderabad, but their conduct in the closing moments of the match drew criticism from former Bengal cricketer Shreevats Goswami. He questioned Shamar Joseph's decision to continue bowling short deliveries at Arshdeep Singh when India had no realistic chance of pulling off a comeback. India needed 35 runs off the final over and had just one wicket remaining, with Arshdeep on strike and Mayank Yadav at the non-striker's end. With the result all but decided, Joseph unleashed short-pitched deliveries directed towards Arshdeep's body.One of those deliveries struck the Indian pacer around the shoulder and arm area as he attempted to pull the ball towards the leg side. Arshdeep immediately appeared to be in considerable pain and went down, prompting the physios to rush out and assess his condition.Although Arshdeep eventually resumed batting, Joseph persisted with the short-ball approach. Another delivery missed the batter, but the Indian pacer was visibly struggling with the pain.

Vinicius Jr suspended for 4 games, to miss season’s first El Clasico

✴ Vinicius Jr has been handed a four-match suspension by the Spanish Football Federation after pulling Nathan Saliba's hair during Real Madrid's LaLiga clash against Villarreal. The ban rules the Brazilian forward out of the season's first El Clasico against Barcelona.

SEOUL.(Ajency)

-Real Madrid forward Vinicius Jr has been handed a four-match suspension by the Spanish Football Federation's disciplinary committee for pulling the hair of Villarreal defender Nathan Saliba during their LaLiga clash. The punishment rules the Brazilian out of the first El Clasico of the season, with Real Madrid set to face Barcelona on October 26.



The disciplinary committee imposed a two-match ban for the red-card offence and added another two matches for his protests towards the referee, according to its report covering the eighth round of LaLiga fixtures. Vinicius will consequently miss Real Madrid's league matches against Sevilla, Barcelona, Racing Santander and Valencia. The suspension is a significant setback for Real Madrid, who are already struggling to keep pace with Barcelona in the early stages of the league campaign. Vinicius has started

all but one of Real's matches this season, but the Spanish giants have lost two of their eight league games and sit fourth in the table, six points behind their arch-rivals.

VINICIUS APOLOGISES AFTER RED CARD

Vinicius was sent off during Real Madrid's 1-0 victory over Villarreal at the Santiago Bernabeu on Saturday. The Brazilian, who came on as a substitute in the 52nd minute, was dismissed around 20 minutes later after a VAR review found that he had pulled Saliba's

hair in the build-up to what he thought was Real's second goal. The effort was disallowed following the review.Spanish Football Federation regulations classify pulling an opponent's hair as violent conduct. Under Article 130, the punishment for violent conduct that does not cause injury can range from a one-match to a three-match suspension.Following the match, Vinicius apologised to his teammates and the club's supporters on social media, writing: "sorry to the team and the fans."However, the disciplinary committee imposed a four-match suspension, taking into account both the red-card offence and his protests towards the referee. The additional punishment means the 26-year-old will miss one of the most important fixtures on Real Madrid's calendar.

REAL MADRID FACE BARCELONA TEST

The first El Clasico of the season is scheduled for October 26, with Real Madrid travelling to Camp Nou to face defending LaLiga champions Barcelona. The match comes at a crucial juncture for Real, who have already dropped points in the league and find themselves chasing a Barcelona side that has made a perfect start.

Learning from Virat Kohli, 24-year-old Vicky Ostwal embraces the red-ball grind

Come on, Vicky.(Ajency)

The chant rang out from the Maharashtra dugout as Vicky Ostwal kept running in on a hot afternoon against Railways in their Ranji Trophy season opener in Palam, Delhi. There was no shortage of encouragement, but the left-arm spinner was hardly looking for a way out.



He wanted the ball, and he wanted another spell on Wednesday.Vicky Ostwal had already put in the hard yards in the first innings, bowling 24.2 overs and taking two wickets. He had also scored a valuable 50, batting with the tail to help Maharashtra reach 333 after Ankit Bawne's hundred. With a lead of 110 runs, the visitors had given their bowlers some breathing room on a pitch that was becoming increasingly difficult to bat on.

In the second innings on Day 4, stand-in captain Prithvi Shaw opted for a three-pronged

spin attack, and Ostwal responded with 28 overs and five wickets as Railways were bowled out for 120. It was his third five-wicket haul in the Ranji Trophy, and a performance that underlined how much Maharashtra could ask of him.For a 24-year-old still establishing himself in senior domestic cricket, it was a substantial workload. Ostwal, however, seemed happy to take it on.“I was really happy that I could contribute to the team's win with both bat and ball,” he told reporters after Maharashtra's win with a beaming smile on his face.“When you get an outright win in an away game, especially on a pitch like this, it is a good start to the season.”The wickets made for a memorable afternoon, but the 50 was just as important. Ostwal has spent the past few years working on his batting, determined to be more than a left-arm spinner who could offer a few runs down the order. Against Railways, he delivered at a crucial stage, helping Maharashtra build a total that gave their bowlers the cushion they needed.“I've worked a lot on my batting over the past two or three years. I've scored runs in the Under-23s and local leagues as well,” he said.“Last year, I was contributing with the bat, putting together partnerships with the top-order batters and scoring 30-odd runs lower down the order. But getting a 50 in a crucial stage of the first innings was a great confidence booster.”

LOVE FOR RED-BALL CRICKET

Ostwal is not short of ambition. He considers himself a “pure all-rounder”, pointing to hundreds in the Maharashtra Premier League and Cooch Behar Trophy as evidence of what he can do with the bat.

Champions League: Real Madrid win 7-goal thriller vs Roma, City go down against PSG



New Delhi.(Ajency)

Real Madrid produced a stunning late comeback to beat AS Roma 4-3, while Manchester City suffered a 4-2 defeat to Paris Saint-Germain in a pulsating night of Champions League action on Wednesday. Madrid scored three times in the final 10 minutes to overturn a two-goal deficit at the Stadio Olimpico, while PSG's first-half blitz proved decisive against the defending Premier League champions.

The night's action also saw Liverpool thrash LASK 6-3, with Bradley Barcola scoring a hat-trick, while Aston Villa recorded the biggest European victory in their history with a 6-0 demolition of Fenerbahce.

REAL MADRID STUN ROMA WITH LATE COMEBACK

Real Madrid staged a remarkable

fightback to snatch a 4-3 victory over Roma, scoring three times in the final 10 minutes after falling two goals behind. Marten de Roon put Roma ahead in the 20th minute, but Kylian Mbappe equalised five minutes later to keep Madrid in the contest. The hosts took control after the break, with Donyell Malen scoring twice in the 51st and 57th minutes to give Roma a commanding 3-1 lead.Madrid, however, refused to surrender. Carlos Espi pulled one back in the 82nd minute before Endrick restored parity three minutes later. Antonio Rudiger then completed the turnaround in the 90th minute, steering home Arda Guler's inswinging corner to cap a stunning late rally. All three of Madrid's goals in the closing stages came from corners, underlining how the visitors found a way back into a contest that had appeared beyond them.

Faf du Plessis slams Durban Test scheduling, questions Cricket South Africa

MANAUS.(Ajency)

Former South Africa captain Faf du Plessis has questioned Cricket South Africa's decision to host the opening Test against Australia in Durban, arguing that the venue's history against the visitors and its poor crowd turnout should have prompted the governing body to reconsider its choice. His criticism comes after Australia secured a commanding 214-run victory at Kingsmead to take a 1-0 lead in the three-match Test series.Australia's win continued their impressive record at the Durban venue, where they had also beaten South Africa in 2006, 2009 and 2018. The latest defeat has added weight to Faf's concerns about the scheduling of the series, with the former skipper questioning why South Africa would begin such a high-profile contest at a ground where Australia have enjoyed considerable success. “For me, there's a big question mark that I'd like to put to the decision-makers at Cricket South Africa. When you have such a poor record at Kingsmead in Durban, while Australia have an excellent record there — I think they've won their last four consecutive Test matches against us at the venue — why would you start the series there? You're effectively telling the opposition, 'Let's start at a venue'“If you compare Durban with other venues in South Africa, such

as Cape Town, Port Elizabeth, Pretoria and Wanderers, South Africa and the Proteas have a much better record at those grounds. So that's my first question,” Faf told Cricinfo. where you're most comfortable.’

DURBAN’S CROWD CONCERN



Faf also questioned Durban's ability to draw spectators for a marquee Test series, arguing that the atmosphere at the venue did not match the anticipation surrounding Australia's return to South Africa.“Secondly, from a crowd perspective, Durban also has the lowest viewership numbers among South African grounds. There's all this hype and talk ahead of the first Test between South Africa and Australia, an iconic series, with Australia returning for the first time since 2018. Yet, there's no crowd. You look at the television and think, 'That's not good, man. I don't want to see that. I want to see a packed stadium watching this big series.’” Faf added.His comments highlight a broader challenge for Test cricket: ensuring that major international

contests attract healthy crowds and deliver the atmosphere their stature deserves. With Australia arriving as one of the strongest touring sides, the choice of venue has become an additional talking point following South Africa's heavy defeat.

PROTEAS IN FOR TOUGH CHALLENGE

The scheduling debate is particularly interesting given the historical head-to-head records at the other venues. Australia have won 10 of the 14 Tests played against South Africa in Cape Town, while the Proteas have enjoyed greater success in Gqeberha, formerly known as Port Elizabeth. South Africa have won four of the seven Tests against Australia at St George's Park, compared with Australia's three victories.

The second Test of the series is scheduled to take place in Gqeberha, followed by the third in Cape Town. South Africa will need to respond strongly in the remaining matches after their batting struggled to withstand Australia's attack in Durban. Gqeberha is the only venue in South Africa where the Proteas have won more Tests against Australia than they have lost.Australia's first-Test victory was built on Matt Renshaw's outstanding contributions with the bat and Josh Hazlewood's decisive bowling performance. Renshaw scored 190 in the first innings and followed it with 82 in the second.

Sanju Samson provides Arshdeep Singh injury update, says India charged up for final T20I

IOWA CITY.(Ajency)

Sanju Samson has provided an update on Arshdeep Singh after the India pacer suffered a painful blow to his shoulder during the fourth T20I against West Indies in Hyderabad. With the five-match series level at 2-2, Samson said India were charged up for the series decider in Bengaluru, while hoping Arshdeep would recover in time.Arshdeep was struck by a short-pitched delivery from Shamar Joseph in the final over of India's chase on Wednesday. The blow left the left-arm pacer in considerable pain, prompting the physios to rush onto the field to assess his condition."Arshdeep is putting ice on his shoulders. Hopefully he gets well soon. He got struck by a high-speed ball. Hope he recovers soon," Samson said during the post-match press conference.India needed 35 runs from the final over with just one wicket remaining when Joseph bowled a barrage of bouncers to Arshdeep, one of which hit him on his left shoulder. Many felt



that the action was unsportsmanlike from Joseph, as Arshdeep could never have chased the runs down.Although the Indian pacer attempted to continue batting, he appeared to be struggling with the pain. India captain Shreyas Iyer eventually urged Arshdeep to retire, bringing the chase to an end as West Indies secured a 24-run victory to level the series.The incident also drew criticism from former Bengal cricketer Shreevats Goswami, who questioned Joseph's decision to continue bowling short at Arshdeep when India had little chance of completing the chase."What Shamar Joseph did in the last 3 balls against Arshdeep is not in the spirit of the game for me!" Goswami wrote on X, arguing that the West Indies pacer could have opted to bowl at the stumps instead.



Yami Gautam

Dhar Seeks Blessings At Patna Sahib Ahead Of Nayyi Navelli’s Dussehra Release

Yami Gautam Dhar’s upcoming film Nayyi Navelli is already receiving a lot of love from the audience, and ahead of the film’s release, the actress visited Patna Sahib’s Gurudwara on October 2. The actress visited Patna ahead of the Dussehra release of Nayyi Navelli and, during her visit, took time out to seek blessings at Patna Sahib.

The visuals from her visit to the gurudwara showed her wearing a stunning green kurta pyjama with a matching dupatta. The actress’ suit featured stunning embroidery. In one of the pictures, the actress was seen sitting in the gurudwara as she sought blessings ahead of the release of her film.

Yami also attended an event in the city, where she shared an interesting anecdote from her first day of shooting for Nayyi Navelli, revealing the unexpected dance challenge she took on for “Bhabhi Tabaahi”.

Yami Gautam Dhar spilt the beans on her first day of shooting for Nayyi Navelli, revealing that she had to perform six different dance forms, from Bhangra to the Moonwalk, for “Bhabhi Tabaahi”. Director Mohan simply asked her to do “whatever you’re comfortable with... but just a bit of Moonwalk!” The actress was left stunned by the unexpected challenge but had a great time dancing to various dance forms.



Yami Gautam’s Nayyi Navelli Trailer Unveiled

The trailer of Nayyi Navelli wastes little time in establishing that there is more to Yami Gautam’s character than meets the eye. The trailer opens with a rather suspicious family member declaring that the new bahu, Mohini, is a ‘daayan’ (witch).

Mohini enters the Awasthi household as a newlywed, and her brother-in-law, Bantu, is immediately suspicious of her. In one of the early moments, he even asks her to show her feet so he can check whether her footprints are straight — clearly convinced that there is something supernatural about her. But while he remains unconvinced, Mohini quickly wins over the rest of the family.

She appears to settle into her new home with ease, becoming the picture-perfect bahu everyone could ask for. Bantu, however, isn’t buying it. As the trailer progresses, Bantu’s suspicions begin to look less far-fetched. He warns the family that while everything may seem peaceful inside the house, something far more dangerous is happening outside. Soon after, viewers get a glimpse of Mohini’s mysterious true form, leaving those around her stunned.

Tom Cruise Tells

Avneet Kaur

About Digger’s Toughest Scene: ‘It Was A 10-Minute Monologue In One Shot’

Avneet Kaur had a special interaction with Tom Cruise at the world premiere of Digger in London. The actor, who attended the September 23 premiere, has now shared a video of her conversation with the Hollywood superstar on Instagram, where Cruise spoke at length about his dramatic transformation for the film and one particularly demanding sequence.

The two greeted each other with a hug before sitting down to discuss the Alejandro G. Iñárritu directorial. Avneet told Cruise that she had never seen him inhabit a character like Digger before, prompting him to open up about what made the role different from anything he had previously attempted.

Tom Cruise On Playing Digger

“To get this movie made, it takes a tremendous amount of skill, ability and imagination. I have never read a character like this. We just keep learning, keep creating,” Cruise told Avneet.

When she asked if there was a scene that remained particularly special to him, Cruise immediately recalled a lengthy monologue that was captured without a cut.

“Every day on set with Alejandro and the crew, it was such an outrageous character. We are looking at that monologue that I had, that was a 10 minute-monologue in one shot. It was just all one take,” he said. Avneet admitted that the scene had caught her by surprise and told Cruise that he must have connected deeply with the

character to sustain such a performance.

‘It Is A Dance, It Is A Rhythm’

Cruise explained that the sequence depended on finding the character’s rhythm and understanding every dramatic beat within the staging.

“It is a rhythm. As an actor one knows the beats to play. Alejandro’s staging is perfect and it is a dance... I only did the scene a couple of times



but it is all one take. I just showed up and did it,” he said. He added, “To be able to have that opportunity to play that, to show that transition, to show how you discover characters... the voice for Digger where it is something that is going to service the story.” Cruise also revealed that his physical transformation came with its own challenges. “The comedic timing, I was also wearing a fat suit which was quite heavy... so yeah it is a dance, it is a rhythm.

Neetu Kapoor Calls Out Paparazzi Over ‘Back’ Photos: ‘Aapko Yeh Bada Accha Lagta Hai Na?’



Neetu Kapoor has joined the growing list of actresses who have questioned the paparazzi practice of taking photographs from behind. The veteran actress was recently spotted in Mumbai, where she gave photographers a pointed response after they reportedly asked her to pose with her back towards the cameras. The brief exchange has once again brought attention to a complaint several female celebrities have raised in recent months, with many publicly objecting to pictures taken from angles they find uncomfortable or intrusive.

Neetu Kapoor Questions Paparazzi Over ‘Back’ Pictures

In a video from the outing, Neetu was seen leaving an establishment and making her way towards her car when photographers asked her for a picture from the back.

Instead of turning around and posing, she stopped and responded with a sarcastic question. “Aapko yeh bada accha lagta hai na, ‘back’?” Neetu said.

The photographers immediately denied that this was the case. Neetu then got into her car and shut the door, ending the interaction there.

Her reaction was brief, but it echoed concerns that have already been voiced by a number of women in the entertainment industry over the kind of photographs that are often taken and circulated online.

Salman Khan Had Also Spoken About The Issue

Neetu’s comment comes after Salman Khan addressed the same subject during a recent episode of Bigg Boss 20.

The actor criticised paparazzi photographers who capture women from uncomfortable angles and later circulate those images on social media.

Salman also brought up the role of viewers who engage with such content online, pointing out that the circulation of these photographs is not limited to the people behind the camera. His comments added to an ongoing conversation around paparazzi culture and the boundaries celebrities have repeatedly tried to set when being photographed in public.

Rakhi Sawant Calls Govinda’s Rumoured GF Komal Rani ‘Pati Chor’: ‘Main Sunita Ahuja Nahi Hoon’



Rakhi Sawant has once again weighed in on the controversy surrounding Govinda, his wife Sunita Ahuja and his Roopa co-star Komal Rani Swarnkar. After Komal was recently spotted at the Mumbai airport, Rakhi launched into a sharp attack on her and also questioned Govinda over the ongoing speculation surrounding his marriage.

Speaking to the paparazzi, Rakhi said she was unhappy with Govinda and declared, “Govinda ji, pura desh naaraz hai aapse.”

Rakhi Sawant Takes A Dig At Komal Rani Swarnkar

Rakhi’s remarks quickly shifted towards Komal, whose name has repeatedly surfaced amid rumours concerning Govinda’s personal life. Taking a sarcastic swipe at her, Rakhi asked, “Ye Komal kaun hai? Ye choopa laga rahi hai kya?”

She also claimed that Komal had been speaking about her and other celebrities. “Ye mere bare m bakwas kar rahi hai, aur bhi celebs ke baare mein bakwas kar rahi hai. Chichi bhaiya ne isko ye pankh diye hain,” Rakhi said.

Rakhi then issued a direct warning to Komal and invoked Sunita while doing so.

“Sun, meri naad mein nahi lagna. Main Sunita nahi hoon, teri dhajjiyan uda ke rakh dungii,” she said. She went a step further and referred to Komal as “pati chor” while commenting on the rumours linking her to Govinda.

Rakhi Reacts To Sindoor Question

During the interaction, the paparazzi also asked Rakhi about Komal reportedly sporting sindoor.

Rakhi responded with another sarcastic question: “Han, Chichi bhaiya ke naam ka sindoor?” She also joked about her long-standing admiration for Govinda and demanded that the actor return Rs 65,999 to her, claiming she had spent that amount watching his films over the years.

'Regime-Change Agenda': Neha Bora's Praise for Bangladesh's Gen Z Movement Sparks Political Storm

by Ashis Sinha

A political controversy has erupted after All India Students' Association (AISA) president Neha Bora praised Bangladesh's Gen Z movement, saying its struggle for democratic and voting rights could inspire young people in India. The BJP has sharply criticised her remarks, alleging that opposition-linked activists are seeking to replicate the political upheaval that led to the fall of Sheikh Hasina's government in 2024. The row has intensified the political confrontation over youth activism, electoral transparency and the limits of democratic protest. 'Bangladesh Showed Us the Way' Bora reportedly made the remarks in a video message

on October 14 addressed to the sixth national conference of Bangladesh's Social-ist Students' Front. She expressed solidarity with Bangladeshi student activists and highlighted their movement as an example for young people seeking democratic and voting rights. Her comments came amid protests in India over electoral issues and demands for the resignation of Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar. While her remarks can be viewed as support for student activism, the BJP has interpreted the comparison with Bangladesh as an indication of a broader political agenda. **BJP Alleges 'Regime-Change Agenda'**



BJP spokesperson Pradeep Bhandari launched a sharp attack, accusing opposition-linked activists of seeking to reproduce Bangladesh's political upheaval. He also linked Bora's remarks to Rahul Gandhi and the wider opposition camp.

The BJP has argued that invoking Bangladesh's Gen Z movement raises questions about the intentions behind protests targeting India's constitutional institutions. However, the allegation of a coordinated regime-change plan remains a political

claim. Praising a protest movement does not, by itself, establish an intention to overthrow a government. **Bangladesh's 2024 Uprising** Bangladesh's Gen Z movement began with student protests against the govern-

ment job-quota system but gradually expanded into a nationwide uprising against Sheikh Hasina's government. Amid escalating violence, deaths and mounting public anger, Hasina left office and departed the country on August 5, 2024, ending her long tenure as prime minister. The movement demonstrated the potential of student mobilisation to trigger wider political change, while also highlighting the risks of violent confrontation and institutional instability. **Electoral Issues Fuel Political Tensions** Bora's remarks have gained significance against the backdrop of protests in India over voter-list management, electoral trans-

parency and institutional accountability. Opposition leaders and activists have raised concerns about electoral processes, while the BJP has rejected allegations of manipulation. The Election Commission has defended its procedures amid continuing political criticism. The BJP has used Bora's comments to question the motives behind youth-led protests. However, the reported remarks alone do not establish that she or the Congress leadership is pursuing a coordinated plan to bring down the government. **Political Row Likely to Intensify** The controversy is expected to add to tensions between the BJP and opposition

parties over electoral integrity and the role of student movements. Further clarification from Bora and AISA could help establish the precise intent behind her remarks. At the heart of the dispute is a distinction between drawing inspiration from a foreign protest movement and advocating a similar political upheaval in India. The BJP has framed Bora's comments as evidence of a regime-change agenda, while the broader debate centres on democratic rights, political dissent and electoral accountability. Any allegation of a coordinated plan to destabilise the government, however, requires evidence beyond political interpretations of a public statement.

'Do-or-Die' Battle for Jobs: Displaced People Step Up Protest at BSL, Plan Indefinite Gate Blockade from October 16



Bokaro: The agitation by displaced people demanding employment at Bokaro Steel Plant (BSL) has intensified, with protesters threatening an indefinite blockade of all plant gates except the main entrance from Friday, October 16. The displaced persons, who have been on a hunger strike since October 10, blocked Steel Gate No. 9 and Duggal Gate No. 10 on Thursday. Protest leaders have called on supporters to assemble at the protest site by 4 am on Friday in large numbers. A message circulating on social media describes the agitation as a "do-or-die" battle for employment. The protesters have also announced plans to block the main gate from Saturday. **BSL Management Warns of Disruption** BSL management has appealed to the protesters to resolve the dispute through dialogue and maintain industrial peace. It expressed concern over the blockade of Gates 9 and 10, which are crucial for the movement of raw materials and the dispatch of finished steel and other products. The management warned that a prolonged blockade could severely disrupt production and dispatch operations. It also cautioned that attempts to obstruct other entry points could affect the plant's functioning and jeopardise vital industrial assets. With protesters preparing to intensify their agitation, the employment dispute threatens to escalate into a major confrontation between the displaced community and plant management.

Complaint Seeks Action Against Bokaro DC, Divisional Commissioners and DCs Across Jharkhand

Bokaro: Dr. Raj Kumar has submitted a reminder to the Jharkhand Governor, Chief Minister, Chief Secretary, CBSE Chairperson and Principal Secretary of the School Education and Literacy Department, seeking action on his complaint dated April 15, 2026. The complaint seeks disciplinary proceedings against Bokaro Deputy Commissioner Ajay Nath Jha and other concerned Divisional Commissioners and Deputy Commissioners across Jharkhand over alleged administrative disobedience and violations of the Jharkhand Education Tribunal (Amendment) Act, 2017, and departmental directives. Dr. Kumar has also demanded directions to all private schools to upload their fee structures on their official websites in line with CBSE guidelines to curb arbitrary fee practices and ensure transparency.

No Backward Class Status After Religious Conversion : Spureme Court

New Delhi: The Supreme Court has reinforced an important legal principle concerning religious conversion and reservation benefits, ruling that a person cannot automatically claim Backward Class status in a new religion solely on the basis of their caste or social identity before conversion. The ruling came after the apex court declined to interfere with a Madras High Court judgment that struck down a Tamil Nadu government order facilitating Backward Class benefits for certain religious converts. The decision has brought renewed attention to the legal relationship between religious identity, caste-based disadvantage and eligibility for reservation. **Previous Caste Identity Cannot Guarantee Reservation** The case concerned a man who had converted from Hinduism to Islam and subsequently sought a community certificate identifying him as "Muslim Lebba", a community recognised among the Backward Classes

in Tamil Nadu. After his application was rejected by the revenue authorities, the matter reached the Madras High Court. On June 25, the High Court invalidated a Tamil Nadu government order issued in March 2024 that sought to facilitate the grant of Backward Class benefits to certain converts. The state government challenged the decision before the Supreme Court, but the apex court declined to intervene, leaving the High Court ruling undisturbed. The court's reasoning emphasised that a person's earlier caste identity or experience of social disadvantage does not automatically establish membership of a different notified Backward Class community following religious conversion. Eligibility must be determined under the applicable legal framework and the requirements governing the community concerned. **Religious Conversion and Constitutional Safeguards** The ruling highlights the distinction between a per-

son's previous social identity and their legal eligibility for reservation benefits after conversion. A claimant must satisfy the relevant conditions for recognition within the community for which benefits are sought; conversion alone cannot establish entitlement. The issue also intersects with the Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Order, 1950, which specifies the religions under which Scheduled Caste status is recognised. Under the existing framework, Scheduled Caste recognition is restricted to persons professing Hinduism, Sikhism or Buddhism. However, the question of Scheduled Caste status is legally distinct from eligibility for a notified Backward Class category. The latest ruling should therefore not be interpreted as a blanket declaration that every person changing religion becomes ineligible for all forms of reservation. **Wider Implications for Reservation Claims** The decision is significant for disputes involving reli-

gious conversion, community certificates and access to affirmative-action benefits. It reinforces the principle that reservation eligibility must be established through the applicable constitutional and legal provisions rather than assumed to continue automatically from a person's previous religious or caste identity. By declining to interfere with the Madras High Court's judgment, the Supreme Court has left the challenge to the Tamil Nadu government's order unsuccessful. The ruling is expected to inform further legal and public debate over how social disadvantage, religious identity and community recognition should be assessed within India's reservation framework. At its core, the decision underscores that religious conversion alone does not confer automatic entitlement to a different Backward Class status. Any claim to reservation benefits must meet the legal requirements applicable to the community concerned.

Jharkhand 108 Ambulance Strike: 40-Hour Shutdown Begins October 15; Indefinite Strike from October 21



Mission (NHM) office on October 16. The employees have warned that if their demands remain unaddressed, they will

launch a statewide indefinite strike from October 21. They have urged the authorities to intervene promptly, warning that the agitation will con-

tinue until their demands are met. The proposed escalation has raised concerns over the availability of emergency medical transport, particularly for patients requiring urgent hospitalisation. Any disruption in ambulance operations could create difficulties for people dependent on the 108 service. The authorities will need to address the employees' grievances and ensure that emergency services remain accessible to patients during the protest.

Shorties

Caller Name Display to Become Mandatory from Nov. 1



New Delhi: The government has directed all telecom service providers to introduce the Calling Name Presentation (CNAP) service across the country from November 1. The facility will display the caller's registered name alongside the phone number, even if the number is not saved in the recipient's contact list. The Department of Telecommunications (DoT) said the service will be available to all users without requiring a separate request. Incoming international calls from unsaved numbers will be identified by the label "International Call". Telecom operators have already conducted trials of CNAP on 4G and higher-generation wireless networks. Its introduction on older 2G and 3G networks, as well as Public Switched Telephone Networks (PSTN), will be considered separately. The service is expected to make caller identification easier, although its effectiveness will depend partly on the accuracy of subscriber records.

India Raises Concern Over Alleged Plot to Target Hindu Temple in US

New Delhi: India has expressed deep concern over an alleged plot to carry out a mass shooting targeting a Hindu temple in Aurora, Illinois, citing its reported anti-Hindu and racist motives. MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said the alleged threats against people of Indian origin were particularly disturbing. India has taken note of the suspect's arrest and the charges filed by US authorities, calling for zero tolerance for hate-motivated violence and stronger measures to ensure the safety of the Indian community.

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EC Orders Electoral Roll Revision in 17 States, Sets January 4 Deadline for Final Voter List



17 States and Union Territories Covered The revision will cover Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Goa, Gujarat, Kerala, Lakshadweep, Madhya Pradesh, Manipur, Puducherry, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand and West Bengal. Among these, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Punjab, Manipur and Goa are scheduled to hold Assembly elections in 2027. The draft electoral rolls are scheduled to be published on November 12, 2026, allowing voters to verify their names and personal details and submit claims or objections within the stipulated period.

Schedule for Revision According to the announced schedule, the draft electoral rolls will be published on November 12, 2026. The deadline for submitting claims and objections is December 11, while the disposal of these claims and objections is scheduled to be completed by December 28. The final electoral rolls will be published on January 4, 2027. The Commission has urged voters to verify their details in the draft rolls and ensure that their entries are accurate.

Eligible citizens who have not registered can apply for enrolment, while those who have changed their residence or need corrections in their particulars can submit applications through the prescribed process. **SSR Different from Intensive Revision** The Special Summary Revision is a routine exercise to update electoral rolls and is distinct from the Special Intensive Revision (SIR), which involves a more extensive verification process. The broader electoral roll revision exercise has attracted political attention, with opposition parties raising concerns about possible voter exclusion and the procedures followed for deleting names. The Election Commission maintains that electoral rolls must be accurate and that additions, corrections and deletions must follow the prescribed legal safeguards.

The Commission is expected to announce separate schedules for states and Union Territories where intensive revision exercises are underway or have recently concluded. **Voters Can Apply for Registration and Corrections** Eligible citizens can use the Election Commission's voter services portal to register as new voters, seek corrections in existing entries and submit other permitted applications. Form 6 is used for new voter registration, Form 7 for objections to entries or requests for deletion, and Form 8 for corrections and other permitted changes to existing electoral roll particulars. The revision also provides for advance applications linked to the qualifying dates of April 1, July 1 and October 1, 2027, enabling young citizens who become eligible during the year to apply for enrolment in advance.

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एजेंसी जगदलपुर। राष्ट्रपति द्रौपदी मुर्मु के आगामी छत्तीसगढ़ प्रवास को लेकर तैयारियां शुरू हो गई हैं। राष्ट्रपति का 22 से 23 अक्टूबर 2026 तक रायपुर और जगदलपुर का दौरा प्रस्तावित है। इस दौरान 23 अक्टूबर को जगदलपुर में उनके बस्तर दशहरा के सार्वजनिक कार्यक्रम में शामिल होने और ऐतिहासिक मु्रिया दरबार में शिरकत करने का कार्यक्रम प्रस्तावित है। यह आयोजन लालबाग ग्राउंड में होगा। राष्ट्रपति के प्रवास को लेकर प्रदेश प्रशासन ने आवश्यक तैयारियां शुरू कर दी हैं। मुख्य सचिव ने रायपुर और बस्तर संभाग के कलेक्टरों को प्रवास के दौरान जरूरी व्यवस्थाएं सुनिश्चित करने के निर्देश दिए हैं। मां दंतेश्वरी एयरपोर्ट, जगदलपुर से लेकर कार्यक्रम स्थलों तक सुरक्षा व्यवस्था मजबूत रखने और सड़क मार्ग से आवागमन सुगम बनाने की जिम्मेदारी संबंधित जिला कलेक्टरों, पुलिस आयुक्तों और पुलिस अधीक्षकों को सौंपी गई है।

हार्वर्ड के एक बड़े वर्ग ने भारत की संवैधानिक संस्थाओं के खिलाफ चलाए जा रहे अभियान पर जताई चिंता

नई दिल्ली। हार्वर्ड के एक व्यापक वर्ग ने देश की संवैधानिक संस्थाओं के खिलाफ चल रहे नकारात्मक सार्वजनिक विमर्श और सुनियोजित अभियान पर चिंता जताई है। उन्होंने कहा कि चुनाव आयोग, उच्चतम न्यायालय, मुख्य न्यायाधीश के कार्यालय और संसद जैसी संस्थाओं के प्रति जनता का विश्वास कमजोर करने की कोशिश गंभीर चिंता का विषय है। बयान जारी करने वालों में हार्वर्ड विश्वविद्यालय से शिक्षा प्राप्त वकील, नीति निर्माता, सचिव सेवक, वैज्ञानिक और शिक्षाविद शामिल हैं। बयान पर हार्वर्ड बिजनेस स्कूल, हार्वर्ड लॉ स्कूल, हार्वर्ड मेडिकल स्कूल, हार्वर्ड कैनेडी स्कूल सहित विभिन्न विभागों के 44 से अधिक लोगों के हस्ताक्षर हैं। उन्होंने हार्वर्ड विश्वविद्यालय के नाम का उचित अनुमति के बिना किसी राजनीतिक अभियान को विश्वसनीयता देने के लिए कथित इस्तेमाल पर भी सवाल उठाए। इसमें कहा गया है, ‘हम, विश्व के सबसे पुराने और सबसे बड़े लोकतंत्र, भारत के जागरूक नागरिक, अत्यंत जिम्मेदारी की भावना से प्रेरित होकर लिख रहे हैं। ऐसे क्षणों में, चुप्पी उदासीनता का बहाना नहीं हो सकती।

नशे के मुद्दे पर भाजपा का पंजाब की आआपा सरकार पर हमला, मुख्यमंत्री मान का मांगा इस्तीफा

नई दिल्ली। पंजाब में नशे की समस्या को लेकर भारतीय जनता पार्टी (भाजपा) ने आम आदमी पार्टी सरकार पर तीखा हमला बोला है। भाजपा की पंजाब प्रदेश इकाई के अध्यक्ष केवल सिंह ढिल्लों ने राज्य में नशे, बिगड़ती कानून-व्यवस्था और पुलिसकर्मियों की कथित सलिसता को लेकर गंभीर सवाल उठाए। उन्होंने मुख्यमंत्री से इस्तीफा देने की मांग करते हुए कहा कि पंजाब की जनता अब बदलाव चाहती है और आदर्श आचार संहिता लागू होने का इंतजार कर रही है। ढिल्लों ने भाजपा के केंद्रीय मुख्यालय में पत्रकार वार्ता में कहा कि पंजाब गुरुओं, पीरों और पैगंबरों की धरती रही है। हरित क्रांति की शुरुआत करने वाले इस राज्य का आज नशे की गिरफ्त में फंसना बेहद चिंताजनक है। भाजपा ने पंजाब के 117 विधायक क्षेत्रों में नशे, गिराधी यात्रा का आयोजन किया। इस यात्रा को चार दिशाओं से शुरू किया गया और जालंधर में इसका समापन हुआ। उन्होंने कहा कि यात्रा के दौरान पार्टी के कार्यकर्ताओं ने आम लोगों से संवाद किया और नशे से प्रभावित परिवारों की पीड़ा को करीब से समझा। लोगों ने भाजपा के इस प्रयास की सराहना की और नशे के खिलाफ लड़ाई में पार्टी के साथ खड़े होने की बात कही।

राष्ट्रीय सामाजिक सहायता योजना 2031 तक जारी रहेगी, पेंशन बढ़ी, नाम व पात्रता में भी बदलाव

नई दिल्ली। केंद्र सरकार ने सामाजिक सहायता कार्यक्रम को पांच वर्षों (वर्ष 2026-27 से 2030-31 तक) के लिए कुल परिव्यय 53,428 करोड़ रुपये के साथ विस्तार दिया है। विस्तार के साथ ही योजना और उप-योजनाओं का नाम बदला जाएगा। दिव्यांगजन पेंशन के लिए पात्रता मानदंड, कवरेज और सहायता की दर में संशोधन किया जाएगा। वहीं वृद्धजनों और विधवाओं के लिए पेंशन योजनाओं और परिवार लाभ योजना को उसके मौजूदा स्वरूप में जारी रखा जाएगा। प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी की अध्यक्षता में केंद्रीय मंत्रिमंडल ने राष्ट्रीय सामाजिक सहायता कार्यक्रम (एनएसएपी) को जारी रखने के लिए आज ग्रामीण विकास विभाग के प्रस्ताव को मंजूरी प्रदान दे दी। सरकार के मुताबिक राष्ट्रीय सामाजिक सहायता कार्यक्रम (एनएसएपी) अब प्रधानमंत्री सामाजिक सहायता योजना के नाम से जाना जाएगा। इंदिरा गांधी राष्ट्रीय वृद्धावस्था पेंशन योजना को अब प्रधानमंत्री वृद्धावस्था पेंशन योजना का नाम दिया गया है।

दिल्ली में जल प्रबंधन होगा स्मार्ट

प्रवेश साहिब सिंह ने किया इंटेलिजेंट कमांड सेंटर का उद्घाटन

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। दिल्ली में जल आपूर्ति व्यवस्था को आधुनिक और प्रभावी बनाने के लिए जल मंत्री प्रवेश साहिब सिंह ने शिवाजी मार्ग स्थित जेडब्ल्यूआईएल की इंप्रा लिमिटेड के कार्यालय में इंटेलिजेंट कमांड एंड कंट्रोल सेंटर (आईसीसीसी) का उद्घाटन किया। इस अवसर पर उन्होंने विशेष उपकरणों से लैस इमरजेंसी रिसर्पॉस वाहन को हरी झंडी दिखाकर रवाना किया। इन पहलों से पाइपलाइन में लीकेज का जल्द पता लगाने, पानी की बर्बादी रोकने और जल आपूर्ति संबंधी शिकायतों पर तेजी से कार्रवाई करने में मदद मिलेगी। कमांड सेंटर के माध्यम से जल आपूर्ति नेटवर्क की निगरानी, रखरखाव, उपभोक्ताओं की शिकायतों और फीडबैक ऑपरेशन से संबंधित जानकारीयां एक ही डिजिटल प्लेटफॉर्म पर उपलब्ध होंगी। इससे अधिकारियों को जल आपूर्ति व्यवस्था की स्थिति पर नजर रखने, संवेदनशील क्षेत्रों की पहचान करने और मरम्मत कार्यों में तेजी लाने में सहायता मिलेगी। इस अवसर पर प्रवेश साहिब सिंह



ने कहा कि जल प्रबंधन का अर्थ केवल पानी की आपूर्ति करना नहीं है, बल्कि पानी की बर्बादी रोकना, समस्याओं का समय रहते पता लगाना और पाइपलाइन में लीकेज या अन्य बाधाओं के कारण लोगों को होने वाली परेशानी को कम करना भी है। तकनीक का वास्तविक लाभ तभी

छठ घाटों पर बेहतर रोशनी की व्यवस्था

सभी 250 वार्डों में लगेगी स्ट्रीट लाइट: एमसीडी

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। दिल्ली नगर निगम (एमसीडी) ने छठ घाटों पर बेहतर रोशनी के लिए 250 वार्डों में स्ट्रीट लाइट लगाने की जानकारी दी। दिल्ली नगर निगम (एमसडी) में स्थायी समिति की अध्यक्ष सत्या शर्मा ने बताया कि दिल्ली में रह रहे पूर्वांचल के लोगों को छठ पूजा के दौरान स्वच्छ, सुरक्षित और रोशनी से जगमगाते घाट उपलब्ध कराने के लिए एमसीडी ने तैयारियां शुरू कर दी हैं। घाटों तक जाने वाली सड़कों की मरम्मत, पर्याप्त प्रकाश व्यवस्था और साफ-सफाई सुनिश्चित करने पर विशेष ध्यान दिया जा रहा है। उन्होंने कहा कि निगम ने सभी 250 वार्डों में दो-दो छठ घाटों पर स्ट्रीट लाइट लगाने का निर्णय लिया है। इसके लिए बजट जारी करने के साथ ही



करने और मच्छर जनित बीमारियों को रोकथाम के लिए फागिंग कराने के निर्देश भी दिए गए हैं। एमसीडी की स्थायी समिति की अध्यक्ष सत्या शर्मा ने अधिकारियों को सभी तैयारियां समय रहते पूरी करने को कहा है। स्थायी समिति की अध्यक्ष सत्या शर्मा ने कहा कि

छठ महापर्व पर बड़ी संख्या में श्रद्धालु सुबह और शाम घाटों पर पहुंचकर पूजा-अर्चना करते हैं। ऐसे में घाटों के साथ-साथ वहां तक पहुंचने वाले रास्तों पर भी पर्याप्त रोशनी और बेहतर बुनियादी सुविधाएं उपलब्ध कराना जरूरी है। उन्होंने अधिकारियों को निर्देश दिए कि घाटों और उनके आसपास की सड़कों व गलियों का निरीक्षण कर जहां मरम्मत की जरूरत है, वहां समय रहते काम पूरा कराया जाए, ताकि श्रद्धालुओं को आवागमन में परेशानी न हो। छठ घाटों और आसपास के इलाकों में साफ-सफाई की समुचित व्यवस्था करने और कूड़े का नियमित उठान सुनिश्चित करने के निर्देश दिए गए हैं। इसके साथ ही मच्छर जनित बीमारियों की रोकथाम के लिए आवश्यकतानुसार फागिंग कराने

मोदी के जनसेवा से राष्ट्रसेवा के 25 वर्ष पर दिल्ली कैबिनेट ने पारित किया अभिनंदन प्रस्ताव

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। दिल्ली की मुख्यमंत्री रेखा गुप्ता ने कहा कि प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी के जनसेवा से राष्ट्रसेवा के 25 वर्षों की यात्रा के उपलक्ष्य में दिल्ली कैबिनेट ने सर्वसम्मति से अभिनंदन प्रस्ताव पारित किया है। उन्होंने प्रधानमंत्री के प्रति ढाई करोड़ दिल्लीवासियों की ओर से आभार व्यक्त करते हुए कहा कि फरवरी 2025 में दिल्ली में सरकार बनने के बाद केंद्र की जनकल्याणकारी योजनाओं को लागू करने और राजधानी के विकास को गति देने का काम किया जा रहा है।

विभिन्न क्षेत्रों में उपलब्धियां हासिल की हैं। केंद्र सरकार की योजनाओं और वित्तीय एवं तकनीकी सहयोग से दिल्ली में स्वास्थ्य, आवास, शिक्षा, परिवहन, स्वच्छता, पर्यावरण और बुनियादी ढांचे के विकास के लिए काम हो रहा है। रेखा गुप्ता ने कहा कि आयुष्मान भारत योजना के तहत दिल्ली में पात्र नागरिकों को केंद्र सरकार के पांच लाख रुपये के स्वास्थ्य कवर के अतिरिक्त दिल्ली सरकार की ओर से पांच लाख रुपये का कवर दिया जा रहा है। इससे कुल 10 लाख रुपये तक की स्वास्थ्य सुखा उपलब्ध है। उनके अनुसार, योजना में नौ लाख से अधिक लोग पंजीकरण करा चुके हैं और करीब 85 हजार दावों के



वरिष्ठ नागरिकों के लिए वय वंदना योजना के तहत दिल्ली में करीब तीन लाख लोगों का पंजीकरण हुआ है। प्रधानमंत्री जन औषधि योजना के तहत सस्ती दवाइयां उपलब्ध कराई जा रही हैं। दिल्ली में करीब 415

आयुष्मान और योग्य मंदिर स्थापित किए गए हैं और इनकी संख्या बढ़ाकर लगभग 1,100 करने का लक्ष्य है। मुख्यमंत्री ने कहा कि प्रधानमंत्री आवास योजना के तहत दिल्ली में पात्र परिवारों को आवास उपलब्ध कराने की दिशा में काम किया जा रहा है। ‘जहां झुग्गी, वहां मकान’ पहल के तहत पात्र परिवारों को बेहतर आवास देने के प्रयास हो रहे हैं। जनधन, मुद्रा, पीएम स्वनिधि और उज्ज्वला जैसी योजनाओं का लाभ भी दिल्ली के नागरिकों तक पहुंचाया जा रहा है। उन्होंने बताया कि उज्ज्वला योजना के तहत दिल्ली में करीब तीन

लाख गैस कनेक्शन दिए गए हैं और प्रधानमंत्री गरीब कल्याण अन्न योजना के तहत लगभग 73 लाख परिवारों को हर महीने मुफ्त राशन मिल रहा है। रेखा गुप्ता ने स्वच्छ भारत मिशन के तहत दिल्ली को करीब 1,200 करोड़ रुपये और अमृत योजना के तहत लगभग 830 करोड़ रुपये मिलने की जानकारी दी। उन्होंने कहा कि इन योजनाओं के तहत सीवर नेटवर्क के विस्तार, यमुना की सफाई और विकेद्रीकृत सीवेज शोधन संयंत्रों के निर्माण पर काम किया जा रहा है। उनके अनुसार, एसएससीआई योजना के तहत भी दिल्ली को करीब 1,650 करोड़ रुपये

मिले हैं, जिनसे लगभग 30 परिवारों को सहायता मिल रही है। सड़क और परिवहन परियोजनाओं का उल्लेख करते हुए मुख्यमंत्री ने कहा कि पिछले 12 वर्षों में दिल्ली में सड़क अवसंरचना से जुड़ी 1.25 लाख करोड़ रुपये से अधिक की परियोजनाएं पूरी हुई हैं, प्राप्ति पर है या योजना के विभिन्न चरणों में हैं। इतमें प्राप्ति मैदान एकीकृत परिवहन गलियारा, धौला कुआं सिमल-मुक्त गलियारा, महिपालपुर अंडरपास और दिल्ली-मेरठ, दिल्ली-देहरादून तथा दिल्ली-मुंबई एक्सप्रेसवे जैसी परियोजनाएं शामिल हैं।

पीएम मोदी और कनाडा की विदेश मंत्री अनीता आनंद की मुलाकात

दोनों देशों के संबंधों को मजबूत करने पर हुई बातचीत

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। कनाडा की विदेश मंत्री अनीता आनंद ने नई दिल्ली में प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी से मुलाकात की। इस दौरान व्यापार, प्रौद्योगिकी, सुरक्षा, ऊर्जा, शिक्षा और लोगों के बीच आपसी संपर्क बढ़ाने से जुड़े क्षेत्रों में द्विपक्षीय संबंधों को मजबूत करने पर चर्चा की। बातचीत के दौरान, पीएम मोदी ने कनाडा के साथ एक रचनात्मक और दूरदर्शी रणनीतिक साझेदारी बनाने के लिए प्रतिबद्धता व्यक्त की। दोनों देशों के लोगों के लिए ठोस लाभ पहुंचाएंगी। प्रधानमंत्री मोदी ने बैठक के बाद एक्स पर पोस्ट किया, ‘कनाडा की विदेश मंत्री अनीता आनंद से मिलकर खुशी हुई। हमने व्यापार, प्रौद्योगिकी, सुरक्षा, ऊर्जा, शिक्षा



जयशंकर के साथ बैठक की, जहां दोनों पक्षों ने व्यापार, निवेश, शिक्षा, ऊर्जा, रक्षा और लोगों के बीच आदान-प्रदान सहित विभिन्न क्षेत्रों में संबंधों में हुई प्रगति की समीक्षा की। बैठक के बाद, विदेश मंत्री जयशंकर ने कहा कि भारत और कनाडा दोनों देशों के नेतृत्व और निरंतर जुड़ाव के मार्गदर्शन में अपनी रणनीतिक साझेदारी को आगे बढ़ा रहे हैं।’ अनीता आनंद ने 2025 में अपनी भारत यात्रा के दौरान विदेश मंत्री जयशंकर के साथ हुई अपनी बैठक को याद किया, जब दोनों ने कनाडा-भारत संबंधों के लिए एक संयुक्त रोडमैप स्थापित करने पर सहमति व्यक्त की थी और कहा कि वह द्विपक्षीय सहयोग में हुई प्रगति को देखकर उत्साहित हैं, जिसमें व्यापार वार्ता को आगे बढ़ाना और ऊर्जा, नवाचार और सुरक्षा पर सहयोग का विस्तार करना शामिल है।

मुखर्जी नगर में विद्यार्थियों के बीच पहुंचीं मुख्यमंत्री रेखा गुप्ता

समस्याएं सुन अधिकारियों को दिए समाधान के निर्देश

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। दिल्ली की मुख्यमंत्री रेखा गुप्ता ने शाम राजधानी के प्रमुख शैक्षणिक एवं कोचिंग हब मुखर्जी नगर क्षेत्र का औचक निरीक्षण किया। इस दौरान उन्होंने चाय की दुकान पर विद्यार्थियों के बीच बैठकर उनकी समस्याएं सुनीं और पढ़ाई, आवास, महिला सुरक्षा तथा बुनियादी सुविधाओं से जुड़े मुद्दों पर विस्तार से चर्चा की। मुख्यमंत्री ने संबंधित अधिकारियों को समस्याओं के समाधान के लिए आवश्यक कार्रवाई करने के निर्देश दिए। निरीक्षण के दौरान प्रतियोगी परीक्षाओं की तैयारी कर रहे विद्यार्थियों और विभिन्न विश्वविद्यालयों में अध्ययनरत छात्र-छात्राओं ने मुख्यमंत्री के समक्ष अपनी समस्याएं रखीं। विद्यार्थियों ने निःशुल्क लाइब्रेरी की कमी, पीजी के अधिक किराए, जमानत राशि, दलाली, पेयजल, सफाई, स्ट्रीट लाइट, सीसीटीवी और सार्वजनिक शौचालयों की स्थिति जैसे मुद्दे उठाए। मुख्यमंत्री ने कहा कि देश के विभिन्न राज्यों से दिल्ली में शिक्षा प्राप्त करने आए युवा राजधानी के परिवार का हिस्सा हैं। उनकी सुविधाओं, सुरक्षा और बेहतर भविष्य के लिए अनुकूल वातावरण उपलब्ध कराना सरकार की जिम्मेदारी है। विद्यार्थियों ने



मानकों की जांच कराने के निर्देश दिए। उन्होंने लाइब्रेरी की कमी, पीजी के अधिक किराए, प्लॉट तथा उपलब्ध सामुदायिक भवनों में उपयुक्त स्थान चिह्नित करने को कहा, ताकि विद्यार्थियों के लिए निःशुल्क लाइब्रेरी विकसित की जा सके। विद्यार्थियों ने पीजी के अधिक किराए, जमानत राशि और दलाली के कारण होने वाले खर्च की समस्या भी उठाई। उन्होंने बताया कि पर्याप्त हॉस्टल उपलब्ध नहीं होने के कारण उन्हें निजी पीजी या किराये के कमरों में रहना पड़ता है।

छोटे कमरों, सीमित वेंटिलेशन, भोजन की गुणवत्ता और आसपास चलने वाले निर्माण कार्यों से भी उन्हें परेशानी होती है। मुख्यमंत्री ने कहा कि विद्यार्थियों की आवास संबंधी आवश्यकताओं को ध्यान में रखते हुए पीजी पॉलिसी और नए हॉस्टलों की उपलब्धता जैसे विषयों पर काम किया जा रहा है, ताकि उन्हें बेहतर और व्यवस्थित आवास सुविधाएं मिल सकें। छात्राओं ने देर शाम आवागमन के दौरान सुरक्षा संबंधी कठिनाइयों और कुछ स्थानों पर पर्याप्त रोशनी नहीं होने की शिकायतें की। मुख्यमंत्री ने संबंधित अधिकारियों और पुलिस प्रतिनिधियों को स्ट्रीट लाइट तथा सीसीटीवी कैमरों की स्थिति की समीक्षा करने और आवश्यक सुधार करने के निर्देश दिए। नियमों के विरुद्ध गहरे रंग की फिल्म लगे वाहनों के आवागमन की शिकायत पर भी उन्होंने पुलिस को नियमानुसार कार्रवाई करने को कहा। मुख्यमंत्री ने क्षेत्र में लंबे समय से बंद पड़े सार्वजनिक शौचालयों को पिंक टॉयलेट के रूप में विकसित कर जल्द चालू करने के निर्देश दिए। उन्होंने सार्वजनिक शौचालयों की उपलब्धता और नियमित रखरखाव सुनिश्चित करने के साथ जहरत के अनुसार अतिरिक्त शौचालय ब्लॉक के लिए उपयुक्त स्थान चिह्नित करने को भी कहा।

उम्मीदवारों की भारी मांग के बाद इंडियारिस्कल्स 2026-27 के लिए रजिस्ट्रेशन विंडो 19 अक्टूबर तक फिर से खोला गया

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। कौशल विकास और उद्यमशीलता मंत्रालय (एमएसडीई) ने संस्थानों और इच्छुक प्रतिभागियों के बीच रजिस्ट्रेशन विंडो 19 अक्टूबर 2026 तक फिर से खोल दिया है। यह फ़ैसला वर्ल्डस्किल्स प्रतियोगिता के प्रदर्शन के बाद कौशल प्रतियोगिताओं में बढ़ी दिलचस्पी को देखते हुए लिया गया है; इस प्रतियोगिता में टीम ने दुनिया भर में 10वां स्थान हासिल किया और

‘मेडल फॉर एक्सीलेंस’ जीते। यह उत्साह तब और बढ़ गया जब माननीय प्रधानमंत्री श्री नरेंद्र मोदी ने 9 अक्टूबर 2026 को नई दिल्ली में अपने आवास, 7

‘वर्ल्डस्किल्स शंघाई 2026’ के लिए टीम इंडिया के प्रतिभागियों से मुलाकात की। उनकी इस बातचीत में भारत के कुशल युवाओं की उपलब्धियों ने

राष्ट्र के विकास में व्यावसायिक दक्षता और उत्कृष्टता के महत्व को रेखांकित किया गया। इस मुलाकात के बाद, मंत्रालय को संस्थानों और इच्छुक

2026-27’ के लिए रजिस्ट्रेशन फिर से शुरू करने के कई अनुरोध प्राप्त हुए। इसे देखते हुए, रजिस्ट्रेशन विंडो को 19 अक्टूबर 2026 तक फिर से

अधिक युवाओं को अपने कौशल का प्रदर्शन करने, राष्ट्रीय स्तर पर प्रतिस्पर्धा करने और वैश्विक मंच पर भारत का प्रतिनिधित्व करने की दिशा में

BRIFF NEWS

ED seizes assets worth over Rs 2,000 crore of Reliance Power



New Delhi, Agency: The Enforcement Directorate (ED) Wednesday said it has seized Indian assets worth Rs 2,033 crore belonging to Reliance Power Ltd (RPL), an entity of the Reliance Anil Ambani Group, under Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA), for the alleged siphoning of assets worth an equivalent amount to tax havens of British Virgin Islands (BVI) and Cayman Islands.

The attached assets include bank balances of RPL and its shareholding in Sasan Power Limited. "The Headquarter Investigation Unit has seized assets worth ₹2,032.81 crore in India belonging to RPL, which are equivalent to the foreign exchange held outside India in contravention of FEMA," ED said. ED has already attached assets worth thousands of crores of the Anil Ambani group, including his residences in Mumbai, in multiple money laundering cases involving over Rs 40,000 crore.

ED said its investigation into findings of Sebi, pertaining to write-offs/provisions aggregating ₹2,101.46 crore made by RPL in its books of account, had revealed that "these write-offs were related to overseas investments and advances made to companies in the British Virgin Islands (BVI) and the Cayman Islands".

No cancellation of services, cut in metro train trips on October 10, SC told



New Delhi, Agency: Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) Wednesday informed Supreme Court that there was no curtailment or cancellation of metro services and no reduction in the number of train trips, with 272 trains operating on Oct 10. "A full complement of 4,157 train trips were conducted on Oct 10 as per schedule across the Metro network," it said, adding that 258 stations, or 85% of the total number of stations, remained fully operational, accessible and functional for commuters.

Following the Supreme Court's Oct 9 order, which disapproved of a complete shutdown of metro services, Delhi Police reviewed its Oct 8 order for entry/exit closure of 57 of 303 metro stations in Delhi on Oct 10, the day of CJP protest, and applied its directive to 45 stations, DMRC said. It said metro services functioned normally except for closure of entry/exit points at 45 stations on Oct 10 and a total of 32 lakh commuters travelled on the network that day, as against approximately 58 lakh on a normal second Saturday.

'Pakistan needs to look inwards': India questions UN rights body's silence on PoK unrest

New Delhi, Agency: India has asked the UN human rights body when it would issue a report seeking answers from Pakistan on steps taken to address concerns over the situation in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK), including investigations into killings and restrictions on internet access. First Secretary at the Permanent Mission of India, Anuj Swarup, delivered the statement during an interactive dialogue with the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights at the 81st session of the UN General Assembly's Third



Committee on Wednesday.

"When can we expect OHCHR to issue a report on the steps taken by the Government of Pakistan on this? Pakistan would do well to look inwards and reflect on how such rights are not being enjoyed in its large part, including Khyber

Pakhtunkhwa, and for that matter, in Rawalakot, which is under its illegal occupation," Swarup said.

Swarup referred to detailed statements by the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) and the High Commissioner on the

situation in PoK. The statements called for prompt, thorough and impartial investigations into killings allegedly carried out by armed and security forces.

They also urged authorities to ensure that detained leaders of the Joint Awami Action Committee had access to legal representation and their families, and were afforded due process and a fair trial. The statements further called for lifting internet restrictions across Pakistan-occupied Jammu and Kashmir and holding meaningful political dialogue to address the

grievances of the local population. The High Commissioner had also noted that dozens of people, mostly protesters but also law enforcement personnel, had reportedly been killed since June, ahead of the July 27 Legislative Assembly elections. Swarup said the OHCHR had adopted an approach of "extreme selectivity" in addressing such incidents.

"Violent responses to protests in our neighbourhood as well as in the west have gone uncommenced. Needless to say, such double standards contribute to

loss of trust in multilateralism and the work of OHCHR," he said.

Swarup said India's freedom movement, led by Mahatma Gandhi, championed non-violence and equality, values that also shaped the Constitution, which guarantees fundamental rights to every citizen. "Indian citizens exercise rights subject to maintenance of public order and safety. Our law enforcement authorities act strictly in accordance with the law, and our courts remain available for redressal of any grievance," he said.

'White supremacist views': US teen held with rifle, ammo over Hindu temple attack plot

New Delhi, Agency: Police in Palatine, Illinois, arrested a 19-year-old man following an investigation into threats of a potential mass shooting at a Hindu temple.

The investigation began on October 11, when the Palatine Police Department received information from the Mount Prospect Police Department about concerning electronic communications allegedly sent by Alexandros Paporakis. Investigators said Paporakis had shared a document outlining an alleged plan for a mass shooting at the Hindu temple. He also shared images of a rifle, magazines, body armour and other tactical gear and accessories.

FBI investigators examined elec-



tronic communications and a document attributed to Paporakis titled "Why I Fought: A K A: (Aurora Shooter's Manifesto)." The document contained white supremacist and extremist views, including references to violence against people of South Asian heritage, particularly those of Indian descent.

Detectives believe Paporakis may have been planning an attack on October 11, possibly targeting a Hindu place of worship in the Aurora area. Police subsequently contacted Hindu places of worship within their jurisdiction to alert them to the threat. Paporakis was charged with one count of making a terrorist threat, a Class X felony, and one count of unlawful possession of

weapons. He appeared for a detention hearing on Wednesday, where a judge ordered him to remain in custody. "The seriousness of this alleged threat cannot be overstated. Through the immediate sharing of information and coordinated response by the Palatine and Mount Prospect Police Departments, officers were able to identify and take the suspect into custody. We are grateful for the FBI's assistance in the subsequent investigation and commend the individual who initially came forward with this information. Protecting our communities and places of worship remains a priority, and we will continue working with our law enforcement partners as this investigation moves forward," Palatine Police Chief William Nord said, as cited by Media.

India working on China ties, says Piyush Goyal

New Delhi, Agency: India is working to develop relations with China once again, provided continuity in the engagement is warranted, geopolitical situation does not deteriorate and a fair deal is ensured, said commerce and industry minister Piyush Goyal Wednesday, adding that the "last word" on this journey is not yet scripted. "...I think we had some concerns in the past. We are working to develop the relations with China once again," said Goyal in response to a query whether China can be a part of joint ventures in critical sectors at the Bloomberg



New Economy Forum. China is the second-largest trading partner for India, with bilateral trade rising nearly 8% in 2025-26 to \$128 billion. Goyal also said ties between India and US remain "substantive" and "very consequential" for the world, which are poised to get better, irrespective of any changes in political thinking in both the countries.

Won't accept lame excuses SC to EC on 2023 case



New Delhi, Agency: SC on Wednesday pulled up EC for saying it was unable to trace the 2023 video recording of counting of votes in Karnataka's Sringeri assembly seat. "How can ECI say it has lost its record? Your whole purpose is to hold an election, and you need to have a docu-

ment...Whatever you have, produce it on the next date. Otherwise, we will have to draw an adverse inference. We will not accept these kinds of lame excuses," SC said. It was hearing a case related to a poll dispute between Cong's TD Rajegowda and BJP's DN Jeevaraj.

India & US nearing a landing point on trade deal: EAM Jaishankar

New Delhi, Agency: India and the US are heading towards a landing point on the trade deal that they have been negotiating for over 18 months, Union external affairs minister S Jaishankar said on Wednesday reviving optimism about the successful conclusion of the ongoing talks soon.

Finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman had suggested earlier this month there was a deadlock in the talks, with both sides reaching a point where it would be difficult to concede any further ground. However,



Jaishankar said both sides continued to iron out differences. "I think we are waiting on a few things," he said at the Bloomberg New Economy Forum.

Jaishankar said India's trade minister, the US Trade Representative (USTR) and other officials are engaged in talks to move forward on the bilateral trade agreement. "When countries negoti-

ate with an economy like the US, obviously one part of it is what you work out between yourselves and the US, and one part of it is how do you fare vis-a-vis competitive economies," he said. "And that part of it is not entirely clear because not everybody has worked out a deal. I think the trade ministers, USTR and our commerce and industry minister are working on that... My sense is that this is an issue which is heading towards a landing point." Earlier this month, USTR Jamie Green said the US and

India were working to finalise the agreement but it was not imminent.

Jaishankar also spoke about Washington's new approach to economic engagement. "...That's what the whole tariff debate is about. And the two are connected: access to the American economy and the re-industrialisation of America. Therefore, what is happening is every significant economy is getting into a negotiation with the US on this issue... In our case, we are pretty far advanced in that process of negotiation."

SC: Tough PMLA bail conditions can't override accused's right

New Delhi, Agency: SC has said that stringent bail conditions set under special laws such as PMLA cannot override rights granted by the Constitution, holding prolonged incarceration of an undertrial violates the fundamental right to speedy trial.

A bench of Justices Aravind Kumar and Vipul M Pancholi said an accused could not be kept in custody till completion of trial and held that the accused was entitled to bail in case of delay in trial despite the stringent bail conditions under the anti-money laundering law. Section 45 of PMLA prescribes twin conditions for grant of bail.

The PMLA section says no accused shall be released on bail unless the public prosecutor has been given an opportunity to oppose the application for such release, and the court is satisfied that there are reasonable grounds for believing that he is not guilty of such offence and that he is not likely to



commit any offence while on bail. The second condition puts the onus on an accused to convince the court that he is not guilty.

The bench, however, said, "The twin conditions under Section 45 of PMLA cannot override the constitutional safeguards under Article 21 of the Constitution, as has been held in the case of Manish Sisodia vs Directorate of Enforcement. Prolonged incarceration, if allowed to continue, will set at naught the constitutional safeguards extended to accused persons."

The court granted bail to an accused who was allegedly involved in money laundering of over Rs 6,210 crore. ED said the accused had created

62 shell companies, 34 people were made dummy directors and 20 companies were manned by his relatives who contributed to the offence. He was arrested in Dec 2024.

Granting him relief, the bench said, "We are of the opinion that the culmination of the trial is a time-consuming process, since the trial court will have to go through documents running into thousands of pages and examine around 98 witnesses. The appellant must not be subjected to the rigours of custody as long as the trial is pending. Hence, the appellant must be released on bail, subject to furnishing of bail bonds to the satisfaction of the trial court and subject to such other terms and condi-

tions as may be imposed by it." The bench admitted that economic offences were very serious as they impacted the financial fabric of the country but said the rights of accused too have to be protected.

"In a bail matter, especially in serious offences, the job of a court is to balance the rights of the state with those of the arrestee. In special laws such as PMLA, the conditions for granting bail are stringent, and the circumstances in which bail can be granted are rare, for the simple reason that economic offences of a large magnitude punch a hole through the financial fabric of the country, causing a top-down ripple effect into the entire ecosystem, resulting in large consequences for most of the population. That is the justification for making the provisions of PMLA stringent. In the same breath, sight must not be lost of the fact that the institutions have a duty to expeditiously investigate the cases.

SC: Cops can't seek digital footprints for roving probe

New Delhi, Agency: SC has said police cannot direct social media platforms under IT Act to share an accused's digital footprints for periods well before the crime he is being probed for, in an order that is likely to become a precedent for protection of privacy, reports D h a n a n j a y Mahapatra. "Information and Technology Act provisions cannot be misused by police to launch a roving and fishing inquiry by obtaining personal data of an accused in breach of right to privacy," said SC quashing a Ghaziabad Police order asking 'X' to furnish digital footprints of journalist Abhishek Upadhyay since June 1 when he was accused of a road rage incident in Aug 18.

A bench of CJI Surya Kant and Justice Joymalya Bagchi said: "Police must apply the principles of proportionality while taking steps to investigate a crime and can resort to seeking digital footprints only after recording that alternative methods to obtain information about a crime has proved inadequate". The court also kept in operation its interim order pro-protecting the



journalist from arrest as long as he cooperated with the investigators. Upadhyay, through senior advocate Pradeep Rai, said he had carried out a journalistic investigation into theft of donations at Ayodhya Ram Temple and was first to publish a news article on his digital platform on June 7. The real intent behind the cooked-up FIR of Aug 18 was to seek information from June 1 to identify the sources who informed him about pilferage of donations by devotees, Rai argued.

Ghaziabad Police commissioner had informed the court that police searched for the petitioner for three days in connection with the road rage case, in which he is accused of hurling caste slurs at the complainant bike rider, and when he was untraceable, police sought details of digital footprint from 'X'.

Maa Katyayani: The Divine Power of Courage, Justice and Fearlessness

The sixth day of Navratri celebrates the warrior form of Goddess Durga, reminding devotees that true strength lies in protecting what is right and confronting injustice with determination



The sixth day of Sharad Navratri holds special significance for devotees who worship Maa Katyayani, the sixth form of Goddess Durga. Revered as a powerful manifestation of divine feminine energy, Maa Katyayani repre-

sents courage, determination and the strength required to overcome evil. Her worship is not merely a religious observance; it also offers a broader message about standing against injustice, protecting the vulnerable and maintaining faith during difficult circumstances.

Navratri is celebrated across India through prayers, fasting, devotional music, community gatherings and cultural performances. Each day is associated with a particular form of Goddess Durga, allowing devotees to reflect on different aspects of spiritual life. On the sixth day, attention turns towards Maa Katyayani, whose traditional imagery conveys the qualities of a fearless warrior and a protector of righteousness.

The legend behind Maa Katyayani

According to Hindu religious tradition, Maa Katyayani is associated with the sage Katyayana. One widely known account explains that the goddess manifested in response to the prayers of the sage and the need to

defeat the powerful demon Mahishasura. The goddess ultimately became an embodiment of divine strength and the triumph of righteousness over destructive forces.

The story of Mahishasura is central to the wider religious significance of Navratri. The demon represents arrogance, uncontrolled power and the belief that strength can be used without accountability. Goddess Durga's victory demonstrates that injustice, however powerful it may appear, cannot claim permanent legitimacy.

Maa Katyayani's association with this tradition gives the sixth day a distinctive character.

Her worship encourages devotees to understand courage not as aggression, but as the willingness to confront wrongdoing and protect others.

Her image is frequently depicted with multiple arms, weapons and a lion, symbols of the power, alertness and determination required to overcome challenges.

Religious accounts and regional traditions may differ in their details,

but the central message remains consistent: righteousness requires strength, and strength must be guided by responsibility.

The spiritual meaning of the sixth day

For many devotees, worshipping Maa Katyayani is an opportunity to develop confidence, discipline and devotion. Prayers, mantra recitation, temple visits and family rituals form part of the observance. The traditional Katyayani mantra is also recited by devotees seeking spiritual guidance and blessings.

The rituals associated with Navratri differ between communities and households. Some families observe fasts, while others participate in special prayers or charitable activities.

The importance of the occasion lies not only in the outward form of worship but also in the sincerity with which its values are practised.

The goddess's symbolism can be understood as a reminder that fear should not become an obstacle to doing what is right.

Navratri and the Power of Women: From Divine Shakti to Modern India

The worship of the feminine divine provides an opportunity to reflect on women's education, safety, economic independence and equal participation in society



Across India, Navratri celebrates the many forms of Goddess Durga and the power traditionally described as Shakti. On the sixth day, devotees worship Maa Katyayani, a form associated with courage, protection and the defeat of destructive forces. Beyond religious rituals, the festival creates an opportunity to consider an important contemporary question: how can society translate its reverence for feminine power into dignity, opportunity and equality for women in everyday life?

The connection between the divine feminine and women's empowerment requires thoughtful understanding. Worshipping a goddess is a meaningful expression of faith for millions of people, but respect for women must also be reflected in personal conduct, public institutions, workplaces and family decisions. The spirit of Navratri becomes particularly relevant when its symbolism encourages people to examine whether women have the freedom and support required to shape their own futures.

Understanding Shakti

In Hindu traditions, Shakti represents divine energy, power and the capacity to create, sustain and transform. Goddess Durga embodies strength in the face of evil, while her various forms express different qualities of divine power. Maa Katyayani, worshipped on Navratri's sixth day, is associated with fearlessness and the defence of righteousness.

These ideas have shaped reli-

gious practices, artistic traditions, stories and festivals across generations. During Navratri, women participate in worship, organise community activities, lead cultural programmes and maintain family traditions. Their contributions are visible in both the spiritual and social dimensions of the festival.

Yet the meaning of Shakti can also invite a wider discussion about how society views women's abilities. Strength is not limited to physical power. It includes the capacity to make decisions, acquire knowledge, earn a livelihood, participate in public life and recover from adversity. Women's empowerment requires these opportunities to be accessible without discrimination.

Education as the foundation of independence

Education is one of the most important foundations of women's empowerment. It equips girls with knowledge, confidence and the ability to make informed choices about their lives. Educated women are better positioned to understand their rights, pursue employment, participate in public discussions and contribute to family and community decisions.

However, access to education is not determined by school availability alone. Financial pressures, household responsibilities, safety concerns, early marriage and social expectations can affect whether girls remain in education. Families, schools, communities and governments all have a role in addressing these barriers.

Navratri is much more than a nine-night religious celebration. It is a living expression of India's cultural diversity, bringing together mythology, music, dance, traditional clothing, food, craftsmanship and community participation. Although the festival is associated with the worship of Goddess Durga, its observance differs considerably across regions. These variations demonstrate how a shared religious tradition can

develop distinctive local identities while retaining a common spiritual foundation.

On the sixth day of Sharad Navratri, devotees worship Maa Katyayani, one of the nine traditional forms of Goddess Durga. Her association with courage and the defeat of evil provides a central theme for the day's observances. At the same time, the festival offers an opportunity to examine how India's cultural traditions sur-



The Spiritual Significance of Navratri's Sixth Day: Devotion, Discipline and Inner Strength

The worship of Maa Katyayani combines ancient religious traditions with a message of self-reflection, perseverance and responsible living



Sixth day of Sharad Navratri occupies an important place in the nine-night festival dedicated to Goddess Durga. On this day, devotees worship Maa Katyayani,

whose traditional image represents courage, divine protection and the triumph of righteousness. Temples and homes become centres of prayer, while families follow

rituals passed down through generations. For many believers, the occasion is also an opportunity to pause, reflect on personal conduct and renew their spiritual commitments.

Navratri is celebrated in different ways throughout India. Some communities emphasise elaborate temple worship, while others organise devotional music, traditional dances and neighbourhood gatherings. Fasting practices, offerings and prayer schedules also vary according to regional customs and family traditions. Despite this diversity, the festival shares a central theme: the

victory of good over evil and the importance of spiritual strength.

Why Maa Katyayani is worshipped on Day 6

Maa Katyayani is recognised as the sixth form of Goddess Durga in the widely followed Navadurga tradition. She is associated with the sage Katyayana and with the divine struggle against Mahishasura. In traditional depictions, the goddess is shown with several arms, carrying symbolic weapons and riding a lion. These features convey readiness, protection and the power to confront destructive forces.

Navratri Beyond Worship: How the Festival Supports India's Local Economy

From flower sellers and artisans to garment shops, food vendors and event organisers, Navratri creates seasonal opportunities for businesses across India's towns and cities

Navratri is among India's most visible cultural celebrations, bringing together religious devotion, traditional dance, music, shopping and community gatherings. Behind the colourful celebrations lies a broad network of economic activity.

Flowers are purchased for worship, garments are prepared for festive occasions, decorative materials are sold, musicians perform at community events and food businesses serve visitors throughout the festival.

As devotees observe the sixth day and worship Maa Katyayani, the festival provides an opportunity to recognise the people whose work helps bring these traditions to life. Much of this activity takes place through small shops, family-run enterprises, independent artisans and temporary market stalls. For many of them, the festive season can offer additional income, although actual earnings depend on local demand, costs and competition.

The many businesses behind a festival

The economic activity associated with Navratri begins well before the first day of celebrations. Retailers stock traditional clothing, footwear, jewellery and accessories. Flower sellers prepare garlands and devotional offerings, while shops display lamps, incense, decorative fabrics and puja materials.

Artisans may create embroidered garments, jewellery, painted decorations, idols and handmade accessories. Tailors and embroidery workers can receive additional orders as families prepare for gatherings and cultural performances. Printing services, photographers, sound-system operators and event organisers may also find work through community celebrations.

In areas where Garba and Dandiya events attract large crowds, the demand for venue preparation, lighting, security, transport and refreshments can create opportunities for a wide range of service

providers. Restaurants and small food businesses may adapt their menus to suit fasting customs or regional festive preferences.

This network illustrates how a cultural celebration supports more than one industry. Spending by households and event organisers moves through multiple businesses, creating income for suppliers and workers along the way.



Nine Forms of Durga, One Message: Navratri as India's Living Cultural Heritage

From regional worship traditions and devotional music to Garba, Dandiya and family rituals, Navratri reflects India's cultural diversity and the continuing bond between generations

vive, adapt and find meaning in changing social conditions.

One festival, many regional expressions

In Gujarat, Navratri is widely associated with Garba and Dandiya Raas. Participants gather in circles to dance to devotional songs and rhythmic music, often wearing colourful traditional garments. Garba is commonly performed around a central focal point, which may symbolise the divine presence

or the continuity of life. Dandiya Raas uses decorated sticks and coordinated movements to create an energetic group performance.

In West Bengal, the autumnal worship of Durga takes a distinctive form through Durga Puja. Elaborately decorated pandals, artistic representations of the goddess, cultural performances and community gatherings are important elements of the celebration.