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Paris Eiffel Tower says chief to step down after uproar over removing women staff

PARIS, France.(Agency)

The operating company that runs the Eiffel Tower said Tuesday its chief would step down at the end of this year in the wake of a controversy over the removal of women staff during a visit by a Hindu religious group. Patrick Branco Ruivo, who has been director general of the Paris landmark since 2018, would leave his job at the end of the year after an internal probe revealed that "operational flaws and shortcomings" in organising the visit led to the "unacceptable" removal of women staff, the company SETE said in a statement. The removal of women staff during a visit by the Bochasanwasi Akshar Purushottam Swaminarayan Sanstha (BAPS) spiritual movement on September 5 prompted a staff walkout and the closure of the monument for a day, as well as an outcry across political spectrum in France which prizes secularism and gender equality. At the time, SETE acknowledged the Hindu delegation had requested the visit be organised so as to limit "interactions with women" and said that "these conditions should not have been accepted". "The coming months will allow us to prepare for the leadership transition under the best possible conditions," said Ariel Weil, SETE's board chairman.

'Female employees sidelined'

He said he was demanding the creation of a "dedicated protocol department" and the implementation of a new set of measures and training programs to promote gender equality. The Eiffel Tower, which is owned by the city of Paris, says it receives nearly seven million people a year. The Socialist mayor of Paris, Emmanuel Gregoire, had lambasted the move to remove women staff as an "absurd, unjust and unacceptable decision" and ordered two separate probes.

'She Said It Was Consensual': US District Attorney's Shocker In Cornell Case

TRENTON .(Agency)

A US district attorney has released new disturbing details about a Cornell University student's alleged fraternity gang rape, explaining why he reopened the investigation after accuser "Jane Doe" filed a civil lawsuit against the seven Chi Phi fraternity brothers and the school. Tompkins County District Attorney Matthew Van Houten also detailed the accuser's statement submitted to campus police in November 2024, about a week after she claimed seven men drugged and raped her during an hours-long assault at their Ithaca house. In the copy of the statement accessed by NDTV, Houten said that Doe's 2024 testimony to police presented a different version of events from the details in the new civil complaint she filed against the seven accused and the university, while insisting that "it can take years of therapy and healing for victims of sexual assaults to fully process and understand what happened to them."

He also blamed his extraordinary move of putting Doe's 2024 testimony in the public domain on people flooding his office with phone calls and emails seeking answers. "While I generally refrain from commenting publicly on criminal investigations, the community outrage stemming from the incomplete news and social media coverage requires that I provide an answer to why the investigation resulted in a lack of criminal charges," he said.

What Jane Doe's 2024 Statement Said

According to Houten, Doe's sworn six-page statement in November of 2024 did not allege that she was drugged against her will or gang-raped. "On the contrary, Jane Doe's statement described her participation in drug use and sexual conduct as voluntary, conscious, and consensual," he claimed. In her statement to the cops, Doe, who was 20 years old at the time, had said that on the evening of October 19, 2024, she walked to the Chi Phi Fraternity to meet one of the accused, who was her friend.

Iranians face soaring prices for medicine as the US blockade and sanctions hit hard

Supplies are also strained because medicines are smuggled to neighboring Afghanistan, Pakistan and Iraq, where prices are higher, state media reported.

TEHRAN.(Agency)

Medication prices are soaring in Iran and some treatments have become hard to find, leaving patients and their families scrambling as a U.S. blockade and stepped-up sanctions squeeze the country's pharmaceuticals industry. Some medicines have more than tripled in price, further squeezing Iranians' finances seven

months into the country's war with the United States and Israel. Prices for food and other goods have skyrocketed even as unemployment has risen and the currency, which hit a record low this week, has lost half its value. The war has become an economic endurance test. Iran has tried to push world energy prices higher with attacks on the region's oil shipping routes; the United States, in turn, has aimed to wreck Iran's economy by blockading its ports since June and slapping it with increasingly tough sanctions. Iran's pharmaceutical industry is vulnerable because of its reliance on imports. So far there has been little sign of major shortages of medicines at Iran's hospitals, but the difficulties are showing at pharmacies. Gholamreza Rahmani, a Tehran welder, and his wife recently scoured several pharmacies over two days hoping to fill prescriptions for four medicines for their 12-year-old daughter, who was having stomach troubles. "Each one would have one or two items, not all of

them," he said, noting that they couldn't find one of the medicines anywhere. The search cost him two days of wages because he couldn't go to work. "My daughter's illness and the loss of income



are like scissors, cutting from two sides," he said. Iran's pharmaceutical industry needs imports. Iran produces more than 80% of its medicines domestically, according to official statistics, but many of those rely on imported raw materials. Before the war, most medicines and

pharmaceutical components were brought in by sea, but the American naval blockade has cut off shipping. Bahman Sabour, a member of the Tehran Pharmacies Association, told local media. Medical importers switched to more expensive air routes. But that access has been threatened by new U.S. sanctions on a number of Iranian airlines, which led to some international flights being halted. U.S. sanctions don't directly target medicines, but financial sanctions in place for years also hurt the pharmaceutical supply because international banks and companies often will be overly cautious and refuse transactions because they fear running afoul of sanctions, said Reza Majdzadeh, a professor at the School of Health and Social Care at the University of Essex in England. "A medicine may be perfectly legal to sell to Iran, but a bank may refuse to process the payment," he said. "A pharmaceutical or shipping company may simply decide that dealing with Iran is not worth the risk."

US to hike EB-5 Green Card fees

WASHINGTON.(Agency)

The US has decided to drastically increase fees for immigrants seeking to invest in America and eventually claim permanent residency under the EB-5 investor programme which remains one of the most reliable ways for Indian entrepreneurs and families to obtain Green Card. The US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) finalised a rule on Tuesday that seeks to more than double the fees for applying to the EB-5 visa. The rule will be effective from November 30. The US EB-5 Immigrant Investor Programme grants permanent residency (a Green Card) to foreign investors and their immediate families who invest capital into a US commercial enterprise and create 10 full-time jobs for American workers. The filing fee for Form I-526, used by standalone investors, will rise from USD 3,675 to USD 7,615. The fee for an initial Form I-526E petition, used by investors participating through an approved

regional centre, will increase from USD 3,675 to USD 7,850. Initial I-526 and I-526E petitions will also include a USD 75 technology fee. Regional-centre investors must



additionally pay the programme's investor integrity fee. The fee for Form I-829, filed by investors seeking to remove conditions on their permanent resident status, will increase from USD 3,750 to USD 5,000. Charges imposed on regional centres will rise more sharply. The fee for an initial Form I-956 application seeking regional-centre designation will increase from USD 17,795 to USD 44,115. The charge for

Form I-956F, used to seek approval of an investment in a commercial enterprise, will rise to USD 42,675 from USD 17,795. The annual fee for Form I-956G will decrease from USD 3,035 to USD 2,165. The final rule also establishes Form I-527 for certain investors seeking to amend older Form I-526 petitions. The new filing will cost USD 10,330. Announcing the new fees, USCIS said in a press release that the agency is largely funded by the fees it charges, rather than taxes. ng applications, conducting background checks, verifying eligibility, detecting fraud, and maintaining programme operations must be paid by those who use the immigration system," the release said. However, like most employment-based immigration categories, EB-5 visas are subject to annual caps and country limits.

As demand from India has increased dramatically over the past decade, a backlog has developed that affects how long investors may wait for a Green Card.

Morocco's king appoints the country's first female prime minister

CASABLANCA, Morocco.(Agency)

Morocco's King Mohammed VI on Tuesday named Urban Planning Minister Fatima Zahra Mansouri as the country's prime minister, making the 50-year-old attorney the first woman to hold the position in the

Muslim kingdom. Mansouri, who until her nomination also was the mayor of Marrakech, was tasked with forming a new government, the Royal Palace said in a statement. The announcement came four days after results of parliamentary elections were announced, with Mansouri's centrist Authenticity and Modernity Party, or PAM, the highest vote-getter. Mansouri, the second woman to serve as prime minister in the Arab world after Najla Bouden in Tunisia, is expected to build a coalition in coming days to form a government. Morocco's electoral system makes it difficult for a single party to win an absolute majority. Her government is expected to make billions of dollars in investments linked to the 2030



FIFA World Cup, while seeking to deliver on promises to fight inflation, raise wages and create jobs. The Moroccan Constitution gives the king, who is the country's highest authority, the power to appoint the prime minister, but he must choose from the party that wins the most seats in parliamentary elections. That was a

change successfully pushed by Arab Spring protesters in 2011. Before that, the king could name the prime minister without any such restriction. Mansouri joined PAM upon its creation in 2008 by Fouad Ali El Himma, a childhood friend and close adviser to the king. A law graduate from the University of Montpellier in France, Mansouri became one of the party's top leaders in 2024. She twice served as mayor of Marrakech and was a member of parliament. Mansouri is the daughter of the "pasha of Marrakech" Abderrahmane El Mansouri, a senior local official who was also Morocco's ambassador to the United Arab Emirates. He headed Marrakech's bar association and was a landowner.

Two Indian nationals charged with selling fake Ozempic in US

WASHINGTON.(Agency)

Two Indian nationals have been charged with conspiracy and smuggling related to an alleged transnational counterfeit prescription drug distribution scheme in a US federal court in Florida. The indictment by a federal grand jury in the Middle District of Florida alleges that Swapandip Roy, Vicky Ramancha, and their co-conspirators sold counterfeit Ozempic to distributors in the United States at deeply discounted prices. Roy was extradited from Italy to the United States and made his initial appearance in court in Tampa, Florida, on Tuesday. The duo faces a 71-year jail term if convicted. According to court documents, beginning in at least July 2023 and continuing to April 2024, Roy and Ramancha allegedly obtained counterfeit Ozempic from unauthorised sources in China. The counterfeit Ozempic allegedly distributed by Roy, Ramancha, and their co-conspirators included counterfeit packaging, package inserts, pen labels, and needles meant to deceive downstream

customers into believing they were purchasing authentic Ozempic authorised by the manufacturer. The scheme continued even after the FDA seized some of the counterfeit Ozempic in December 2023 and issued a public warning regarding the products. Roy and Ramancha are charged with one count of conspiracy to commit smuggling and to defraud the United States, three counts of smuggling, and two counts of selling counterfeit drugs and holding counterfeit drugs for sale. "If convicted, Roy and Ramancha each face a maximum penalty of 71 years in prison," a statement from the Department of Justice said. "Counterfeit prescription drugs--especially common ones--threaten the health and safety of every American who depends on the integrity of our pharmaceutical supply," said Assistant Attorney General A. Tysen Duva of the Justice Department's Criminal Division. "These defendants allegedly exploited people's health to pay themselves. We will keep pursuing anyone who seeks to deceive American consumers."

G20 trade officials meet under shadow of tariffs, overcapacity

WASHINGTON.(Agency)

G20 trade ministers are set to open talks Wednesday in the United States, in meetings strained by President Donald Trump's tariffs as Washington targets partners regarding forced labor and overcapacity. The gathering of officials from the Group of 20 major economies -- which includes China, India, Russia, Japan, Germany and France -- takes place in the Midwestern city of Milwaukee. But analysts expect the two days of talks to be deadlocked as Trump's tariffs weigh on relationships while China rejects concerns about its exports, which critics see as driven by excess industrial capacity. US Trade Representative Jamieson Greer defended Washington's approach at a Tuesday roundtable in Milwaukee, saying the administration "is not anti-trade." He added that countries are facing similar challenges with global overcapacity and "non-market policies." This week, key US trading partners like Canada and the European Union are also expected to push for deeper trade ties outside the United

States. "Dn't expect any breakthroughs in Milwaukee," Josh Lipsky of the Atlantic Council think tank told AFP, noting Trump's preference for bilateral negotiations. Even as G20 partners will be anxious to find ways to cooperate with the world's biggest economy,



"they will also be under pressure to voice their concerns with tariffs," added former US trade official Wendy Cutler, now at the Asia Society Policy Institute. The United States holds the rotating presidency of the G20, which comprises 19 nations plus the EU and

the African Union. Trump has unleashed a barrage of tariffs on trading partners since last year, separately targeting sectors like steel and autos. Although the Supreme Court struck down Trump's country-specific tariffs in February, Washington has since alleged insufficient action against forced labor to slap new tariffs on 60 economies.

These include China, India and the EU.

The president's sectoral duties remain intact too, straining ties. And Washington is investigating 16 partners over excess industrial capacity, a complaint commonly levied at China. Critics say this floods markets, unfairly suppressing prices.

But ongoing US probes go beyond the world's number two economy, bringing the threat of more tariffs to the EU and G20 countries like Japan and South Korea. Cutler expects some countries will "mince no words" regarding the investigation, feeling "they are being unfairly targeted." China "will continue to deny the issue of exporting overproduction," by trying to convince others that it is doing good by providing high-quality and low-priced goods, she said.

Flydubai Terror Attack Attempt? Indian Captain Fights Back After Cockpit Clash

Dubai/Tel Aviv: A serious cockpit incident aboard flydubai flight FZ1073, flying from Dubai to Tel Aviv, triggered an emergency diversion to Saudi Arabia on Wednesday after an altercation involving the two pilots. The Boeing 737 was diverted to Tabuk Airport, where it landed safely.

Flydubai later confirmed that an altercation had occurred in the flight deck and said the aircraft was secured by on-duty flydubai crew members travelling on the flight. All passengers and crew were safe and accounted for.

Indian captain reportedly attacked

Indian media identified the captain as Smit Machchhar, an Indian national and for-

mer SpiceJet pilot. Reports said he was injured during the confrontation with his Omani co-pilot.

The co-pilot was subsequently arrested in Saudi Arabia, according to Reuters.

Reuters reported that Israeli officials believed the co-pilot had attempted to take control of the aircraft after allegedly stabbing the captain and interfering with the aircraft's systems. However, these details remain subject to the ongoing investigation.

Plane plunged and emergency codes triggered

The incident became particularly alarming when the aircraft made a rapid descent. Flight-tracking data cited by Reuters showed a loss of nearly 14,000 feet



in less than 30 seconds. The aircraft also transmitted emergency transponder

codes, including 7700 and later 7500, the latter indicating unlawful interference.

The 7500 signal prompted heightened security measures in Israel, including

the scrambling of fighter aircraft, as the plane was initially believed to face a

possible hijacking situation. Israeli officials later said the incident was not believed to be a conventional hijacking. **Crew members helped secure the aircraft**

According to Reuters, passengers and a crew member entered the cockpit during the aircraft's sudden descent and helped subdue the co-pilot.

Flydubai's own statement confirmed that on-duty flydubai crew travelling on the flight secured the aircraft and diverted it to Tabuk.

Saudi airport authorities said the aircraft issued a distress call at 8:44 a.m. local time and landed safely at Tabuk at about 9:45 a.m. The captain and co-pilot were both injured and taken to hospital for treatment.

Terror attack claim under investigation

Israeli officials have described the incident as a possible attempted terror attack, but the airline has urged against premature speculation. Flydubai said the reasons and motives remain unknown and are subject to a formal investigation. Therefore, while reports have described the incident as an alleged attempt by the co-pilot to take control of the aircraft, the motive and exact sequence of events have not yet been conclusively established.

The immediate outcome, however, was clear: the aircraft was safely diverted to Saudi Arabia, and all passengers and crew survived the incident.

NK Area Wins CCL Inter-Area Cultural Competition



Ranchi: The two-day Inter-Area Cultural Competition of Central Coalfields Limited (CCL) concluded at the NK Area on September 29, 2026, with vibrant cultural performances. CCL Director (Personnel) Shri Harsh Nath Mishra felicitated the winning teams at the closing ceremony. Mishra said cultural events help preserve traditions while providing CCL employees a platform to showcase their artistic talent and strengthen camaraderie. The competition, inaugurated on September 28 by NK Area General Manager Shri Amitabh Kumar Tiwari, featured music, dance and folk performances across several genres.

NK Area bagged the first position, followed by Piparwar Area and Hazaribagh Area in second and third places, respectively.

Chhau Workshop, 'Chhau Chaupal' Conclude in Chandankiyari



by Arun Pathak

Bokaro: The three-day Seraikela Chhau music workshop and 'Chhau Chaupal' concluded at the SNA Chhau Centre, Chandankiyari, with cultural performances and interactive sessions.

Seraikela Chhau exponent and Sangeet Natak Akademi Awardee Tapan Patnaik conducted a lecture-demonstration on the tradition, music, instruments and techniques of the dance form. Students from government schools also participated in the workshop organised by Trinetra Art Centre.

The concluding 'Chhau Chaupal' featured performances by troupes led by Guru Manoranjan Sahu (Seraikela), Guru Srishtidhar Mohanta (Mayurbhanj, Odisha) and Krishna Kumar Mahato (Purulia, West Bengal), showcasing the three major Chhau traditions.

Bokaro District Sports Officer Hemlata Boon, who attended as chief guest, appreciated the initiative for promoting folk culture. The programme was conducted under the guidance of SNA Chhau Centre Coordinator Dr Sanjay Kumar Chaudhary.

Jharkhand's Mandar Receives GI Tag; The World Will Now Hear the Beat of the Mandar

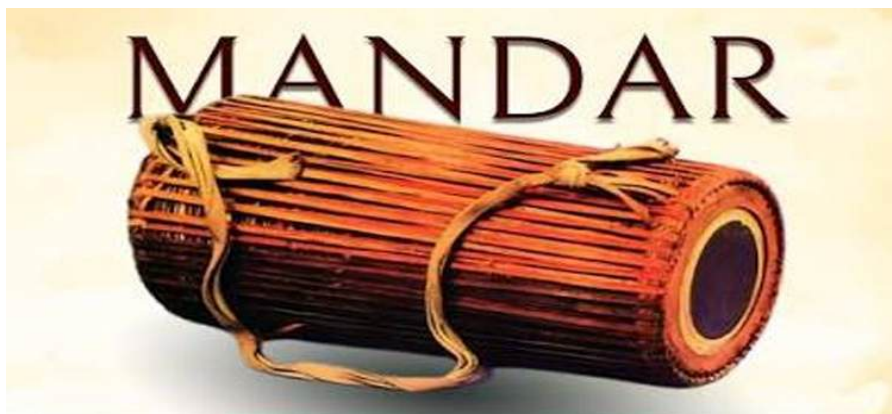
Ranchi: Jharkhand's traditional musical instrument Mandar, an integral part of the state's folk and tribal culture, has received a Geographical Indication (GI) tag, giving its centuries-old tradition and craftsmanship formal recognition.

The Geographical Indications Registry, Chennai, has registered the product as "Mandar of Jharkhand."

According to the official GI record, the registration is under Application No. 777, filed by Raidih Mandar Producer Company Limited, Jarjatta village in Gumla district, in 2021. The registered geographical area covers Jharkhand.

The Mandar is closely associated with Jharkhand's traditional folk dances, festivals, songs and community celebrations.

Its distinctive construction, use of traditional materials and characteristic sound are linked to the state's cultural traditions. The GI application also documents historical and ethnographic



references tracing the instrument's presence in the region over generations.

Gumla artisans played key role

Artisans from Gumla have played an important role in efforts to secure the GI recognition. The initiative formally represented traditional Mandar makers through the producer company based in Jarjatta.

While the GI registration covers Mandar from Jharkhand, Gumla has emerged as an important centre of its traditional craftsmanship.

What is a GI tag?

A Geographical Indication (GI) is a form of intellectual-property protection given to products whose quality, reputation or other characteristics are essentially linked to their geographical origin. In India, GI protection is governed by the Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration and Protection) Act, 1999. A GI tag helps establish the geographical identity of a product and provides legal protection against unauthorised use of the registered indication. It can also help traditional products gain greater market

recognition while supporting efforts to preserve local craftsmanship and knowledge. For Jharkhand, the Mandar's GI recognition is therefore significant not only as an intellectual-property achievement but also as a formal recognition of the artisans, traditional skills and cultural practices that have kept the instrument alive across generations. The GI tag gives Jharkhand's Mandar a new identity—and puts the distinctive beat of one of the state's most recognisable folk traditions on a wider national and global platform.

BSL Management Inviting Industrial Unrest, Alleges Kumar Amit

Bokaro: BJP State Executive Committee member and Bharatiya Udyog Mazdoor Sangh General Secretary Kumar Amit has accused the present BSL management of worsening industrial relations by simultaneously upsetting employees, retirees, contract workers, displaced persons, apprentices, traders and other stakeholders.

Amit alleged that regular employees are being shifted from Sector-12



housing, while retired employees and displaced apprentices are facing prolonged difficulties. He also raised concerns over pending 39-month ar-

rears, demolition of shops and minor constructions, issues involving contract workers and the lack of meaningful dialogue with displaced persons.

He further alleged that the management is misleading the Ministry by working with select unions to create a quorum for meetings.

Amit warned that continued confrontation could affect the proposed expansion of the Bokaro Steel Plant under the National Steel Policy-2017 and urged the management to restore dialogue and improve industrial relations.

Bokaro Housing Row: Protesters Stage Sit-in Outside BSL ED Rajshree Banerjee's Residence

Bokaro: The dispute over the vacation of dilapidated quarters in BSL's Sector-12 intensified on Wednesday when the Awas Bachao Sangharsh Samiti launched a "Dera Dalo-Ghera Dalo" protest and staged a day-long sit-in near the residence of BSL Executive Director (HR) Rajshree Banerjee.

From the morning, dozens of protesters gathered near the ED's residence, carrying placards and raising slogans against the BSL management and the ED (HR). The protesters opposed the notices issued to occupants of the Sector-12 quarters, alleging that the management was preparing to dismantle the colony without adequately addressing the condition of the existing houses. The agitators claimed that many quarters are in poor condition and alleged that repairs and basic amenities have not been provided on time. They demanded that the exist-



ing houses be repaired or that residents be provided suitable alternative accommodation before being asked to vacate. The committee warned that the agitation would be intensified if the demands were not addressed.

Former employees, licensed occupants and local residents also participated in the protest. BJP leader Angela Singh demanded that residents be shifted only to quarters in better condition, while other protesters maintained that they would not vacate until a

concrete solution was reached. The protest prompted the deployment of police personnel and a two-tier security arrangement around the ED's residence to prevent any untoward incident.

BSL management, meanwhile, maintained that the move to vacate the quarters is based on structural safety concerns. It said a structural safety survey conducted by experts from NIT Patna identified 1,242 quarters in 149 blocks of Sector-12 as unsafe. According to the management, the structur-

al defects cannot be addressed through routine repairs, making relocation necessary. BSL said eligible occupants have been allotted alternative quarters in Sector-8 and Sector-11 in phases. The alternative accommodation is being repaired on priority and will be handed over after the required work is completed. Several quarters are already ready for occupation, the management said.

The plant authorities have repeatedly appealed to the occupants to shift to the alternative accommodation, citing safety concerns. They have also urged residents to resolve the issue through dialogue and cooperation.

With protesters refusing to vacate the Sector-12 quarters and BSL insisting on relocation from buildings declared unsafe, the housing dispute continues to remain a major point of contention in Bokaro.

Shorties

NML Celebrates 85th CSIR Foundation Day



Jamshedpur: CSIR-National Metallurgical Laboratory (NML) celebrated the 85th CSIR Foundation Day at the NML Auditorium with the participation of scientists, retirees, officials and invitees.

The programme was attended by chief guest Anupam Misra, CMD, Hindustan Copper Ltd., former NML Director Dr Indranil Chatteraj, NML Director Dr Sandip Ghosh Chowdhury, programme chairman Dr J.K. Sahu and Controller of Administration Jay Shankar Sharan.

The ceremony began with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp and rendition of Vande Mataram. Welcoming the gathering, Dr Chowdhury highlighted CSIR's scientific legacy and its contribution to India's technological self-reliance.

India Emerges as a Major iPhone Export Hub for Apple; \$13.2 Billion Worth of Phones Exported in Five Months



New Delhi: India is rapidly emerging as a major manufacturing and export hub for Apple, with iPhone exports worth \$13.2 billion recorded between April and August 2026, according to government data cited in reports. The figure represents a 47% increase over the same period last fiscal year.

India's total smartphone exports rose around 36% to \$15.96 billion during the five-month period, with iPhones accounting for nearly 82% of the total. Apple products contributed about 98% of the incremental growth in smartphone exports, underlining the company's growing role in India's electronics export sector. Overall, electronic goods exports reached \$26.66 billion between April and August 2026, while August exports alone stood at \$5.55 billion, nearly 90% higher than a year earlier. Smartphone exports have also grown sharply, rising from around \$5.5 billion in 2021-22 to \$29.36 billion in 2025-26.

While Apple remains the biggest contributor, Samsung, Dixon Technologies and other manufacturers are also adding to India's smartphone export volumes. The latest figures highlight the growing importance of mobile phones in India's electronics manufacturing and export ecosystem.

UPI MDR Row: Traders Withdraw October 2 'No UPI Day' After Meeting Sitharaman



New Delhi: The AIMRA and AICPDF have withdrawn their proposed "No UPI Day" protest on October 2 after a trade delegation met Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman over the proposed UPI Merchant Discount Rate (MDR). Led by CAIT Secretary General and MP Praveen Khandelwal and AIMRA Founder Chairman Kailash Lakhyani, the delegation sought deferment of the proposed 0.40% MDR on eligible UPI merchant transactions above ₹2,000, along with phased implementation, raising the ₹1 lakh threshold to ₹5 lakh and

exemption of merchant-to-merchant transactions. The trade bodies also urged the government to constitute an expert committee to examine the concerns of retailers and distributors and suggest a balanced mechanism for implementing MDR. Lakhyani said Sitharaman heard the concerns and assured the delegation that the issues would be considered. Following the meeting, the two trade bodies called off the October 2 protest, clarifying that their campaign was against the proposed transaction cost and not UPI or digital payments.

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Use tech to fix civic challenges faced by city: L-G Taranjit Singh Sandhu to NSUT

New Delhi (Agency)

Delhi L-G Taranjit Singh Sandhu on Tuesday called on Netaji Subhas University of Technology (NSUT) to develop technological solutions for civic challenges such as sanitation, traffic management, road conditions and flooding. He also exhorted the institution to convert research into actionable outcomes. Chairing the sixth court meeting of NSUT at the Lok Niwas, Sandhu stressed, “The technical university should focus on research that addresses real-world challenges faced by the city.” He directed the university to coordinate with expert agencies and facilitate the MCD, NDMC, Delhi Police, Health Department, PWD and Transport Department with technological solutions tailored to their specific requirements. The L-G also highlighted the need to make AI education future-ready through global collaborations, with a focus on transformative applications, particularly AI-enabled healthcare in government hospitals.

High Court Setback For Arvind Kejriwal In PM Modi Degree Case

Gandhinagar. (Agency)

The Gujarat High Court division bench has dismissed the appeal filed by Aam Aadmi Party chief Arvind Kejriwal, upholding the Rs 25,000 fine imposed on him in the Prime Minister Narendra Modi degree disclosure case. The two-judge bench delivered the verdict after having previously reserved its judgment. The court found no merit in Kejriwal's challenge and refused to interfere with the earlier ruling. The controversy originated when the Central Information Commission



directed Gujarat University to provide details of PM Narendra Modi's degree. In response, Gujarat University approached the high court to challenge the information commission's order, naming Arvind Kejriwal as a party in the legal proceedings. A single-judge bench of the high court subsequently set aside the Central Information Commission's order and imposed a fine of Rs 25,000 on Kejriwal. Following this, Kejriwal filed a review petition seeking relief from the single judge, but the petition was dismissed. Seeking further remedy, Kejriwal moved the division bench of the high court to set aside the single judge's order. The division bench heard the matter in detail before reserving its final verdict, which has now been delivered.

INDIA Meet On 'Op Gyanesh Kumar', Sources Reject Attacks On Poll Panel

New Delhi(Agency)

A key meeting of the Opposition INDIA bloc got underway in the Capital on Wednesday to discuss its strategy for cornering Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Gyanesh Kumar and the Centre after the recent row over the functioning of the poll panel. The bloc is likely to firm up its action plan for a wider agitation against Kumar and the BJP over the SIR issue.

Government and poll panel sources have, however, rejected the Opposition's criticism and defended the SIR exercise and the CEC.

Leaders and representatives of over 20 political parties are attending the meeting at the Constitution Club.

While Sonia Gandhi, Rahul Gandhi and Mallikarjun Kharge will represent the Congress, the Samajwadi Party has nominated two MPs - Harendra Malik and Maulana

Mohibbullah Nadvi - for the meeting. This came after speculation over SP chief Akhilesh Yadav's absence from the meeting. The Congress and SP later clarified that Yadav is busy with the UP Rajya Sabha elections and will send his nominees instead.

Other leaders expected at the meeting include Mamata Banerjee and Abhishek Banerjee from the TMC, RJD's Tejashwi Yadav, J&K Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, PDP chief Mehbooba Mufti, Jharkhand CM Hemant Soren, Sena (UBT) chief Uddhav Thackeray, Supriya Sule of NCP (SP), CPM general secretary MA Baby, CPI chief D. Raja, CPI (ML) leader Dipankar Bhattacharya, and Independent MP Kapil Sibal, among others.

The meet will also draw up a strategy to launch a nationwide agitation. Protests and public rallies against the Chief Election Commissioner will be held across the country, while an impeachment motion will be moved in Parliament.

The meeting is taking place a day after the Congress Working Committee demanded Gyanesh Kumar's removal, calling him a "puppet" of the BJP.

Speaking at the CWC meeting, Kharge accused the Modi government of systematically and conspiratorially hollowing out democratic foundations over the past 12 years. "The Modi government has systematically and



Kharge said that with elections in five states in 2027, it is essential to ensure that no voter's right is violated. The Congress President said the party must ensure that every person's vote is secure and elections are fair, so that the common people's trust in India's election process remains intact.

Kharge put forth five major demands at the CWC, noting that all data on changes in electoral rolls be made public, all voters whose names have been deleted should get a chance to appeal, and all political parties should be given electoral rolls in a simple format in time. He also demanded that an independent, time-bound probe be conducted where serious anomalies are found and that the poll process be made transparent so no one feels that

Delhi govt to machine-clean dust on smaller roads

New Delhi(Agency).

The Delhi government is implementing the Winter Action Plan 2026-27 with public participation to tackle pollution in the national capital.

At a Cabinet meeting chaired by CM Rekha Gupta on Tuesday, two key decisions were taken to strengthen ground-level cleaning and enable scientific, real-time identification of the sources of pollution.

The Cabinet has decided to expand mechanised cleaning to smaller roads where the facility is currently unavailable, considering road dust to be a major source of particulate pollution. The initiative will cover around 609 km of roads with a right of way of less than 10 metres. A total of 854 roads across 250 wards have been identified under the initiative.

The government would provide a grant to the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) to procure 30 electric vehicle-based mechanical road sweeping machines. The civic body would deploy and operate the machines on the ground. The

deployment of 30 EV-based mechanical road sweeping machines is estimated to cost around `393.73 crore over 10 years.

The use of electric machines will also ensure that



the cleaning process undertaken for pollution control remains environment-friendly. The Delhi government and the municipal corporation will

Can't I own property? DK Shivakumar hits back at Kumaraswamy's scam charge

After Kumaraswamy alleged that Shivakumar's wealth was linked to NICE road scam and demanded his resignation, the Karnataka Chief Minister hit back, saying his Rs 1,400 crore assets were acquired legally and duly declared. He also challenged the Union minister to debate the allegations in the Assembly.

New Delhi(Agency)

Karnataka Chief Minister DK Shivakumar on Tuesday hit back at Union Minister HD Kumaraswamy's allegations of irregularities in the Bengaluru-Mysuru Infrastructure Corridor Project (BMICP), saying he has assets worth Rs 1,400 crore at current valuations but acquired them legally and has declared them to the authorities.

Speaking to reporters in Delhi, Shivakumar dismissed Kumaraswamy's allegations as "lies" and questioned why the former chief minister had remained silent on the project for so long.

"Yes, at today's valuation, I have assets worth Rs 1,400 crore. I have acquired these assets within the legal framework. Kumaraswamy is making such statements out of frustration," he said.

Kumaraswamy had earlier demanded Shivakumar's resignation, alleging that deviations in the BMICP were approved during his tenure as state Urban Development Minister without Cabinet approval. The project was implemented by Nandi Infrastructure Corridor Enterprises Ltd (NICE). Shivakumar questioned Kumaraswamy's involvement in the project, pointing out that his father, former Prime Minister HD Deve Gowda, had signed it.

"Why was he silent all these years? His father Deve Gowda himself had signed that project. He was also the Chief Minister," Shivakumar said. He also alleged that Kumaraswamy had made efforts to award a tender to an individual named Gandhi and referred to transactions he claimed were carried out under benami names. "I do not want to name people like he does," he said.



Sonia Gandhi Snaps At Digvijaya Singh's Nitish Kumar Mention At Congress Meet

Digvijaya Singh remarked that the INDIA alliance should not have let Nitish Kumar leave in 2024. But Sonia Gandhi asserted that Nitish Kumar was bound to leave anyway.

New Delhi(Agency).

As the Congress Working Committee met on Tuesday to discuss the party's strategy to corner Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar and the BJP, a former ally's mention by one of the members triggered a sharp retort from the party's matriarch Sonia Gandhi.

Sources told that during the discussions at the CWC meeting, senior leader Digvijaya Singh remarked that the INDIA alliance should not have let JD(U) chief and former Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar leave in 2024.

"The political situation would have been different," Singh told the meeting, according to sources present at the meeting. But Singh's assertion regarding Kumar was promptly shot down by Sonia Gandhi, who, according to sources, said Nitish Kumar was



he was headed; he had been actively seeking ways to exit the INDIA bloc," Sonia Gandhi told the meeting. Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge concurred with Sonia Gandhi's views

and added: "While he had not intended to bring this up, he would mention that Nitish Kumar had indeed been looking for a way out of the INDIA bloc. His bid to become the convener of the INDIA bloc was merely a charade, given that he had previously told Kharge he wanted to remain active in state politics while supporting the INDIA bloc at the national level." Then Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar officially quit the INDIA opposition bloc on January 28, 2024, when he resigned as Chief Minister of the Mahagathbandhan government and returned to the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA). Kumar, who was seen as a primary architect in uniting opposition parties to form the INDIA bloc, reportedly grew frustrated by delays in finalising seat-sharing agreements and the failure to name him the coalition's convener early on.

Bhagat Singh To Punjab's Water: AAP Widens Its Political Campaign

The clearest example came in Ludhiana, where the AAP government organised 'Jashan-e-Inquilab' at Punjab Agricultural University to mark Bhagat Singh's birth anniversary.

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The Aam Aadmi Party's politics in Punjab is increasingly taking the shape of a full-fledged campaign, with the party moving beyond governance claims to a sharper mobilisation around Punjab identity, youth, nationalism and the legacy of Bhagat Singh.

The clearest example came in Ludhiana, where the AAP government organised 'Jashan-e-Inquilab' at Punjab Agricultural University to mark Bhagat Singh's birth anniversary. The event combined a large youth gathering with music, theatre and cultural performances, while Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann used the occasion to make an extended political pitch around his government's record.

The Punjab Chief Minister linked Bhagat Singh's legacy with his government's claims on education, healthcare, jobs, electricity,

irrigation, women's welfare and protection of Punjab's water. He also contrasted his government with previous regimes, accusing them of ignoring the ideals and sacrifices of the martyrs.

The naming of the Mohali airport after



Bhagat Singh, the 30-foot statue at Nishan-e-Inquilab Plaza and the ₹52-crore heritage complex at Khatkar Kalan were presented as evidence of the government's commitment.

Maybe we should ban men after 7 pm

NO woman would be molested on a dark road. No girl would be followed home. No woman would be assaulted outside a railway station. No teenager would have to clutch her phone, pretend to call her father and speed-walk home because there are men hanging around the corner.

And best of all, we could finally stop giving women safety instructions. Don’t go out late. Don’t walk alone. Don’t take that road. Don’t wear that dress. Don’t get into that cab. Don’t drink. Don’t trust strangers. Carry pepper spray. Share your location. Call me when you reach. Basically, don’t live.

Because apparently the easiest way to deal with male violence is to make women’s lives smaller. And the latest horror from Jamui, Bihar, tells us exactly how grotesque this logic has become. Two Class 10 students were returning after coaching when they were surrounded and assaulted by a group of boys. Videos show the girl being manhandled and sexually harassed while the boy accompanying her is attacked, as he tries to intervene. Police have registered a POCSO case, identified the perpetrators and arrested some, with an SIT investigating the matter. Read that again. Class 10. Returning from coaching. Children. Not women sneaking out of a nightclub at midnight. Not some imaginary “modern girl” invented by moral policemen to explain away sexual violence. And yet, when something like this happens, our national reflex is to ask: Why were they there? What were they doing alone? Why didn’t they take another route? But nobody is asking the more important question. Why did these boys think they could do this? Why did they think there would be no consequences?

That is the question India needs to sit with. Because sexual violence isn’t an act of nature. It isn’t a storm that suddenly arrives. It is a human being making a decision to violate another human being.

And every time we respond by restricting the victim instead of confronting the perpetrator, we teach the next predator exactly what he needs to know: that the woman will carry the burden of his crime. She will change her clothes, her route, her timings. She will carry pepper spray, learn self-defence. She will stop travelling alone, stop going to parties. She will stop trusting men. She will stop living. And he? He will continue walking around thinking women’s bodies are his to molest, tease, hit, rape and murder. There is something deeply corrosive about the almost coronation of men accused or convicted of serious crimes, while survivors are expected to disappear quietly into their homes. The Jamui video is shocking because we can see the violence. But what about the girl who has no video? What about the child whose attacker threatens her into silence? What about the woman whose family tells her not to complain because “log kya kahenge”? What about the survivor whose case gets buried under adjournments, intimidation and social shame? A viral video should not be the admission ticket to justice. And this is why POCSO has to mean something beyond an acronym we remember whenever a particularly horrific video goes viral. When the victim is a child, the state has an especially serious obligation to investigate swiftly, protect the survivor and prosecute the accused.

Because an arrest is not justice. An FIR is not justice. A press conference is not justice. Justice is when the system makes it clear that a child cannot be sexually assaulted without consequences. For law doesn’t only punish, it sends messages. And the message cannot be that some people are so powerful, popular or politically significant that consequences become strangely elastic.

We keep telling women to be afraid. Maybe we should start teaching predators to be afraid. And yes, I know: “Ban men after 7 pm” is absurd. Exactly. That is the point.

Imagine telling every man in India: Sorry, you can’t go outside after 7 pm. It’s for your own safety. Too many men commit crimes at night.

How loopholes are converting a state into real estate

Himachal Pradesh cannot be allowed to become one huge resort or cluster of condos

In response to a recent blog of mine about unregulated constructions in Himachal Pradesh, a discerning reader commented that he had done an online search for available properties in the state, and to his horror, found that 23,450 properties were advertised for sale/rent/lease between just Shimla and Narkanda, a stretch of 65 km or so. Even allowing for double counting, these figures tell a tale which our policymakers would do well to listen to. For what they tell us is that faulty policies and lack of vision or understanding of economics are making Himachal prime real estate up for grabs for whoever has the money and connections to exploit the system. But some background first. Land is a precious commodity in Himachal, as the utilisable land is less than 15 per cent of its geographical area — 8 lakh hectares against a total of 55.67 lakh hectares, the rest being forests and ‘gair mumkin’ or areas above the tree line where nothing grows. The actual area under agriculture is even less — just about 5.25 lakh hectares. Farming is almost at subsistence level. The average landholding is 0.94 hectares (in Punjab, it is 3.64 ha); small and marginal farmers hold 89 per cent of the arable land. Industry is almost non-existent and the state has one of the highest unemployment rates in the country. For all these reasons, as Nirmanyu Chauhan and Divyanshu Thakur put it so eloquently in *The Wire*, land in this state is not just a commodity; it is a source of dignity, livelihood, autonomy, and security.

Himachal’s first Chief Minister, YS Parmar, had the vision to realise this and therefore took steps to ensure that Himachalis were not deprived of their lands by rich and exploitative outside elements. He brought in the Tenancy and Land Reforms Act in 1974, Section 118 of which imposes restrictions on non-Himachalis from buying land in the state. They can do so only after obtaining prior approval of the government. Subsequent Chief Ministers, sadly, have lacked the same foresight and have introduced so many exemptions and loopholes in the law that now any smart lawyer or purchaser can buy any extent of land in the state. And this is happening on a colossal scale, as the Shimla-Narkanda figure proves. In just the last three years, 1,494 approvals have been granted, but this is only the proverbial tip of the iceberg. The actual transfer of lands to, and purchase by, outsiders would be many times the number of approvals officially cited. This is because of the many exemptions provided to the operation of Section 118: no approval is required for a society consisting of agriculturists, flats built in urban areas, houses/flats taken on lease, RERA-approved builder developments. These exemptions are actually



loopholes and have thrown up the whole of Himachal to land sharks and builders. As living conditions in North Indian cities and metros steadily worsen, more and more people are now investing in second homes in places like Uttarakhand and Himachal, especially post-Covid. The threat now is to rural Himachal and its original residents. Land prices have skyrocketed, and the Himachali landowner, unable to resist the lure of quick money, is being dispossessed of his ancestral lands on an ever-increasing scale by hotels, homestays, builder developments, resorts. This is changing the very architecture of the mountains, replacing green cover with concrete, affecting the demographics (as in the “ghost” villages of Uttarakhand), distorting local cultures. At risk is not only the geology, but the very identity of the state. The state’s policymakers must look at the long-term implications of such land transfers; it is time to review Section 118 of the HP Tenancy and Land Reforms Act to make it more restrictive. No approval should be given under this section for construction of hotels and resorts in rural areas — they are ruining the hinterlands (just as they have the cities). One has only to visit Tirthan valley, Jalore Pass to Jibhi stretch, Barog, or the Mashobra-Naldehra section to see for oneself how the pastoral character and architecture of rural Himachal are being converted into a concrete mess. There should be a complete ban on Section

118 approvals for real estate developments, housing societies, multi-storey apartments or villas. All the exemptions/loopholes in the Act need to be reviewed, especially the ones pertaining to RERA projects, purchase of flats, and leases. Some new curbs need to be introduced in the law; for example, a ban on purchase of lands belonging to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and BPL families (as in Uttarakhand) to prevent their exploitation by deep-pocket outsiders and land sharks.

Except for specific projects approved by the government, non-Himachalis who wish to purchase land in the state should be required to establish some connection to the state, whether by way of service, business or family for a minimum number of years, to qualify. There would, of course, be legal considerations involved in adopting this course of action. There is bound to be resistance from some panchayats as land values will drop; from politicians egged on by land dealers and real estate companies; from the builder and property dealer lobbies; from influential people in the metros looking for a piece of the mountains as their own premium condos are engulfed by pollution and civic collapse. The government should realise, however, that this is a matter of survival of the mountains and the people to whom they belong. The state cannot be allowed to become one huge resort or cluster of condominiums.

MLA disqualification puts glare on other defectors

The political fallout of the top court’s ruling cannot be exaggerated. A bypoll, that too in Hyderabad, will be an acid test for the Congress with the BRS and BJP trying their best to deliver a blow

Telangana is headed for yet another bypoll with the Supreme Court on Thursday upholding the high court order disqualifying former MLA Danam Nagender under the anti-defection law. The ruling has once again brought to the fore the vexed question of defection and the Speaker’s role in deciding its consequence. Nagender won at the last Assembly elections on a BRS ticket and soon walked over to the ruling Congress. He then contested the Lok Sabha polls on a Congress ticket. Apart from him, nine others had also defected to the Congress from the BRS. After repeated raps from the judiciary for delays, Speaker Gaddam Prasad Kumar dismissed disqualification pleas against all of them, reasoning there was no substantive evidence against the legislators. However, the high court found the Speaker’s decision on Nagender to be in violation of Article 191(2) and the Tenth Schedule of the Constitution. The Supreme Court rightly upheld the verdict, for it is obvious that by contesting on a Congress



ticket, Nagender had given up his membership of the opposition party. The development forces us to seriously reconsider whether to let the Speaker function as a quasi-judicial tribunal or have a separate impartial body to adjudicate on defections. Parliament must deliberate on

this crucial issue because defections are rising every year, repeatedly betraying the people’s mandate. It is nothing short of a mockery of democracy. It must be noted that almost all political parties—including the BRS—are guilty of poaching legislators and undermining the anti-defection law. In the Telangana case, the defecting legislators did take part in Congress activities one way or another. But as their numbers fall well short of two-thirds of the BRS legislature party, they attract the anti-defection law. Since the Speaker has dismissed pleas against them, the ball is in the court. The question now is whether the other turncoats, too, will face disqualification. The political fallout of the top court’s ruling cannot be exaggerated. A bypoll, that too in Hyderabad, will be an acid test for the Congress with the BRS and BJP trying their best to deliver a blow. With the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation elections also due, the Congress can ill afford to lose.

Churning and change

The Great Game: Amarinder Singh’s angst is matched by Cockroach Janta Party’s outburst

THE old order is constantly a-changing, yielding place to the new, but in the last 24 hours it has seemed as if both the old and young are expressing their frustration with the powers-that-be. The first, the patriarch of Punjab politics, 84-year-old former chief minister Capt Amarinder Singh, told *The Tribune* that as CM from 2017-2021, he brought up the matter of cross-border drones bringing in drugs with both PM Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah; that when his pleas went unheard, he concluded that “Delhi doesn’t understand Punjab.” Singh went on to add that the BJP had never consulted him on matters of both policy and politics in the state and that he had gained nothing by joining it. The senior politician’s angst is matched by the young Cockroach Janta Party’s angry outburst at its press conference in Delhi on Thursday, demanding the scalp of Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar (“Gyanesh, it’s done bro!”), within 48 hours, in the wake of revelations in the *Indian Express* that the CEC did nothing about the exclusion of voters on EC software despite being allegedly aware.

The key question that arises from both sets of remarks is about the limits to political ambition — and whether age should have anything to do with it. Can you, for example, disregard the roar of an ageing lion to your peril, knowing he may still have one last shikar up his sleeve? Should the BJP be more considerate of Amarinder’s criticism of his own party and thereby his capacity to damage it in Punjab, in the run-up to this important Assembly polls, or have they already consigned him to the King Lear line-up? Equally, can you ignore the prattling of an outfit that’s not-even-a-political party, keenly aware that the last time you came down heavily on the CJP protest you had to pay with the head of your own Education Minister? It’s important to separate the noise from the silence that

has followed the *Indian Express* story, although it’s clear the state is gathering itself in. As the 48-hour CJP deadline for the resignation of the CEC approaches, the barricades are back at Jantar Mantar. Gyanesh Kumar has cancelled his visits to Meerut and Varanasi. Not just the Opposition, even BJP allies like Chirag Paswan and Upendra Kushwaha are now beginning to push back and demand the CEC “dispel the misgivings in the minds of the people.” Remember that Paswan had asked questions about Amit Shah’s decision to impose the uniform civil code in all BJP-run states, and had demurred over Bihar. Certainly, the country is divided down the middle. The CJP has been carefully expanding its ambit since the July protest in Delhi — we can’t seem to take our eyes off CJP videos exposing the decay in government schools in their #SchoolThikKaro campaign, while Abhijit Dipke, himself a Dalit, seeks to place the national attention on mental health issues after the death of a student in IIT Bombay, across caste, class and gender.

Certainly, the rise and rise of the CJP has forced the media to do its job, both in quizzing the ruling party and the Opposition. The question that asks itself is why haven’t any of the traditional political parties — except for AAP, which has put a lot of effort into its Schools of Eminence project in Punjab, not with unmixed results, but at least it has tried — bothered to pay attention to the all-important subject of education, except when they were setting up private universities and colluding with the political elite to transfer resources at cheap rates to those universities? If you were going to shed crocodile tears for the young, at least pretend that their future affects you too. The CJP is not a political party and doesn’t pretend to call itself one, but it’s showing the mirror to us all. Look this is

happening in your own backyard, how come you haven’t noticed before? The truth is that we have noticed, but that we are either far too complicit, or too cynical or simply don’t care enough. Still, the impact of the alleged dysfunction at the heart of the Election Commission is bound to have repercussions as elections near — besides Punjab, Uttar Pradesh, Manipur, Goa and Uttarakhand are



going to the polls in February. Tiny Goa has been in the eye of the storm in the *Indian Express* leaks, which detailed how 97 voters could not get themselves on the rolls despite official attempts being made to do so. There are two views how this is going to unfold. The more charitable one gives credit to Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, arguing that his “vote chori” campaign has led the argument for some time, and that if distrust in the neutrality of the Election Commission creeps in, his party will be the primary beneficiary. The second view hints at

the tides swirling within the BJP and the RSS and how the Election Commission revelations will impact the positions of top party leaders. Certainly if the BJP juggernaut is dented in any of the states going to the polls, it will affect the fortunes of those jockeying for the affections of those at the top. According to the latter view, Rahul Gandhi can hold as many rallies as he wants in cities like Indore, but when change comes, it will come from within the BJP. Not that the BJP can insulate itself from tremors from the ground — who, for example, ordered the use of pellet guns on unarmed students during the CJP protest in July? We don’t know the answer to that, but when it comes, it is certain to trigger an avalanche that will disturb the party’s power structure. For the time being, the party’s power structure seems pretty strong and confident. In the last Assembly election cycle, it spent Rs 529 crore, outspending every other party — Rs 286.99 crore in West Bengal alone — while the Congress spent Rs 42.08 crore. The BJP’s continuing access to funds remains remarkable. Question is, if this incredible strength will also give its leadership the wisdom to listen to dissenting voices within, like that of Amarinder Singh of Punjab, or would they rather consign him to the Margdarshak Mandal already stacked with senior BJP folks. Problem is, even the Mandal isn’t safe from the prying eyes of the outside world anymore — none other than former deputy PM and architect of the Ram Mandir LK Advani has himself received a letter from the venerable Election Commission asking him to prove his credentials in the ongoing special intensive revision exercise.

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नारी के लिए साज-श्रृंगार भी जरूरी

पति-पत्नी का रिश्ता वफादारी तथा देखभाल के अलावा और भी बहुत कुछ मांगता है जिसके लिए आपको आकर्षक और सुंदर सलोना दिखना ही चाहिए।



विवाह जीवन का सबसे खूबसूरत मोड़ है लेकिन यह भी आश्चर्यजनक सत्य है कि अक्सर इसके बाद पिलयां अपने सौंदर्य और आकर्षण की उपेक्षा करने लगती हैं। विवाह के समय वधू के हाथों में लगने वाली हल्दी मानो वधू का पीछा ही नहीं छोड़ती और रसोईघर में मसालों की गंध में लिपटी पत्नी के प्रति पति का आकर्षण धीरे-धीरे कम होने लगता है।

यही वह समय है जब पत्नियों को जीवन का यह शाश्वत सत्य समझ लेना चाहिए कि अगर उन्हें बेतरतीब, बड़ी दाढ़ी और अस्त-व्यस्त कुर्ते-पायजामा में अखबार में चिपके पतिदेव पर खीज होती है तो उनका भी आपके बिखरे बाल, मुड़ी-तुड़ी साड़ी और मसाले-पसीने से महकती देह से मुंह मोड़ लेना नितांत स्वाभाविक है।

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इस दिशा में शुरूआत करने से पहले एक बड़ी ही महत्वपूर्ण बात को गांठ बांध लें कि जीवन साथी को प्रसन्न करने में न तो कोई बुराई है और न ही यह अहं का सवाल है। अगर शादी के बाद आपकी खुशी के लिए वह अपनी प्यारी मूंछों की कुर्बानी दे सकते हैं, आपकी प्रसन्नता के लिए मनपसंद नीली शेड को त्याग कर भूरे और काले शेड के परिधान पहन सकते हैं तो उनकी खुशी के लिए थोड़ा-सा स्लिम होकर कभी-कभी उनके मनपसंद आउटफिट को क्यों नहीं पहन सकतीं।

● सुगन्ध सभी को आकर्षित करती है इसलिए अंतरंग क्षणों में किसी बढिया परफ्यूम अथवा इत्र का प्रयोग अवश्य करें। सुबह उनके ऑफिस निकलने से पहले उसी सुगंध में डूबा एक शरारती-सा नोट लिख कर ब्रीफकेस में रख दें। फिर देखिए, उनकी शाम के साढ़े पांच सीधे पर की देहरी पर ही बजेंगे।



● ढीले-ढाले कपड़े पहनने में अच्छे रहते हैं लेकिन आपके वार्डरोब में चटख रंग और लेटेस्ट फैशन के टाइट्स और हाई हील प्लेटफार्म भी होने ही चाहिए।

● आपकी बदली पसंद केवल पोशाक में ही नहीं, अंतर्वस्त्रों के मामले में भी दिखनी चाहिए जिसका मूलमंत्र है ‘जितना आधुनिक, उतना आकर्षक’। पतिदेव को फैशन परेड और फिल्मी मैगजीन घूरने पर क्यों टोकती हैं? हीरोइनों और मॉडलों को तो केवल देखा भर जा सकता है लेकिन असली रानी तो आप हैं। मेकअप केवल मॉडलों के लिए ही नहीं है आप भी उसमें उतनी ही अच्छी लगेंगी।

● कौन कहता है कि आपकी शादी हुए पांच साल हो जाने का मतलब केवल चूल्हा-चौका और परिवार तथा नौकरी की व्यवस्था है। घर-कार्यालय की उलझनों में से थोड़ा समय निकालिए और पतिदेव को मनाकर निकल पड़िए। सनसनीखेज सप्ताहांतों के लिए जरूरी नहीं कि आपका यह ‘मिनी हनीमून’ किसी हिल स्टेशन अथवा रिसोर्ट में ही मनाया जाए। इसकी पहली और आखिरी शर्त है प्राइवैसी।

● भरी भीड़ में चुपके से पतिदेव को छेड़ देने की शरारत खूब कामयाब रहती है। जरा सोच कर तो देखिए कि वह रैस्टोरेंट में भोजन का आर्डर दे रहे हों और आप कपड़े से ढकी मेज के नीचे अपने पैरों से धीरे-धीरे उनके पैरों पर गुदगुदी कर दें। यकीनन वेटर को वह कुछ की जगह कुछ आर्डर दे जाएंगे।

और खाने के बाद मीठा, ऐसी शरारत करने से पहले घर के फ्रिज में खीर ठंडी करने को रख दीजिए। इन शोखियों के बाद अब भला रैस्टोरेंट में ठहरने का समय किसके पास होगा।

ऑफिस में सेंस ऑफ हमर

जरा सोचिए हंसी के बिना हमारी लाइफ कितनी बोरिंग होती। सुबह ट्रैफिक की रेलमपेल झेलते हुए जब हम ऑफिस पहुंचते हैं तो वहां भी कई तरह की परेशानियां पहले से ही हमारे स्वागत के लिए तैयार खड़ी होती हैं। समझ नहीं आता कि इतने कम समय में ढेर सारा काम कैसे पूरा किया जाए। ऐसे में आपका एक कलीग अचानक कोई ऐसी बात कहता है कि आप सब एक साथ हंस पड़ते हैं। मिनटों में आपका सारा तनाव छूमतर हो जाता है और थोड़ी ही देर में आप पूरी ऊर्जा के साथ अपने काम में जुट जाते हैं।

मुश्किल से मिलता है मौका
रोने के हजारों बहाने सभी के पास होते हैं, पर हंसने का मौका हमें बड़ी मुश्किल से मिलता है। खास तौर से ऑफिस के आपा धापी और अनुशासन भरे माहौल में अगर कभी कोई हंसने वाली बात हो तो हमें उसका लुत्फउठाने से चूकना नहीं चाहिए। एक विज्ञापन एजेंसी में कार्यरत मुग्धा घोष बताती हैं, एक रोज कुछ ऐसा संयोग हुआ कि ऑफिस की एक पार्टी में मैं और मेरी एक कलीग दोनों बिलकुल एक जैसी ड्रेस पहन कर आ गए। हमें साथ देख कर सब हंस पड़े। हंसी के इस पल को हमने भी खूब एंजॉय किया।

अचूक औषधि है हंसी
मनोवैज्ञानिक सलाहकार डॉ. अशुम गुप्ता कहती हैं, आजकल कई मल्टीनेशनल कंपनियां अपने कर्मचारियों को तनावमुक्त करने के लिए कुछ महीनों के अंतराल पर उनके लिए पिकनिक या पार्टियों आयोजन

करती हैं, ताकि लोग अपने सहकर्मियों के साथ हलके-फुल्के माहौल में बातचीत करके एक-दूसरे को बेहतर ढंग से समझ सकें। कुछ ऐसे क्षेत्र हैं जहां का माहौल बहुत तनावपूर्ण होता है। जैसे-आर्मी, पुलिस, मेडिकल प्रोफेशन आदि। यहां काम करने वाले लोगों के लिए यह बहुत जरूरी है कि वे अपने लिए हंसी-खुशी के कुछ पल ढूंढ कर खुद को तनावमुक्त रखने की कोशिश करें। इसी वजह से आजकल ऐसे महकमों में योग, काउंसिलिंग और लाफ्टर थेरेपी से संबंधित कई वर्कशॉप आयोजित किए जाते हैं।

हंसें, पर जरा संभलकर
● काम के बीच में दो-चार मिनट के लिए हंसी-मजाक करना तो ठीक है, लेकिन यह सेशन ज्यादा लंबा नहीं चलना चाहिए।

● अच्छे सेंस ऑफ ह्यूमर की निशानी यही है कि आप केवल दूसरों पर नहीं, बल्कि खुद पर भी हंसना सीखें।

● इस बात का हमेशा ध्यान रखें कि आपकी बातों से किसी की भावनाएं आहत न हों।

● कुछ लोग छोटी-छोटी बातों का बहुत जल्दी बुरा मान जाते हैं। ऐसे लोगों पर किसी भी तरह की टीका-टिप्पणी करने से बचें।

● हर ऑफिस में पुरुषों के साथ स्त्रियां भी काम करती हैं। इसलिए सभी को इस बात का हमेशा ध्यान रखना चाहिए कि मजाक में कोई ऐसी बात न कही जाए,



जिससे दूसरा व्यक्ति असहज महसूस करे।

● एसएमएस या ईमेल के जरिये एक-दूसरे को जोक्स भेजते समय शालीनता की सीमाओं का हमेशा खयाल रखें।

● जिन लोगों का सेंस ऑफ ह्यूमर अच्छा होता है, ऐसे लोग कभी-कभी अनजाने में दूसरों को डिस्टर्ब कर रहे होते हैं। इसलिए हमें अपने सेंस ऑफ ह्यूमर का सही मौके पर इस्तेमाल करना चाहिए। इसके लिए ऑफिस का कैफेटेरिया सबसे अच्छी जगह है। जहां आप अपने साथियों के साथ दिल खोल कर हंस सकते हैं।

● अगर आपको कोई अच्छा सा जोक याद आ रहा है, तो फिर देर किस बात की उसे अपने साथियों के साथ शेयर कीजिए और तनाव को भूल जाइए।



ब्रेड इडली

सामग्री : 6 ब्रेड स्लाइस, 2 उबले हुए आलू, 1 टी स्पून हरी मिर्च (बारीक कटी), 1 टीस्पून धनिया पाउडर, 1 टे.स्पून हरा धनिया (बारीक कटा), 1 टी स्पून (जीरा, उड़द की दाल, राई या सरसों), 1 कप दही, 2 टे.स्पून तेल, नमक स्वादानुसार।

विधि : उबले हुए आलू को छीलकर मैश कर लें। अब इसमें बारीक कटी हरी मिर्च, नमक, धनिया पाउडर और हरा धनिया डालकर अच्छी तरह मिला लें। दही को हल्का सा फेंट लें। एक पैन में आधा टी स्पून तेल गरम करके उसमें जीरा,

सरसों के दाने और उड़द की दाल डालकर चटकने दें। अब इस छौंक को फेंटी हुई दही में डाल दें। ब्रेड को कटोरी या गिलास की सहायता से गोलाकार में काट लें। ब्रेड की एक तरफ आलू का मिश्रण लगा दें। एक पैन में तेल गरम करें और उसमें आलू लगी तरफसे ब्रेड को डाल दें। ब्रेड की दूसरे हिस्से पर 2 चम्मच दही का मिश्रण डालकर फैला दें। और फ्राइंग पैन को 2 मिनट के लिए ढक्कन से ढक दें। लीजिए तैयार है गर्मगर्म ब्रेड इडली इसे तुरंत सर्व करें।

कर्ड सैंडविच

सामग्री : 1 कप दही, 6 स्लाइस ब्रैंड, 1 कप बारीक लम्बाई में कटी हुई पत्तागोभी, शिमला मिर्च और गाजर, आधा टीस्पून अदरक का पेस्ट, 3-8 हरी मिर्च बारीक कटी हुई, नमक स्वादानुसार, छौंक के लिए थोड़ी-सी राई और तेल।

विधि : दही को छलनी में डालकर एक तरफ रख दें, दही का पानी निकलते ही सभी सब्जियां, अदरक, हरी मिर्च और नमक मिला लें। हरी धनिया बारीक काटकर मिला लें। तवे पर 2 टीस्पून तेल डालें। राई डालकर चटकने दें। दही का मिश्रण दो ब्रैंड के बीच भरकर तवे पर रख दें और क्रिस्पी होने तक सेंक लें। सांस या चटनी के साथ सर्व करें।

शिशु के सौंदर्य का रखें ख्याल

सौंदर्य और सुंदर त्वचा पर मात्र युवा वर्ग का ही अधिकार नहीं है बल्कि इस पर बाल वर्ग का भी उतना ही अधिकार है जितना कि युवा वर्ग का। जन्म के समय नवजात शिशु की त्वचा एवं शरीर बेहद कोमल, नर्म और बेदाग होता है किन्तु समय के साथ-साथ त्वचा की सुरक्षा में बरती गई छोटी-सी असावधानी काफी सीमा तक खतरनाक सिद्ध होती है।

शिशु को जन्म के उपरांत कई प्रकार के वातावरण का सामना करना पड़ता है। कई माता-पिता अपने शिशु के स्वास्थ्य और सौंदर्य के प्रति लापरवाह होते हैं तो कई इतने जागरूक होते हैं कि उनकी शिशु के प्रति अधिक जागरूकता और आवश्यकता से अधिक देखरेख भी शिशु के स्वास्थ्य और त्वचा को हानि पहुंचाती है, जैसे कि मां द्वारा शिशु को दिन में कई-कई बार साबुन से नहलाना, अपने क्रीम-पाऊडर का उसकी त्वचा पर प्रयोग करना आदि। ऐसे कई कारण हैं जिसके कारण शिशु की त्वचा खराब हो जाती है और संक्रमित होकर अनेक रोगों एवं समस्याओं को निमंत्रण दे देती है- जैसे कि एलर्जी, त्वचा का फटना, फोड़े-फुंसी आदि। यदि आप अपने शिशु को स्वस्थ और सुंदर रखना चाहती हैं तो कृपया निम्न सावधानियों का पालन अवश्य करें:

शिशु की त्वचा संबंधी कुछ सावधानियां
● शिशु की त्वचा पर क्रीम और कॉस्मैटिक का प्रयोग नहीं करना चाहिए।
● शिशु की त्वचा यदि शुष्क हो तो माइश्चराइजर के स्थान पर जॉनसन बेबी ऑयल या बादाम

अथवा जैतून का तेल प्रयोग करना चाहिए।

● सप्ताह में एक या दो बार बेसन में दूध मिला कर उस पेस्ट को बच्चे के शरीर पर हल्के हाथों से मलना चाहिए, इस प्रयोग से त्वचा के भीतर तक की सफाई हो जाती है।

● शिशु की त्वचा पर साबुन का प्रयोग अधिर नहीं करना चाहिए, इससे शिशु की त्वचा क्षारीय बन जाती है और बैक्टीरिया भी सक्रिय होकर बच्चे की त्वचा को हानि पहुंचा सकते हैं।

● शिशु के शरीर पर नियमित जैतून के तेल की मसाज करनी चाहिए, इससे बच्चे की मांसपेशियां मजबूत होती हैं।



अब डैंड्रफ़ रहै क्वाबू मैं

बारिश के मौसम में उमस और पसीने से बालों में चिपचिपाहट हो जाती है। रूसी एक प्रकार की निर्जीव त्वचा है, जो बालों की जड़ों के आसपास जमा हो जाती है। इसलिए अपने बालों को साफ रखें और महीन दांतों वाली कंधी का प्रयोग करें। ताकि सिर की त्वचा से आसानी से रूसी बाहर निकल जाए। यहां हेयर एक्सपर्ट जावेद हबीब बता रहे हैं, उपयोगी टिप्स।
● बालों में प्रतिदिन ब्रश करने और मालिश करने से डैंड्रफ़की समस्या से छुटकारा मिल सकता है, क्योंकि इन उपचारों से रक्तसंचार तीव्र गति से होता है और मृत त्वचा निकल जाती है।

● गर्म ऑलिव ऑयल में कुछ बूंदें अदरक के रस की डालकर इससे सिर पर कुछ देर मालिश करें। आधे घंटे तक बालों में लगा रहने के बाद शैंपू कर लें।

● बालों में रूसी होने से बाल कमजोर होकर टूटने लगते हैं। ऐसे में प्याज का रस लगाएं। आधा घंटे बाद एक मग में नीबू की कुछ बूंदें डाल कर उस पानी से धोएं।

● नीम की पत्तियों का रस नीबू के रस में मिलाकर सिर में लगभग तीस मिनट तक लगाएं। फिर शैंपू कर लें या फिर शैंपू करने के बाद सिरके और नीबू का रस बराबर मात्रा में लेकर 5-10 मिनट तक के



लिए सिर में लगा रहने दें। उसके बाद बालों को धो लें।

● जोजोबा ऑयल और कोकोनट ऑयल को मिलाकर उंगली के पोरों से धीरे-धीरे सिर की त्वचा पर मालिश करें। इसके बाद गर्म पानी में भीगे तौलिये को निचोड़कर थोड़ी देर तक सिर पर लपेटकर रखें। आधे घंटे बाद शैंपू करें।

खूबसूरत बाल हर पल साथ

जब हम चाहते हैं कि किसी खास उत्सव पर हमारे बाल बेहद अच्छे दिखें तो जाने-अनजाने कोई ऐसी गडबड हो ही जाती है, जिससे पूरे दिन हम परेशान रहते हैं। अगर आपके साथ भी ऐसा ही होता है तो हेयर एक्सपर्ट जावेद हबीब के कुछ आसान टिप्स अपनाकर आप पार्टी की शान बन सकती हैं।

● स्मार्ट हेयर कट

बालों का कट ऐसा होना चाहिए जो आपके चेहरे पर सूट करे और आपकी जीवनशैली के अनुकूल हो। इसके अलावा नियमित रूप से बालों की ट्रिमिंग कराएं। ऐसा हेयरस्टाइल बनाएं, जिसे संभालना आपके लिए आसान और संभव हो।

● जरूरी है हेयर एक्सेसरीज

बालों को संवारने के लिए खुद पर सूट करने वाली हेयर एक्सेसरीज का संग्रह करें। मौके की नजाकत को ध्यान में रख कर आप इन एक्सेसरीज का प्रयोग करके स्टाइलिश दिख सकती हैं।

● सही हेयर प्रोडक्ट का करें चयन
बालों के लिए जो भी प्रोडक्ट इस्तेमाल करें वे आपके बालों की किस्म के अनुरूप होने के साथ ही बेहतरीन क्वालिटी के होने चाहिए। जहां तक हो हेयर स्टाइलिंग प्रोडक्ट के अधिक प्रयोग से बचें। रूखे बालों के लिए कंडिशनर युक्त शैंपू का इस्तेमाल करें। तैलीय बालों के लिए सिट्रस युक्त शैंपू और अन्य हेयर प्रोडक्ट इस्तेमाल करें ताकि आपके बालों की अतिरिक्त चिपचिपाहट दूर हो जाए। रूखे बालों पर हॉट हेयर रोलर, हॉट एयर ड्रायर, पर्मा या ब्लीच का प्रयोग न करें।

● सिर का मसाज

हफ्ते में एक-दो बार गुनगुने ऑलिव ऑयल या आमंड ऑयल से सिर की त्वचा की मालिश से बालों को पोषण मिलता है। साथ ही रूखे बालों को जरूरी मॉयस्चर भी मिल जाता है। इसके बाद बालों को अच्छे नरिशिंग शैंपू से धो लें।

NEWS BOX

Asian Games 2026: Priya Ghanghas wins bronze in women's 60kg boxing



New Delhi. (Agency)

India's Commonwealth Games 2026 gold medallist Priya Ghanghas settled for a bronze medal at the Asian Games in Aichi-Nagoya on Wednesday after losing to China's Yang Chengyu in the women's 60kg semifinal.This is India's 55th medal at the Asian Games 2026, having won eight golds, 21 silvers and now a 26th bronze medal has been added to the tally. Yang looked more aggressive in the start of round one, while Priya launched some counter-punches and landed a few one of them. Halfway into the round, Priya looked more effective and did some damage with her combination punches. However, Yang ended the first round with a solid punch, and judges voted in her favour 3-2, as per ESPN. In the second round, Priya and Yang traded hits after the Chinese launched a flurry of punches to start the round. Yang took the second round 4-1. In the final round, Priya struggled to land her punches, and Yang maintained a solid defence. The Chinese took the final round as well 4-1, with the Indian settling for the bronze. To start off the day, the Indian archery trio of Jyothi Surekha Vennam, Chikitha Taniparthi and Prithika Pradeep secured a sensational gold medal for the nation, beating China in the final of the women's compound archery team event. Indian archers were absolutely clinical in the title clash against China, beating them 238-234. India maintained their lead right from the first rotation, giving Jyothi her fourth Asian Games gold and a first Asiad gold medal to Chikitha and Prithika.Also, archers Chikitha Taniparthi and Sahil Jadhav clinched the Gold medal in the compound mixed team event at the Asian Games 2026 after defeating South Korea in a thrilling shoot-off on Wednesday.The gold medal win also earned India a qualification quota for the compound mixed team event at the Los Angeles 2028 Olympics.

Virat Kohli show sets up India for series win, West Indies seek answers in Guwahati



NAGOYA. (Agency)

India will be looking to put in another dominant showing, but Guwahati could offer the West Indies one last chance to push back before the series slips away. After being blown away by Virat Kohli and Shubman Gill in the opening ODI, the visitors arrive at the Barsapara Cricket Stadium with plenty of questions to answer.For India, the mood is markedly different. Kohli's sublime century and Gill's fluent hundred powered them to a comfortable eight-wicket victory in Thiruvananthapuram, putting the hosts 1-0 up and firmly in control of the series. The second ODI now gives them an opportunity to finish the job while allowing several of their key players to build further momentum.Kohli's unbeaten 139 in the first ODI was another reminder of his ability to take control of a chase. He found the boundary with remarkable ease and, alongside Gill, ensured India were never really in danger after West Indies posted a competitive total.The former India captain will have another landmark in sight in Guwahati. His century in the opening ODI took his tally of international hundreds against the West Indies to 13, level with Sunil Gavaskar. Another hundred would take Kohli past Gavaskar and make him the leading century-maker against the Caribbean side in international cricket.The record, though, is likely to be secondary to India's larger objective. With the series there to be sealed, the hosts will want another clinical performance and will be wary of allowing West Indies back into the contest.Rohit Sharma, meanwhile, will be looking to get some runs under his belt. The veteran opener made 32 in the first ODI and gave India a rapid start before falling to Jayden Seales.

Dominant start, nervy finish: Sahil, Chikitha's perfect 10s seal Asian Games gold

India's compound archers Sahil Rajesh and Chikitha Taniparthi won the Asian Games mixed team gold medal after beating South Korea in a shoot-off. The victory also secured India's quota places for the Los Angeles 2028 Olympics, where compound archery will make its debut.

New Delhi. (Agency)

India's compound archers Sahil Rajesh and Chikitha Taniparthi secured Olympic qualification for Los Angeles 2028 after winning the Asian Games mixed team gold medal on Wednesday, surviving a nervy shoot-off against South Korea's Choi Yonghee and Park Jungyoon. India had looked to be cruising towards gold after a near-perfect start, but a late

wobble allowed South Korea to pull level at 157-157 and force a shoot-off. The Indian pair held their nerve when it mattered most, shooting a perfect 10-10 combination to put the pressure back on their opponents.South Korea could not match them. One of their archers hit a 9, handing India the gold medal and completing a second archery triumph of the day.The victory also carried significance beyond the Asian Games podium. Compound archery will make its Olympic debut at Los Angeles 2028, with the mixed team event among the new events on the programme. The Asian Games champions were guaranteed one men's and one women's quota place for LA28, making the gold medal in Okazaki a direct route to Olympic qualification for India.India had entered the final against a South Korean pair that had already shown just how high the scoring could go. Earlier in the competition, Choi and Park had combined for a world-record score of 160, hitting all 10s across their 16 arrows.The

Koreans therefore arrived in the final with the weight of that performance behind them. India, however, started without any visible sign of being overawed.Sahil and Chikitha were perfect through the opening



two ends, hitting all eight arrows into the 10-ring to score 80 out of 80. South Korea, by comparison, dropped two points after shooting two 9s to finish the opening phase on 78.The Indian pair had established a two-point advantage and appeared to be moving towards a comfortable victory.Sahil was

regularly speaking to Chikitha between shots, helping her settle and line up her arrows as the pair tried to build on India's strong start. The gold was also significant for the Indian archery contingent, which had already won a title earlier in the day. But the final changed in the third end. Both Indian archers dropped a point, with the pair finishing the end on 38 out of 40. South Korea took advantage of the opening, maintaining their composure and continuing to find the 10-ring with remarkable consistency.The margin that India had built up began to disappear.By the final end, the Koreans had almost completely erased the deficit. India needed to hold its nerve, but another 9 left the door open. South Korea capitalised and the scores were level at 157-157 after 16 arrows apiece.The final had gone from a seemingly comfortable Indian victory to a one-end shoot-off.

IND vs WI: Centurion Justin Greaves ruled out of 2nd ODI due to calf injury

New Delhi. (Agency)

West Indies opener Justin Greaves, who struck a sensational hundred against India in the 1st ODI at Thiruvananthapuram, has been ruled out of the 2nd ODI due to a calf injury.Greaves dominated the proceedings against India in the opening match of the series, taking on the fast bowlers and giving the West Indies a terrific start alongside John Campbell. The pair added 135 runs in the first 20 overs. HOW WAS JUSTIN GREAVES INJURED? Greaves' cover drives were a treat to watch as he methodically tore apart the Indian fast-bowling attack. The batter, however, struggled with an injury through much of his 108-ball stay. In the first 10

overs of the match, he pulled his calf and needed treatment from the physio."Justin Greaves has been ruled out of the second game of the ODI series against India after sustaining a calf injury," Cricket West



Indies said in a statement.Greaves picked up the injury during his innings in the opening match of the series," it added. IND vs WI: 2nd ODI Preview

Asian Games: Jyothi's redemption, Chikhitha, Prithika's spark power golden archery start

New Delhi. (Agency)

India had a reputation to defend as they stepped into the archery ring on Wednesday, September 30. They were coming into the business end of the women's team compound competition. They had ended South Korea's dominance over the sport at the Asian Games in Hangzhou last time around.In Nagoya, they were expected to continue their dominance and had an interesting lineup for the contest. Jyothi Surekha Vennam needs no introduction. A former national-level swimmer, she eventually found her calling in archery after taking up the sport at a young age. Her progress was rapid, and she soon established herself among the leading compound archers in the world.n concludes.Her biggest breakthrough came at the 2023 Asian Games, where she produced a historic campaign by winning

gold in the women's individual, women's team and mixed team events. With three titles in a single edition, she became the first Indian archer to achieve the feat at the Asian Games.But she needed redemption



after losing to 14-year-old Kang Yeon-seo of Korea and thus, relinquishing her compound individual crown. There was the youthful spark from Chikhitha Taniparthi and Prithika Pradeep. Coming from a farming family, Chikhitha

was introduced to archery by her father, who encouraged her to take up the sport after reading about it in a newspaper when she was in Class 2. She formally began training in 2018, and what started as an early interest soon developed into a passion.She made her international breakthrough in 2025 and quickly became an important part of India's compound archery team. At the 2025 World Archery Youth Championships in Winnipeg, she won the Under-21 women's individual gold, becoming the first Indian woman to claim the title in the event's history.Prithika took up archery as a hobby in Class 5, drawn to the sport because it was new and exciting. What began as a recreational activity soon grew into a serious interest, prompting her parents to enrol her in professional coaching from Class 6. Their support helped her make the transition from a school-level hobbyist to a competitive archer.

Pragyan Ojha likely to become India's next chief selector after Ajit Agarkar's departure



New Delhi. (Agency)

Former India left-arm spinner Pragyan Ojha is likely to become India's next chief selector following Ajit Agarkar's departure, reported PTI on Tuesday, September 29. Ojha, 39, is currently serving as the interim head of the four-member selection committee. Ojha was among the four selectors who held a lengthy discussion with India head coach Gautam Gambhir in Guwahati on Tuesday, a day before the second ODI against the West Indies. Shiv Sundar Das, Ajay Ratna and RP Singh were also part of the meeting, while outgoing chief selector Agarkar was not present.The meeting took place on the sidelines of the Barsapara Stadium while the West Indies went through their training session. The Indian team was taking a day off after travelling from Thiruvananthapuram to Guwahati.The presence of the entire selection committee during a bilateral series is not commonplace, with the discussion understood to have centred on India's upcoming tour of New Zealand and the squads that need to be finalised for the series. WHO IS PRAGYAN OJHA? Ojha, who played 24 Tests for India, took interim charge of the selection committee after Agarkar's departure. He is now in line to take over as the full-time chief selector. The selection committee has a busy period ahead, with India scheduled to play five T20Is, five ODIs and two Tests during their New Zealand tour from October 22 to November 27.The selectors also need to finalise the India A squad for a three-Test tour of New Zealand, which begins on October 24. The New Zealand tour will begin with a five-match T20I series, with the opening game scheduled in Christchurch on October 22. A five-match ODI series will follow from November 4, before the two-Test series begins in Wellington on November 19.

Argentina's post-Messi era begins against Bolivia, coach discusses future of No. 10 jersey

BUENOS AIRES. (Agency)

With the iconic No. 10 jersey unassigned, Argentina will face its first test of the post-Lionel Messi era when it hosts Bolivia in a friendly on Wednesday.As the 39-year-old legend gets set for his farewell match with Argentina next week, coach Lionel Scaloni is already looking toward the future. Facing the immense challenge of replacing Messi, the coach remained pragmatic: "We'll find a way to play differently." "That's what these matches are for — to experiment," Scaloni said Tuesday ahead the game against Bolivia at the Kempes Stadium in Córdoba. "That said, our core style still revolves around controlling the ball. From there, we'll see how we adapt." Scaloni has opted to field strikers Julián Álvarez and Lautaro Martínez together up front — a tactical combination he had previously avoided.Scaloni sopped short of

confirming the starting lineup, but Argentina is expected to field most of the players who featured in the World Cup final against Spain.Anticipate changes include Agustín Gay starting at right-back, Exequiel Palacios replacing the suspended Enzo Fernández (following his red card in the final), and Valentín Barco slotting in as a third midfielder. Nicolás Paz, currently playing for Italy's Como, will take on the playmaking duties in Messi's absence. Will anyone wear the No. 10 jersey?Scaloni confirmed at Tuesday's press conference that no player will wear No. 10 for now — Messi's jersey number when he lifted the 2022 World Cup trophy and throughout most of his 207 appearances for Argentina. Messi's farewell match is Oct. 6 against Benin in Buenos Aires."We aren't obligated to assign it for these matches, so we won't give it to anyone until Leo's farewell game,"

the coach said. "The idea is for someone to eventually take it on, given how special it is to wear. We just haven't decided who yet." Messi announced the end of his



international career in late August. In his final World Cup — the sixth of his career —he played eight matches and scored eight goals. He concludes his national team career as Argentina's all-time leading scorer with

125 goals, 21 of which came in World Cup tournaments. Scaloni set to continue Scaloni is close to renewing his contract, which is set to expire on Dec. 31. "The important thing is that the desire is there," the coach said. "I had to step back, re-evaluate, and look closely at the sporting side alongside the financial aspects. I needed to analyze what lies ahead. In the end, we're excited about the future, and that shared enthusiasm paved the way toward an agreement."Scaloni had previously hinted he might step down following the World Cup final defeat on July 19. However, he recently met with Argentine Football Association president Claudio Tapia to negotiate an extension through the 2030 World Cup, which Argentina will co-host.



Nora Fatehi

Is Back As Ayesha! Begins Shooting For The Royals Season 2 With Ishaan Khatter

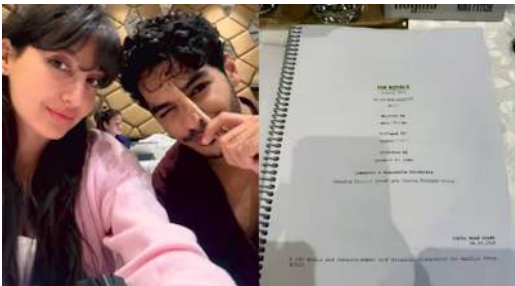
For Nora Fatehi, it’s back to the sets of The Royals. The actress has begun filming the second season of the Netflix series, and her latest social media update has offered fans a glimpse of what she’s been up to. In the new picture, Nora is seen posing with Ishaan Khatter, who is also returning for the next chapter.

Nora will reprise her role as Ayesha Dhondi in Season 2 after appearing in the first installment. Her return comes as the series moves ahead with a new storyline, with the makers reportedly shifting some of the focus towards the royal family and its dynamics. According to a Mid-Day report, Bhumi Pednekar, who played the female lead alongside Ishaan in the first season, will not be returning for the second installment. Bhumi was expected to continue with the show after Season 1 ended and the series was renewed, but the report states that she has now exited the project.

The upcoming season is also expected to move away from being primarily centred on Ishaan’s romantic life. A source quoted by Mid-Day explained that the family became one of the elements that connected with viewers. “When you do a romance, it is the story that leads. When the show came out, what resonated [with the audience] was the family—Ishaan [Khatter], Sakshi [Tanwar], Zeenat, and the world of The Royals—which feels different. We left season one at an unresolved romance. There was no decision to carry it forward. There was no fight with Bhumi. The makers are simply letting the story lead forward organically in the second season,” the insider told Mid-Day.

Bhumi had earlier spoken about the criticism she received following the first season and how deeply it affected her. In an interview with Mid-Day, she said, “The noise became so loud that I couldn’t hear my own creative voice anymore. When you are told every day that you don’t look like yourself, it starts to seep in. I felt numb,” Bhumi said. The actress is also reportedly concentrating on other projects following her exit from The Royals.

Meanwhile, Nora is stepping into Season 2 at a busy point in her career. She has had a packed 2026 so far, including her association with the FIFA World Cup 2026 and a string of music releases.



‘Samay Raina, Sorry’: Why Farah Khan Suddenly Apologised To Comedian In Saba Ibrahim’s Vlog



Farah Khan’s YouTube vlogs often come with plenty of food, celebrity conversations and, of course, her trademark humour. Her latest vlog with Saba Ibrahim and her husband Khalid Niazi had all three, but one particular moment involving comedian Samay Raina caught everyone’s attention.

While chatting about Farah’s journey on YouTube, Saba and Khalid had plenty of praise for the filmmaker-turned-content creator. Khalid went a step further when he shared his own take on where Farah stands among YouTubers.

Khalid told Farah, “Mujhe lagta hai No. 1 YouTuber hain.” Farah was quick to disagree and replied, “Nahi, nahi.” She then turned towards the camera and jokingly said, “Samay Raina, sorry.”

The unexpected apology left Saba and Khalid laughing. They also clarified that they were not actually discussing Samay. Farah, meanwhile, continued the joke by pointing out that there are several other big names in the YouTube space. She added, “Arey Sourav Joshi, bade bade YouTubers hain.”

The conversation began when Saba spoke about Farah’s videos and the effort she puts into making them. Praising her cooking and the way she feeds her guests, Saba said, “Aapki mehnat, aap itne pyaar se banate ho na, woh log bahut pasand karte hain.” She also highlighted the lighter side of Farah’s vlogs, saying, “Mam ke video mein fun bhi hota hai, comedy bhi...”

Saba later made it clear that her praise was specifically about Farah’s family-oriented content. Farah agreed with her and acknowledged that she has been doing well with that kind of content on YouTube. Farah’s association with Samay Raina goes back to India’s Got Latent. The filmmaker was part of an unreleased episode of the comedy show along with Urfi Javed, Tanmay Bhat and KRSNA. Footage from the episode later surfaced online, showing Samay touching Farah’s feet as a mark of respect. Farah responded to the gesture in her usual playful fashion.

Anil Kapoor Regrets Missing Daughter Rhea Kapoor’s Birth: ‘Still Can’t Forgive Myself’



Anil Kapoor has spent decades being associated with relentless energy and an almost obsessive work ethic, but the actor recently admitted that one professional commitment left him with a regret he still carries. While interacting with a contestant on his new quiz-based reality show, India Ke Top 1 Percent, Anil recalled missing the birth of his younger daughter, Rhea Kapoor, because he was caught up with work. The veteran actor said the episode changed the way he looks at the idea of working “for the family”, because earning for loved ones, according to him, cannot replace actually being present for them.

Anil Kapoor Says Family Needs Time, Not Just Hard Work

During his conversation with a contestant, Anil reflected on how people often justify long working hours by saying they are doing it for their families. He admitted that he too is still learning that making time for family is equally important.

“Many people say that they work for their families, but I am also learning now how important it is to give time to your family,” Anil said. The actor then brought up his sons-in-law and appreciated the way they manage to balance their careers with personal responsibilities. That conversation led him to one of the most personal memories from his own life, the day Rhea was born.

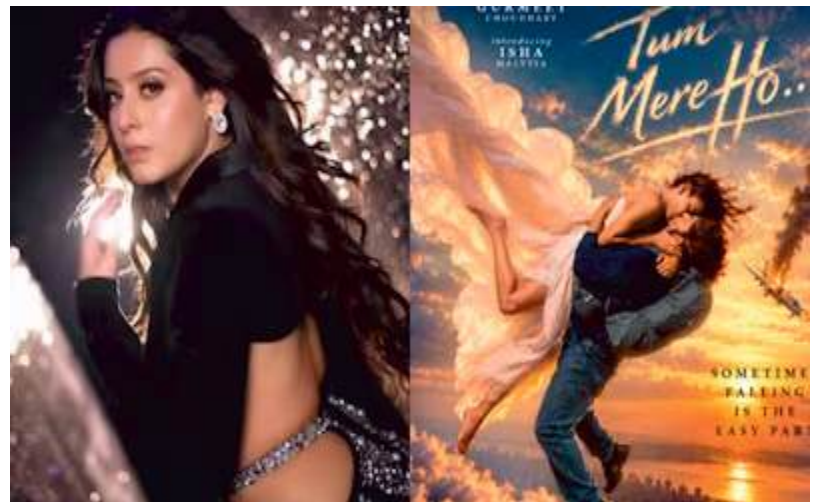
‘I Reached The Hospital Late’

Anil revealed that when Rhea was born, he failed to reach the hospital in time. He had been working through the night and eventually fell asleep after the shoot. “When I was your age and Rhea was born, I reached the hospital late. I have still not been able to forgive myself for that,” he shared. He went on to explain exactly how it happened. “Rhea had already been delivered by the time I reached there.

Isha Malviya

Makes Bollywood Debut With Gurmeet Choudhary In Tum Mere Ho

Isha Malviya has shared the first look of her upcoming film Tum Mere Ho, giving fans a glimpse of what she will be seen doing next. The actress will be making her Bollywood debut with



the romantic drama, which also stars Gurmeet Choudhary. The first-look posters feature Isha and Gurmeet together and give the film a romantic and emotional feel. One of the posters also carries the line, “Sometimes falling is the easy part. What comes next is the story,” hinting that the film will focus on a relationship and everything that comes



संक्षिप्त समाचार

हाईकोर्ट का आदेश :हजारीबाग में 20 प्रमुख चौक-चौराहों पर ट्रैफिक सिस्टम का ट्रायल करें



रांची,एजेंसी। झारखंड हाईकोर्ट ने मंगलवार को हजारीबाग शहर की बदहाल ट्रैफिक व्यवस्था को सुधारने के लिए सख्त निर्देश दिए हैं। चीफ जस्टिस एमएस सोनक और जस्टिस राजेश शंकर की अदालत ने जनहित याचिका पर सुनवाई करते हुए शहर के 20 प्रमुख चौक-चौराहों पर चार माह के अंदर ऑटोमेटेड ट्रैफिक लाइट मैनेजमेंट सिस्टम का ट्रायल रन पूरा करने का निर्देश दिया है। अदालत ने हजारीबाग के डीसी, एसपी व नगर आयुक्त को तय अवधि में व्यक्तिगत अनुपालन हलफनामा दाखिल करने को कहा है। अच्युत स्वरूप मिश्रा ने जनहित याचिका दाखिल कर हजारीबाग की ट्रैफिक व्यवस्था सुधारने की मांग की थी। हाईकोर्ट ने हजारीबाग शहर में सुबह 8 बजे से रात 8 बजे तक भारी और व्यावसायिक वाहनों के प्रवेश पर लागू नो-एंट्री व्यवस्था का कड़ाई से पालन कराने का निर्देश दिया है। जिला कोर्ट चौक, कोरा चौक, बाबूगांव चौक और कार्गील पेट्रोल पंप मोड़ सहित प्रमुख स्थानों पर ट्रैफिक व्यवस्था सुधारने को कहा गया है। अदालत ने सिर्फ ट्रैफिक सिग्नल लगाने के बजाय उन्हें नियमित रूप से चालू रखने, ट्रैफिक पुलिस को तैनाती और फुटपाथों से अतिक्रमण हटाने के भी निर्देश दिए हैं।

सड़क सुरक्षा पर सवाल:बेटी की शादी की तैयारी में निकले रिटायर्ड प्राचार्य को ऑटो ने भारी टक्कर, दो दिन बाद मौत

रांची,एजेंसी। दलादली टीओपी क्षेत्र स्थित कटहल मोड़ के पास बेटी की शादी के लिए 23 सितंबर को बैंकवेट हॉल में तैयारी की रूपरेखा फाइनल करने पहुंचे डीपीवी स्कूल के रिटायर्ड प्राचार्य महेंद्र प्रसाद सिंह को ऑटो चालक ने सड़क पार करते समय जोरदार धक्का मार दिया था। जिससे वे बीच सड़क पर गिर पड़े और गंभीर रूप से घायल हो गए। तुरंत इलाज के लिए उन्हें नजदीकी अस्पताल ले जाया गया, हालांकि उनकी स्थिति में सुधार नहीं हुआ। गंभीर स्थिति को देखते हुए पीड़ित परिजन कुछ घंटे बाद ही घायल प्राचार्य को एयर एंबुलेंस से बंगलुरु ले गए, लेकिन वहां 25 सितंबर की शाम उनकी मौत हो गई। महेंद्र प्रसाद सिंह परिजनों के साथ अरगोड़ा स्थित एक किराए के घर में रहते थे। वे मूल रूप से पलामू के जपला स्थित बंधुआ गांव के रहने वाले थे और वर्तमान में बोकारो स्थित सीएम स्कूल ऑफ एक्सीलेंस में मैनेजर के पद पर कार्यरत थे। सड़क दुर्घटना में रिटायर्ड प्राचार्य की मौत के बाद घर में कोहराम मच गया। जिस घर में बेटी की शादी की तैयारियां चल रही थीं और परिवार के लोग शादी की तारीख तय होने के बाद पूरे आयोजन को लेकर व्यस्त थे, उसी परिवार में अचानक सब कुछ बदल गया। अब शादी की तारीख भी बदलनी पड़ी। इंजीनियर बेटी की शादी की तैयारी में लगे हुए थे, 19 जुलाई को हुआ था एंजेजमेंट भाई सुरेंद्र सिंह ने बताया कि महेंद्र सिंह की दो बेटियां और एक बेटा हैं। बड़ी बेटी की शादी हो चुकी है। दूसरी बेटी का 19 जुलाई को एंजेजमेंट हुआ था और पेशे से इंजीनियर बेटी की शादी दो दिवसंबर को तय थी। कटहल मोड़ के पास बैंकवेट हॉल की बुक हो चुका था। पिता तैयारियों का जायजा लेने पहुंचे थे। कार से उतरकर सड़क पार करते समय ऑटो ने उन्हें टक्कर मार दी। अब शादी रोक दी गई है।

झारखंड सरकार के खिलाफ भ्रामक पोस्ट को लेकर साइबर थाने में केस दर्ज

रांची,एजेंसी। रांची के साइबर क्राइम थाना में सोशल मीडिया पर भ्रामक और आपत्तिजनक पोस्ट फैलाने का एक गंभीर मामला मंगलवार को प्रकाश में आया है। हिडेन बायोग्राफी नामक फेसबुक पेज के संचालक की ओर से झारखंड के मुख्यमंत्री का फोटो और ग्राफिक्स का इस्तेमाल कर एक भ्रामक पोस्ट शेयर किया गया है, जिससे समाज में लोक शांति भंग होने की आशंका जताई गई है। इस संबंध में साइबर थाने में प्राथमिकी दर्ज कराई गई है। साइबर थाना, रांची के थाना प्रभारी (पुलिस उपधीक्षक) को दिए गए आवेदन के अनुसार, 28 सितंबर 2026 को हिडेन बायोग्राफी नामक फेसबुक पेज के संचालक की ओर से दुर्भावनापूर्ण और कपटपूर्ण मंशा से यह भ्रामक पोस्ट किया गया था। आवेदन में बताया गया है ।

Jharkhand

बोकारो में जर्जर आवास खाली कराने का विरोध

बेहतर क्वार्टर दें या पुराने आवासों की मरम्मत कराएं, ईडी आवास घेर जताया विरोध

बोकारो,एजेंसी। बोकारो सेक्टर-12 में जर्जर घोषित पुराने आवासों के आदेश के विरोध में बुधवार को आवास बचाओ संघर्ष मोर्चा, पूर्व कर्मचारियों और लाइसेंसधारी कर्मियों ने बीएसएल ईडी के आवास का घेराव किया। प्रदर्शन को देखते हुए ईडी आवास की सुरक्षा बढ़ा दी गई। सुरक्षा के लिए दो लेयर में पुलिस बल की तैनाती की गयी थी। प्रदर्शनकारियों ने बीएसएल प्रबंधन के आवास खाली कराने के फैसले पर पुनर्विचार करने की मांग की। आवासधारियों का कहना है कि



उन्हें नियमों के तहत ये आवास आवंटित किए गए थे, लेकिन अब इन्हें जर्जर बताते हुए खाली कराने का आदेश दिया गया है। इससे वर्षों से इन आवासों में रह रहे पूर्व कर्मचारियों, लाइसेंसधारियों और अन्य आवासधारियों के सामने रहने की समस्या खड़ी हो गई है।

वैकल्पिक आवास की स्थिति पर उठाए सवाल: आवासधारियों के अनुसार, बीएसएल प्रबंधन की ओर से सेक्टर-11 और सेक्टर-8 में वैकल्पिक आवास देने की बात कही गई है।

बातचीत से समाधान की मांग, फैसले पर कायम प्रबंधन

प्रदर्शनकारियों ने बीएसएल प्रबंधन से आवास खाली कराने के आदेश पर दोबारा विचार करने और आवासधारियों के साथ बातचीत कर समाधान निकालने की मांग की। उनका कहना है कि वर्षों से इन आवासों में रहने वाले लोगों के हितों को ध्यान में रखते हुए कोई व्यावहारिक रास्ता निकाला जाना चाहिए। प्रदर्शन के दौरान ईडी आवास के आसपास सुरक्षा व्यवस्था कड़ी रही और पुलिस बल तैनात रहा। वहीं, बीएसएल प्रबंधन पुराने आवासों को खाली कराने के अपने फैसले पर कायम है। ऐसे में अब आवासधारियों और प्रबंधन के बीच बातचीत के जरिये इस विवाद का समाधान निकलने का इंतजार है। ऐसे में जर्जर आवास खाली करने के बाद उन्हें सुरक्षित और बेहतर आवास नहीं मिल पाएगा। प्रदर्शन में शामिल भाजपा नेत्री एंजला सिंह और गुहणी पम्मी कुमारी ने कहा कि आवासधारियों को ऐसे क्वार्टर उपलब्ध कराए जाने चाहिए, जो रहने के लिए बेहतर और सुरक्षित हों।

स्कूटी में टक्कर के बाद कार का टायर ब्लास्ट

जमशेदपुर में 3 किमी तक भागती रही लाल कार, शराब-सिगरेट सहित 4 युवक-युवती धराए

जमशेदपुर,एजेंसी।

जमशेदपुर के भुइयांडीह स्थित स्वर्णरेखा बर्निंग घाट के पास स्कूटी में टक्कर मारने के बाद एक लाल रंग की कार तेज रफ्तार में भागती रही। कार में सवार दो युवक और दो युवतियां कथित तौर पर नशे की हालत में थे। दुर्घटना के बाद मौके पर लोगों की भीड़ जुटने लगी और सूचना पर सीतारामडेरा थाना की पुलिस पहुंची। पुलिस को देखते ही कार सवार भागने लगे। पुलिस ने पीछा किया, इसी दौरान कार के दो टायर ब्लास्ट हो गए। इसके बावजूद चालक ने कार नहीं रोकी और क्षतिग्रस्त टायरों के साथ तेज रफ्तार में भागता रहा। सूचना मिलने पर सिंदगोड़ा थाना की पुलिस ने भी कार का पीछा शुरू किया। करीब तीन किलोमीटर तक पीछा करने के बाद बागुनहातु में कार अचानक रुक गयी। कार पूरी तरह क्षतिग्रस्त हो चुकी थी। इसके बाद पुलिस ने कार में सवार

दो युवक और दो युवतियों को पकड़कर सिंदगोड़ा थाना ले गयी। स्कूटी चालक को लगी है हल्की चोट: पुलिस के अनुसार घटना रात करीब नौ बजे की है। भुइयांडीह स्वर्णरेखा बर्निंग घाट के पास लाल कार ने एक स्कूटी को टक्कर मार दी। हादसे में स्कूटी चालक को हल्की चोट लगी। दुर्घटना के बाद आसपास के लोग मौके पर जुटने लगे। इसी बीच कार सवार युवक पुलिस को देखकर कार लेकर भागने लगे। रास्ते में कार के दो चक्के ब्लास्ट होने के बावजूद उन्होंने वाहन नहीं रोका। पुलिस लगातार उनका पीछा करती रही। सिंदगोड़ा थाना की पुलिस को भी इसकी सूचना दी गयी, जिसके बाद पीछा कर रही पुलिस टीम ने बागुनहातु में कार को रोक लिया। कार पर महाराष्ट्र का नंबर एमएच 12 एलबी 1776 दर्ज है। पुलिस ने कार को जब्त कर लिया है। मामले की जांच शुरू कर दी है। कार से

बीयर की बोतल, सिगरेट और बेसबॉल बैट मिला सिंदगोड़ा थाना प्रभारी फैज अहमद ने बताया कि कार सवार सभी चार लोग नशे की हालत में थे। पुलिस ने कार की तलाशी ली, जिसमें बीयर की बोतल, सिगरेट, बेसबॉल बैट समेत अन्य सामान बरामद किये गये। पुलिस ने दो युवक और दो युवतियों को हिरासत में लेकर पूछताछ शुरू कर दी है। प्रारंभिक जानकारी के अनुसार कार में सवार युवक-युवतियां दुर्घटना के बाद पुलिस से बचने के लिए वाहन लेकर भाग रहे थे। टायर ब्लास्ट होने के बाद भी कार को नहीं रोकने के स्थिति, दुर्घटना के कारण और उसमें सवार लोगों की भूमिका समेत अन्य बिंदुओं की जांच के बाद आगे की कार्रवाई की जायेगी।

एसआइआर को लेकर विधायक ने बनई पंचायत का लिया जायजा



खूंटी,एजेंसी।तोरपा विधायक सुदीप गुड़िया ने बुधवार को रनिया प्रखंड की बनई पंचायत में चल रहे विशेष गहन पुनरीक्षण (एसआइआर) कार्य का जायजा लिया। उन्होंने पंचायत क्षेत्र में एसआइआर की प्रगति और आम लोगों को मिल रही सुविधाओं की जानकारी ली। इस दौरान विधायक ने रनिया के प्रखंड विकास पदाधिकारी को प्रशांत डांग से मुलाकात कर एसआइआर प्रक्रिया से जुड़े विभिन्न बिंदुओं पर विस्तृत जानकारी प्राप्त की। उन्होंने मतदाता सूची के पुनरीक्षण, दावे एवं आपत्तियों की स्थिति तथा पात्र मतदाताओं को प्रक्रिया के दौरान होने वाली संभावित परेशानियों के बारे में जानकारी ली। विधायक सुदीप गुड़िया

ने कहा कि एसआइआर जैसी महत्वपूर्ण प्रक्रिया में पारदर्शिता और निष्पक्षता के साथ कार्य किया जाना जरूरी है। कोई भी पात्र नागरिक जानकारी या आवश्यक प्रक्रिया के अभाव में अपने मताधिकार से वंचित न हो, यह सुनिश्चित करना प्रशासन की जिम्मेदारी है। उन्होंने अधिकारियों और संबंधित कर्मियों से ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों में लोगों को एसआईआर से जुड़ी जानकारी सरल भाषा में उपलब्ध कराने तथा उनकी समस्याओं एवं दावों का नियमानुसार समाधान करने की अपील की। विधायक ने कहा कि लोकतंत्र की मजबूती के लिए प्रत्येक पात्र नागरिक का मतदाता सूची में सही पंजीकरण आवश्यक है।

हजारीबाग के चिंतपूर्ण प्लांट में हादसा; मजदूर की मौत गर्म लोहे की गर्मी से बचने बाहर निकला था, हाड़वा ने मारी टक्कर, परिजनों से मांगी नौकरी

हजारीबाग,एजेंसी। हजारीबाग के चिंतपूर्ण स्टील प्लांट में 22 चक्का हाड़वा की चोट में आने से 45 वर्षीय मजदूर नरेश महतो उर्फ देवनाथ महतो की मौत हो गई। वह मांडू के बलसागरा के रहने वाले थे। प्लांट के इंगोट विभाग में काम करते थे। जानकारी के अनुसार, गर्म लोहे की गर्मी से बचने के लिए नरेश बाहर निकले थे। इसी दौरान हाड़वा (JH-02-BM-9340) की चपेट में आ गए। हादसा इतना गंभीर था कि उनकी मौके पर ही मौत हो गई। घटना के बाद मुआवजे और मृतक के आश्रित को नौकरी देने की मांग को लेकर मजदूरों और परिजनों ने प्लांट में हंगामा किया। परिजनों ने मांग पूरी होने तक शव उठाने से भी इनकार कर दिया। चालक का नशे में होने का आरोप हादसे के बाद मजदूरों ने हाड़वा चालक पर नशे में वाहन चलाने का आरोप लगाया। हालांकि, अधिकारियों की ओर से चालक के नशे में होने की गुर्रि नहीं की गई है। घटना की सूचना मिलने पर चरही थाना प्रभारी और चुरचू बीडीओ ललित राम मौके पर पहुंचे। स्थिति की जानकारी ली। मांडू विधायक तिवारी महतो और रामगढ़ विधायक ममता देवी समेत कई जनप्रतिनिधि भी मौके पर पहुंचे। उन्होंने प्लांट में मजदूरों की सुरक्षा व्यवस्था को लेकर सवाल उठाए। स्थानीय लोगों और मजदूरों का कहना है कि प्लांट में पहले भी हादसे होते रहे हैं। उनका आरोप है कि हादसे के बाद मुआवजे की प्रक्रिया पूरी कर मामला शांत कर दिया जाता है, लेकिन सुरक्षा व्यवस्था में स्थायी सुधार नहीं किया जाता। सुरक्षा व्यवस्था की जांच की मांग जनप्रतिनिधियों ने प्रशासन से चिंतपूर्ण स्टील प्लांट की सुरक्षा व्यवस्था की जांच कराने और आवश्यक कार्रवाई की मांग की। देर रात मुआवजे को लेकर सहमति बनने के बाद मृतक का शव पोस्टमार्टम के लिए अस्पताल भेजा गया। घटना के बाद एफ कार फिर औद्योगिक प्लांटों में मजदूरों की सुरक्षा व्यवस्था पर सवाल उठे हैं। स्थानीय लोगों और मजदूरों ने सुरक्षा मानकों को प्रभावी तरीके से लागू करने की मांग की है, ताकि भविष्य में इस तरह की घटनाओं को रोका जा सके।

राष्ट्रीय कृषि सम्मेलन-रबी अभियान 2026 झारखंड में दलहन का 93 हजार हेक्टेयर अधिक उत्पादन

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रांची,एजेंसी। नई दिल्ली स्थित राष्ट्रीय कृषि विज्ञान परिसर, पूसा में आयोजित दो दिवसीय 'राष्ट्रीय कृषि सम्मेलन-रबी अभियान 2026' में झारखंड की कृषि, पशुपालन एवं सहकारिता मंत्री शिल्पी नेहा तिकौी ने राज्य के किसानों की जमीनी समस्याओं को प्रमुखता से उठाया। शिल्पी नेहा ने केंद्रीय कृषि मंत्री शिवराज सिंह चौहान के समक्ष स्पष्ट किया कि झारखंड की भौगोलिक और सामाजिक परिस्थितियां भिन्न हैं, इसलिए केंद्रीय योजनाओं में विशेष छूट दी जाए। सम्मेलन में झारखंड द्वारा दलहन क्षेत्र के विस्तार की केंद्र स्तर पर सराहना भी की गई। झारखंड में दलहन उत्पादन की संभावनाओं को रेखांकित करते हुए मंत्री ने बताया कि राज्य देश के प्रमुख दलहन उत्पादक राज्यों में शामिल है। खरीफ 2025-26 में जहां दलहन का क्षेत्र लगभग 2.80 लाख हेक्टेयर था,



वहीं खरीफ 2026-27 में यह बढ़कर लगभग 3.73 लाख हेक्टेयर हो गया है। उन्होंने देवघर और दुमका में विकसित लगभग 1,000-1,000 हेक्टेयर के अरहर क्लस्टरों का उल्लेख करते हुए कहा कि क्लस्टर आधारित खेती को और विस्तार देने की आवश्यकता है।तिलहन के क्षेत्र में भी राज्य द्वारा किए जा रहे प्रयासों को रखते हुए उन्होंने बताया कि

झारखंड में तिलहन का कुल क्षेत्र लगभग 5.17 लाख हेक्टेयर है, जिसमें सरसों का प्रमुख योगदान है। राज्य के सभी किसानों को आईडी बनने तक पीएम-किसान की किस्त न रुके : शिल्पी नेहा सम्मेलन को संबोधित करते हुए झारखंड की कृषि मंत्री शिल्पी नेहा तिकौी ने कहा कि झारखंड में अंतिम व्यापक भूमि सर्वेक्षण वर्ष 1932 में हुआ था।

मंत्री ने रबी किसानों की बात भूमि रिकॉर्ड की बाध्द्यता हटे : 1932 के सर्वे के कारण किसान आईडी में आ रही दिक्कत, इसके बिना केंद्रीय योजनाओं का लाभ न रोका जाए। कृषि यंत्रों पर 90% छूट : एसएमएमएफ के तहत छोटे और सीमांत किसानों के लिए मशीनरी पर 90 फीसदी तक सहायता की मांग। राइस फॉलो पैकेज : 12 लाख हेक्टेयर खाली जमीन में से 5-6 लाख हेक्टेयर में दलहन, तिलहन व बागवानी के लिए विशेष पैकेज का आग्रह। राष्ट्रीय शोध संस्थान का दर्जा : प्लांट्स फॉर्म रिसर्च सेंटर को 'नेशनल इंस्टीट्यूट फॉर हॉर्टिकल्चर एंड ट्राइबल फार्मिंग रिसर्च' बनाने का प्रस्ताव। केंद्रीय कृषि मंत्री शिवराज सिंह चौहान झारखंड का दौरा करेंगे शिल्पी नेहा तिकौी ने केंद्रीय कृषि मंत्री शिवराज सिंह चौहान को झारखंड आने का निमन्त्रण दिया जिसे उन्होंने स्वीकार कर लिया है। केंद्रीय कृषि मंत्री के झारखंड दौरे के दौरान राज्य के साथ मिलकर समन्वित कृषि विकास की रूपरेखा तय होगी।

झारखंड आंदोलनकारियों ने सड़क पर रोका पहिया छत्तीसगढ़-उत्तराखंड की तर्ज पर पेंशन की मांग, स्थापना दिवस कार्यक्रम रोकने की चेतावनी

पलामू,एजेंसी। झारखंड आंदोलनकारियों की पेंशन समेत विभिन्न मांगों को लेकर बुधवार को झारखंड आंदोलनकारी संघर्ष मोर्चा के आह्वान पर राज्यव्यापी बंद का पलामू में व्यापक असर देखा। सुबह करीब सात बजे सैकड़ों आंदोलनकारी मेदिनीनगर के रेड्मा चौक पर जमा हुए और सड़क पर बैठकर चारों पार का आवागमन ठप करा दिया। देखते ही देखते रेड्मा चौक से गुजरने वाली प्रमुख सड़कों पर वाहनों की लंबी कतार लग गयी। ट्रक, बस, चारपहिया और ऑटो समेत किसी भी वाहन को आगे नहीं बढ़ने दिया गया। स्कूल बसें भी जाम में फंस गयीं, जिसके बाद कुछ स्कूलों में छुट्टी घोषित कर दी गई। आंदोलन में महिलाओं ने भी बढ़-चढ़कर हिस्सा लिया। जाम के कारण लोगों को काफी परेशानी हुई और कई लोगों को दूसरे रास्तों से अपने गंतव्य तक जाना पड़ा। शहर थाना की पुलिस मौके पर मौजूद रही। छत्तीसगढ़-उत्तराखंड की तर्ज पर पेंशन की मांग झारखंड आंदोलनकारी संघर्ष मोर्चा के जिलाध्यक्ष चंद्रधन महतो ने कहा कि अलग झारखंड राज्य के निर्माण में आंदोलनकारियों की महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका रही है, लेकिन राज्य गठन के वर्षों बाद भी उन्हें सम्मान नहीं मिल रहा है। उन्होंने कहा कि सरकार की ओर से लगातार आश्वासन दिया जा रहा है, लेकिन अब आंदोलनकारी आर-पार की लड़ाई के लिए तैयार हैं। आंदोलनकारियों ने छत्तीसगढ़ और उत्तराखंड की तर्ज पर झारखंड आंदोलनकारियों को पेंशन देने की मांग की। साथ ही आंदोलनकारियों के बेटे-बेटियों को सरकारी नौकरी में सीधी नियुक्ति देने और उनके परिवारों के अधिकारों को लेकर स्पष्ट नीति बनाने की मांग की गई। आंदोलनकारियों के अनुसार, मांगों को लेकर विधानसभा घेराव और हेमंट आवास घेराव जैसे कार्यक्रम भी किए गए, लेकिन अब तक ठोस निर्णय नहीं लिया गया है।



अपनी हर की समीक्षा करने के बजाय चुनाव आयोग पर हमला कर रही कांग्रेस: स्मृति ईरानी

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। भाजपा की राष्ट्रीय महासचिव स्मृति ईरानी ने एक प्रेस कॉन्फ्रेंस को संबोधित करते हुए कांग्रेस और उसके नेतृत्व पर संवैधानिक संस्थाओं पर हमला करने का आरोप लगाया। स्मृति ईरानी ने कहा कि 2019 में कांग्रेस के तत्कालीन राष्ट्रीय अध्यक्ष ने कहा था कि वह प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी की छवि खराब करने का भरसक प्रयास करेंगे। इस पर पीएम मोदी ने बार-बार कहा था कि मुझ पर कटाक्ष करें, मुझ पर हमला करें, लेकिन कांग्रेस का यह हमला संवैधानिक संस्थाओं और भारत के लोकतंत्र पर हमले में तब्दील नहीं होना चाहिए। कांग्रेस का नेतृत्व देश की संवैधानिक व्यवस्था को तार-तार करने में कोई कसर नहीं छोड़ रहा है। आज कांग्रेस नेतृत्व ने कहा कि चुनाव आयोग को सवालों के घेरे में लाने के लिए उनके कार्यकर्ताओं का महिमामंडन किया जा रहा है। भाजपा नेता ने कहा कि कांग्रेस अपने प्रदर्शन की समीक्षा करने के बजाय चुनाव आयोग पर हमला कर रही है। उन्होंने सवाल उठाया कि हिमाचल प्रदेश, पंजाब, केरल और कर्नाटक में जहां भाजपा सत्ता में नहीं है, क्या वहां कांग्रेस नेतृत्व चुनाव आयोग को क्लीन चिट दे रहा है या वहां भी उसके मन में सवाल हैं। ईरानी ने कहा कि एक नागरिक के तौर पर वह कहना चाहती हैं कि चुनाव आयोग भारत की लोकतांत्रिक व्यवस्थाओं को सुदृढ़ करता है और यह भारत के लोकतंत्र का मान है, जिसकी कई देशों ने सराहना की है और सम्मान किया है।

कांग्रेस की सुविधा की राजनीति समय-समय पर अपने सियासी हित के लिए बदलती रहती है : सिद्धार्थ यादव

नई दिल्ली। भाजपा के राष्ट्रीय मीडिया सह-संयोजक सिद्धार्थ यादव ने लोकसभा में नेता विपक्ष राहुल गांधी समेत सभी विपक्षी दलों पर निशाना साधते हुए कहा कि जिस तरह से संवैधानिक संस्थाओं पर सवाल उठाया जा रहा है, यह देश के खिलाफ एक गलत और अनुचित काम है और ऐसा काम है जो लोकतंत्र को नुकसान पहुंचाता है। कांग्रेस पार्टी को इसके लिए माफी मांगनी चाहिए। नई दिल्ली में प्रेस वार्ता के दौरान सिद्धार्थ यादव ने कहा कि पश्चिम बंगाल के विधानसभा चुनाव से पहले राहुल गांधी ने ममता बनर्जी पर आरोप लगाते हुए कहा था कि अगर उन्होंने रास्ता न खोला होता, तो भाजपा बंगाल में नहीं आती। हालांकि चुनाव खत्म होते ही राहुल गांधी ने यू-टर्न लिया और कहा कि ये सब कुछ तो एसआईआर और चुनाव आयोग का करा-धरा है। हम लोग लगातार देख रहे हैं कि देश के अंदर, देश की चुनावी प्रक्रिया पर, और खास तौर से नेता प्रतिपक्ष राहुल गांधी द्वारा एक झूठ प्रपोगेंड और झूठ नैरेटिव चलाया जा रहा है और लोकतांत्रिक प्रक्रिया में देशवासियों का जो विश्वास उसे कम करने का और लोकतंत्र की रीढ़ को कमजोर करने का जो प्रयास किया जा रहा है, वो हम सबके सामने है।

स्कूलों में रैगिंग-बुलिंग पर केंद्रीय कानून की मांग वाली पीआईएल सुप्रीम कोर्ट ने की खारिज

नई दिल्ली। सुप्रीम कोर्ट ने स्कूलों और प्री-यूनिवर्सिटी शिक्षण संस्थानों में रैगिंग और बुलिंग की समस्या से निपटने के लिए केंद्रीय कानून बनाने की मांग वाली जनाहित याचिका (पीआईएल) को खारिज कर दिया है। कोर्ट ने इस मामले में सीधे हस्तक्षेप करने से इनकार कर दिया। याचिकाकर्ता, जो खुद एक छात्र हैं, ने सुप्रीम कोर्ट में पीआईएल दायर कर मांग की थी कि देश के सभी स्कूलों और प्री-यूनिवर्सिटी कॉलेजों में रैगिंग और बुलिंग को रोकने के लिए एक सख्त केंद्रीय कानून बनाया जाए। याचिका में यह भी मांग की गई थी कि छात्रों की शिकायतों के रजिस्ट्रेशन और उन पर उचित कार्रवाई के लिए अनिवार्य दिशानिर्देश बनाए जाएं। साथ ही, बुलिंग और रैगिंग के दुष्प्रभावों और उससे बचाव के तरीकों को लेकर एक विशेष विषय शुरू किया जाए और उसे केंद्रीय और सभी राज्य शिक्षा बोर्डों के पाठ्यक्रम का हिस्सा बनाया जाए। याचिकाकर्ता का तर्क था कि यह नियम सभी केंद्र और स्टेट एजुकेशन बोर्ड के अंतर्गत आने वाले संस्थानों में लागू होना चाहिए ताकि छोटे बच्चों को मानसिक प्रताड़ना से बचाया जा सके। सुप्रीम कोर्ट की बेंच ने मामले की सुनवाई के दौरान सुखदेव साहा मामले में पहले दिए गए निर्देशों का हवाला दिया। कोर्ट ने कहा कि रैगिंग को लेकर पहले ही व्यापक दिशा-निर्देश जारी किए जा चुके हैं। ऐसे में एक नया केंद्रीय कानून बनाने के लिए कोर्ट सीधे तौर पर सरकार को आदेश नहीं दे सकता। यह मामला नीतिगत विषय है, जिस पर सरकार और संबंधित शिक्षा प्राधिकरणों को फैसला लेना है।

हेड कॉन्टेबल से मारपीट पर सौरभ भारद्वाज-जरनैल सिंह समेत ‘आप’ कार्यकर्ताओं पर FIR

नई दिल्ली। तिलक नगर में ‘आप’ प्रमुख अरविंद केजरीवाल के दौरे के दौरान दिल्ली पुलिस के हेड कॉन्टेबल के साथ कथित मारपीट के मामले में एफआईआर दर्ज की गई है। इसमें ‘आप’ नेता सीध भारद्वाज, जरनैल सिंह, साहिब सिंह और पार्टी कार्यकर्ताओं के खिलाफ मामला दर्ज किया गया है। केजरीवाल तिलक नगर गए थे। इस दौरान, सादे कपड़ों में वीडियोग्राफी की दृष्टी कर रहे एक पुलिसकर्मी को कथित तौर पर ‘आप’ समर्थकों की भीड़ ने घेर लिया और मारपीट की। हेड कॉन्टेबल अशोक कुमार नाम के इस पुलिसकर्मी ने घटना के समय वहां की कार्यवाही की रिकॉर्डिंग की थी। मारपीट के बाद उनकी मेडिकल जांच कराई गई। सरकारी कर्मचारी को सरकारी काम करने से रोकने और सरकारी अधिकारी के साथ मारपीट करने से संबंधित धाराओं के तहत मामला दर्ज किया गया है। इस बीच, केजरीवाल ने सोमवार को तिलक नगर का दौरा किया। इससे एक दिन पहले दिल्ली के मंत्री प्रवेश शर्मा ने इलाके में एक नई बनी सड़क के निरीक्षण के दौरान एक युवक को थपड़ मारा था।

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कहा कि ज्ञानेश कुमार पद पर नहीं रह सकते। हम उन्हें पद पर नहीं रहने देंगे। यह प्रदर्शन एसआईआर प्रक्रिया के खिलाफ व्यापक विपक्षी अभियान और सीईसी के खिलाफ कार्रवाई की

पार्टी मुख्य चुनाव आयुक्त और सरकार के खिलाफ अपना अभियान तेज करेगी, जिसमें सड़कों और संसद में इस मुद्दे को उठाना भी शामिल है। 25 सितंबर को कांग्रेस ने



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ज्ञानेश कुमार के इस्तीफे की मांग करते हुए देशव्यापी विरोध प्रदर्शन का नेतृत्व किया था, जिसमें उन पर चुनावी प्रक्रिया की निष्पक्षता से समझौता करने का आरोप लगाया गया था। नागरिक समाज समूहों और अन्य संगठनों ने भी दिल्ली और कई राज्यों में समानांतर विरोध प्रदर्शन किए। इस बीच, सर्वोच्च न्यायालय ने मुख्य चुनाव आयुक्त के

कामकाज को चुनौती देने और देशव्यापी एसआईआर की वैधता पर सवाल उठाने वाली याचिका पर अगले सप्ताह सुनवाई करने पर सहमति जताई।

विवाद तब और गहरा गया जब एक प्रमुख भारतीय दैनिक ने रिपोर्ट किया कि चुनाव आयुक्त सुखबीर सिंह संधू और विवेक जोशी ने पिछले 10 महीनों में एसआईआर से संबंधित निर्णयों और आदेशों पर कम से कम 14 बार आपत्ति जताई थी। रिपोर्ट के अनुसार, दोनों आयुक्तों ने आरोप लगाया था कि कुछ निर्णय उनकी जानकारी के विपरीत किए गए थे। हालांकि, चुनाव आयोग ने यह स्पष्ट किया है कि एसआईआर पर उसके निर्णय कानून के अनुसार लिए गए थे और आयोग के भीतर मतभेदों को उसने आंतरिक विचार-विमर्श का हिस्सा बताया है।उन्होंने कहा कि सरकार गन्ना किसानों की चिंताओं और भ्रम पर विस्तृत चर्चा करने और उन्हें राहत देने के लिए उचित कदम उठाने के लिए तैयार है।

चलती कार से वर्चुअल सुनवाई में शामिल हुए वकील, दिल्ली हाईकोर्ट ने लगाया 1 लाख रुपए का जुर्माना

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। दिल्ली हाईकोर्ट ने एक वकील पर वर्चुअल सुनवाई के दौरान चलती कार से पेश होने पर एक लाख रुपए का जुर्माना लगाया है। अदालत ने कहा कि वर्चुअल सुनवाई

की सुविधा का मतलब यह नहीं है कि अदालत की गरिमा और अनुशासन से समझौता किया जाए या न्यायिक कार्यवाही में बाधा पहुंचे। अदालत ने अपने आदेश में कहा कि ऑनलाइन सुनवाई की सुविधा केवल पक्षकारों

और वकीलों की सहूलियत के लिए है, लेकिन इसका उपयोग इस तरह नहीं किया जा सकता जिससे अदालत की कार्यवाही की गंभीरता और मर्यादा प्रभावित हो। जस्टिस ओम प्रकाश शुक्ला की सिंगल जज बेंच ने यह

जुर्माना उस वकील पर लगाया जो ‘डिक्री होल्डर’ (फैसले से लाभ पाने वाले पक्ष) की ओर से पेश हुए थे। यह मामला साउथ इंडियन बैंक लिमिटेड और यूनियन बैंक ऑफ इंडिया लिमिटेड द्वारा नेशनल हाईवे

अर्थांरटी ऑफ इंडिया (एनएचआई) के खिलाफ दायर दो जुड़ी हुई ‘एनफोर्समेंट याचिकाओं’ (फैसला लागू कराने की याचिकाओं) से जुड़ा था। शुरुआत में ही बेंच ने देखा कि डिक्री होल्डर्स

की ओर से पेश वकील नचिकेता गोयल कार्यवाही में चलती कार से शामिल हो रहे थे। हाईकोर्ट ने कहा, ‘यह कोर्ट वर्चुअल सुनवाई से मिलने वाली सुविधा की सराहना करता है, लेकिन ऐसी सुविधा कोर्ट

की मर्यादा की कीमत पर नहीं मिल सकती और न ही इससे न्यायिक कार्यवाही के संचालन में कोई बाधा आनी चाहिए।’ हाईकोर्ट ने कहा, ‘जब इस कोर्ट को एक दिन में 70 से ज्यादा मामलों को देखना होता है।

तो सुनवाई के दौरान बैकग्राउंड का शोर और हलचल कोर्ट के कामकाज में बाधा डालती है।’ इस आदेश में ‘इलेक्ट्रॉनिक एविडेंस और वीडियो कॉन्फ्रेंसिंग नियम, 2025’ का भी जिक्र किया गया है।



BRIFF NEWS

Supreme Court allows forensic audit in Fortis case



New Delhi, Agency : The Supreme Court on Tuesday upheld a Delhi HC order directing forensic audit of dissipation of shares of Fortis Healthcare Ltd (FHL) and Fortis Healthcare Holdings Pvt Ltd (FHHPL) through 17 banks and financial institutions allegedly to frustrate execution of a decade-old Rs 5,300 crore foreign decree by Daiichi Sankyo against brothers Malvinder and Shivinder Singh.

Brushing aside a challenge to the forensic audit order of the HC by senior advocate Shyam Divan, appearing on behalf of Yes Bank and Axis Bank, a bench of CJI Surya Kant and Justices Joymalya Bagchi and V Mohana clarified the forensic audit would not be a roving inquiry against the banks or FIIs but will focus on the transaction of shares of FHL and FHHPL.

The bench also chided Daiichi for giving up its plea for forensic audit of the dissipation of shares in the two companies, which was a major window for the banks to argue that HC could not have passed the order for forensic audit when decree holder had given up that plea.

Daiichi counsel Arvind Datar told the court that the foreign decree, upheld by SC, had not been implemented for a decade and the plea giving up forensic audit was made due to frustration over the long lapse of time in executing the decree in India.

Clarify if you trust results of polls which you won: BJP to Cong



New Delhi, Agency: BJP on Tuesday accused Congress of duplicity for selectively targeting the Election Commission over unfavourable electoral results and trying to undermine India's electoral system after failing to win public support within the current democratic framework.

BJP's Smriti Irani said Congress should clarify whether it also distrusted EC results in Kerala, Karnataka, Telangana and Himachal Pradesh, where they are in office, and Jharkhand, where JMM-Congress is in government.

As Congress continued attacking CEC Gyanesh Kumar over the SIR and demanded its suspension, Irani asked why it wanted deceased people and duplicate names retained on poll rolls. She said the EC had rebutted every allegation, but Congress "continues spreading falsehood".

BJP spokesperson Siddharth Yadav accused Congress of a U-turn, saying it had earlier raised concerns about duplicate and deceased voters in Andhra, Rajasthan and Kerala. "Now that those names have been deleted, they are doing politics of convenience for its own political benefits."

NIA arrests 13 in JMB-linked terror conspiracy case after searches across 3 states

New Delhi, Agency : The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Tuesday arrested 13 persons in the wake of searches conducted at 16 locations across Assam, West Bengal and Kerala in the case relating to terror conspiracy by an offshoot of the proscribed terror outfit Jamaat ul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB). While 8 arrests were made from Assam, four were in West Bengal and one in Kerala. Digital devices including mobile phones, pen drives and memory cards were seized



from possession of the arrested accused.

The case originates from the arrest of 11 accused persons by Assam Police on December 28, 2025, from

various districts of Assam, West Bengal and Tripura. The case, initially registered on Dec 30, 2025 against 35 accused, relates to an online radicalisation

module operated through the "Purva Akash" Telegram group by Bangladesh-based handlers of IMK. These 11 accused were chargesheeted on June 25 this year and are currently in judicial custody.

NIA, after taking over the case, filed a chargesheet against these 11 accused persons under various sections of the BNS, 2023, and the UA (P) Act, before the NIA Special Court in Guwahati, Assam.

NIA's investigation has revealed active involvement of the accused in the

conspiracy of Imam Mahmuder Kafila (IMK), a manifestation of JMB, to expand the terror outfit's ideology in West Bengal and the north-eastern states of India. The conspiracy involved promotion of the terrorist organisation's extremist agenda, radicalisation of vulnerable youth, and expansion of the outfit's network in India.

Investigations by the anti-terror agency showed that JMB's senior member Imam Mahmud Habibullah had established IMK to promote the banned outfit's

agenda on Indian soil.

It further revealed that the accused had conspired to scale up the presence of IMK/JMB in India through clandestine meetings, religious indoctrination programmes, circulation of extremist literature, and use of digital platforms for anti-India propaganda. They were promoting allegiance to the leadership of IMK/JMB, NIA said on Tuesday. As many as 10 accused in the case, including 9 Bangladeshis and one Indian, remain absconding.

NCERT text spotlights resistance in medieval India history for Class IX

New Delhi, Agency: NCERT's new Class IX social science textbook puts those who resisted conquest at the centre of medieval India's story, recounting, for instance, Queen Naiki Devi's defeat of Muhammad Ghuri in 1178 near Mount Abu. The account also acknowledges cooperation across faiths, within a wider curricular shift connecting India's traditions with contemporary governance and lessons in taxation, insurance and entrepreneurship.

The new six-chapter Part 2 of "Understanding Society: India and Beyond" covers history, geography, political science and economics. It continues an overhaul of the earlier syllabus in which class IX history



opened with the French Revolution, while economics focused on village production, poverty and food security. It follows the National Curriculum Framework for School Education 2023. Its geography chapters cover "Oceans and Life" and "Life on Earth".

"Resistance and Resilience (1000-1700 CE)" foregrounds

Maharana Pratap's resistance, Lachit Borphukan's victory at Saraighat and Sikh opposition to Mughal persecution. Rani Abbakka Chowta's resistance to the Portuguese extends the account beyond confrontations with Muslim rulers. It examines temple destruction and restoration, alongside the role of trade and Bhakti traditions in sustaining communities.

The emphasis on resistance comes with qualifications. Akbar's later rule is described as relatively inclusive; Sufism receives attention, while Muslim poets Raskhan and Rahim feature among Bhakti contributors. The chapter describes a period of "both conflict and cooperation".

In a first, government admits in SC problem of exorbitant pricing of drugs, promises fix

New Delhi, Agency: With Supreme Court toughening its stand against poor patients being forced to pay exorbitant prices for medicines, govt on Tuesday admitted that there was a problem and assured the court it would make efforts to address it.

A bench of Justices Vikram Nath and Sandeep Mehta said there was no rationale for controlling the price of a few scheduled medicines and allowing the rest to be sold at inflated prices as all medicines are essential. It suggested a uniform rule limiting the MRP to not more than 16% above the price to the retailer (PTR). SG Tushar Mehta told SC that he had discussed the issue with official concerned. Govt was not taking an adversarial



stand on it, he said, seeking time for further consultations to find a solution. "We will have to find a way out. Some way that balances equities... let me sit with officers and then respond," he said.

The court said taxpayers' money was also wasted because of exorbitant medicine prices as corporate hospitals obtain full reimbursement for inflated MRPs when patients undergo treatment under govt-sponsored welfare schemes, with the money being paid from the exchequer.

FCRA bill improvement on existing law, says government

New Delhi, Agency:

The vesting of assets is the single-most contentious provision in the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Amendment Bill but the law ministry on Tuesday said the proposal was, in fact, an improvement upon the existing law as its structured framework enhanced legal certainty, administrative efficiency and accountability in managing foreign-funded assets.

The current law provides for vesting of assets but does not specify the nature, duration and finality of such vesting, the ministry told a joint committee of Parliament, which is



examining the bill, adding that it led to an open-ended custodial arrangement and administrative difficulties in managing assets, sources said.

The ministry was represented by legislative secretary Rajiv Mani at the meeting where State Bank of India, the only bank designated to receive foreign contributions at its New Delhi main branch, supported the bill's objectives but made a host of suggestions,

flagged concerns and sought more clarity, including on how to handle an organisation's accounts and deposits when its permission to receive foreign donations ends.

MPs from opposition parties and BJP clashed over provisions of the bill with two DMK MPs, A Raja and P Wilson, dubbing the bill violative of Article 300(A), which says no one will be deprived of their property save by the authority of law. They argued that the Supreme Court has in its rulings explained the ground on which the govt can seize properties and the FCRA bill was violative

of this. BJP MP Nishikant Dubey said laws overseeing trusts and societies had similar provisions for seizure of assets.

Turning to alleged misuse of foreign money for conversion, he said this allowed a person converted to a minority religion to enjoy twin quota benefits in some cases, which violated the right to equality. A team of senior SBI officials led by its chairperson C S Setty said while the bill provided for govt control of foreign contributions and assets in such cases, it left the detailed banking procedure to be prescribed in rules, sources said.

Karnataka challenges high court order for SIT probe into KPSC job 'scams'

New Delhi, Agency: At a time when Congress is backing students' agitation seeking transparency in public examinations and accountability from the authorities, the Karnataka government has moved the Supreme Court, challenging the HC's Sept 21 decision to order an SIT probe into two tainted recruitment tests conducted by the Karnataka Public Service Commission (KPSC).

HC had constituted an SIT to probe the recruitment of 50 industrial extension officers, which saw the daughter of the KPSC chairman being selected in the results declared on June 10. This led to the governor suspending the KPSC chairman. In the recruitment of 400 veterinary officers, final selection results for which were declared on July 13, it was alleged that bribes of up to Rs 80 lakh were demanded by middlemen to provide candidates with answers, along with a promise to tamper with OMR sheets to ensure selection.

Appearing for the DK Shivakumar government, senior advocate Sidharth Luthra told a bench of CJI Surya Kant and



Justices Joymalya Bagchi and V Mohana that a "de novo" probe by the SIT may invalidate critical evidence - seized original OMR sheets, recovered digital devices, money in frozen bank accounts and arrest of conspirators - already collected by the state CID.

Seeking a stay on the HC order and continuance of investigations by CID, the state said the HC directive "will jeopardise ongoing custody and bail proceedings. The CID has already arrested key figures, including Gyanendra Kumar, IAS (former KPSC controller of examinations), and Basavaraj Kannale (a key middleman who was detained at Delhi airport while attempting to flee the country)". The state also questioned the high court for directly selecting police officers for the SIT without consulting them.

'If appeased, Nitish wouldn't have defected', says Digvijay Singh

New Delhi, Agency : Congress veteran Digvijaya Singh Tuesday told CWC that the political landscape would have been different if Nitish Kumar had been accommodated in 2023, referring to the JDU chief's then aspiration of becoming the convener of opposition INDIA bloc for Lok Sabha polls.



Intending to stress that Congress should try to spread the

opposition umbrella as BJP and RSS are on a weak footing, his argument was that if appeased, Kumar would not have defected to the BJP camp.

As the remark triggered murmurs, members led by Kharge rebutted the claim saying Kumar was never interested.

Budgam encounter: Army kills LeT terrorist in fierce gunfight in Yousmarg;

New Delhi, Agency :

The Army on Tuesday killed a Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) terrorist during an encounter in the higher reaches of central Kashmir's Budgam district, security officials said. The encounter took place in the Korag area of Yousmarg after security forces launched a joint search operation based on specific intelligence inputs.

The operation was conducted by the Army, Jammu and Kashmir Police and CRPF Srinagar. The forces were



searching the general area of Korag when troops noticed suspicious activity. The troops challenged the suspected terrorists. The terrorists responded by opening fire. Security forces then retaliated, leading to a fierce exchange of gunfire.

One terrorist was

killed in the exchange. The Army identified him as a member of the banned Lashkar-e-Taiba.

Operation still under way: The security forces continued their operation in the area after the terrorist was neutralised. Searches were being conducted in the surrounding areas to check for any other terrorists.

In a post on X, the Army's Chinar Corps said, "Based on specific intelligence input, a joint search operation was

launched by the Army, J&K Police and CRPF Srinagar in the general area of Korag, Yousmarg.

"Vigilant troops observed suspicious activity, and upon being challenged, terrorists opened fire, prompting a fierce exchange of gunfire in which one terrorist was neutralised. Operation is in progress." Based on specific intelligence input, a Joint Search Operation was launched by #IndianArmy, @JmuKmrPolice and @crpf_srinagar in general area Korag, Yousmarg.

Every Drop Counts: Why Voluntary Blood Donation Remains a Lifeline for India

National Voluntary Blood Donation Day, observed on October 1, serves as a reminder that one of the simplest acts of community service can become a lifeline for another person.

Blood is among the most essential resources in modern healthcare, yet it cannot be manufactured in a laboratory or produced by machines.

Hospitals depend on people willing to donate it. Every day, blood and its components are needed for accident victims, patients undergoing major surgeries, women facing complications during childbirth, children with severe anaemia and people living with blood disorders that require repeated transfusions. Behind every unit of blood is therefore a human decision to help someone who may never even be known to the donor.

National Voluntary Blood Donation Day provides an opportunity to look beyond the idea of donation as an emergency response and recognise it as a continuing responsibility within society. A stable blood supply cannot be built only when a crisis occurs. It requires regular, voluntary and unpaid donors who come forward throughout the year.

From emergency need to regular community service



Blood requirements are unpredictable. A hospital may suddenly receive several accident victims, while at the same time patients already undergoing treatment may require transfusions. Surgical procedures, cancer treatment, organ transplantation and other medical interventions can also create substantial demand.

This makes regular voluntary donation particularly important. When people donate only after a relative or friend needs blood, hospitals can face difficulties maintaining adequate supplies of every blood group. A culture of voluntary donation, on the other hand, creates a wider community pool that can support patients when emergencies arise.

The significance becomes even greater for people who require repeated transfusions. Patients with conditions such as

thalassaemia may depend on regular blood transfusions for years. For them, blood donation is not simply an occasional emergency service; it is part of the support system that allows them to continue treatment and lead their lives.

One donation, different forms of help

The value of donated blood does not end with the collection of a single unit. Modern blood banking allows donated blood to be separated into different components, such as red blood cells, plasma and platelets. Depending on medical requirements, these components can help different patients.

Red blood cells are commonly required for people who have lost significant amounts of blood or have certain forms of anaemia.

Platelets are particularly important for

some patients undergoing intensive medical treatment, while plasma has several clinical uses.

This component-based approach means that a single donation can potentially contribute to the treatment of more than one patient. It also demonstrates why maintaining organised blood collection, testing, storage and distribution systems is essential.

The myths that keep potential donors away

Despite widespread awareness campaigns, misconceptions continue to discourage some healthy people from donating blood.

Some fear that donation will permanently weaken the body. Others worry about excessive blood loss, pain or the possibility of becoming dependent on supplements.

For eligible donors, however, blood donation is a regulated medical procedure carried out with screening and safety protocols.

Before donation, basic health information is assessed to determine whether the person is suitable to donate. The procedure itself is supervised by trained healthcare personnel. Another common misconception is that only people with rare blood groups are valuable donors. In reality, hospitals need all commonly occurring blood groups as well.



Beyond the Spinning Wheel How Non-Violence Remains Relevant Today

As India prepares to observe Gandhi Jayanti on October 2, the idea of non-violence invites a wider reflection on how societies deal with disagreement, conflict and social change.

Every year, October 2 brings renewed attention to Mahatma Gandhi and his role in India's freedom movement. Gandhi's birth anniversary is also observed as the International Day of Non-Violence, placing one of the central ideas associated with his public life in a wider global context.

Non-violence, however, is often understood too narrowly as simply avoiding physical violence. Gandhi's approach connected it with truth, self-discipline, persuasion, public participation and resistance to injustice without deliberately inflicting physical harm.

More than seven decades after India's independence, the idea continues to appear in discussions about social movements, community relations, civic responsibility and conflict resolution.

Non-violence as a method of resistance

Gandhi's political campaigns in India used non-violent action as a method of challenging colonial authority. Movements such as the Non-Cooperation Movement, the Salt March and the Quit India Movement became

major chapters in the country's freedom struggle.

The underlying principle was that political resistance did not necessarily require armed confrontation. Through boycotts, marches, civil disobedience and other forms of collective action, people could challenge established authority while attempting to avoid physical violence.

This approach required discipline. A mass movement could quickly become difficult to control, particularly when participants faced repression or provocation. Gandhi repeatedly emphasised the importance of self-restraint among participants.

Whether one agrees with every aspect of Gandhi's philosophy or not, the historical experience demonstrated that organised public participation could become a powerful instrument of political action without being based on armed struggle.

From freedom movement to public life

The meaning of non-violence does not end with political movements.

In everyday life, disagreements occur within families, workplaces, neighbourhoods and institutions. People can disagree over money, property, personal decisions, political views or social issues.

From Indian Farms to Global Cups

The Changing Story of Indian Coffee



India's coffee story is no longer limited to plantations in the hills of the south. From traditional filter coffee to specialty cafés and premium beans, the country's coffee culture is changing while growers face a new set of challenges.

For generations, coffee has been closely associated with the green hills of southern India. The plantations of Karnataka, Kerala and Tamil Nadu have supplied beans to domestic consumers as well as international markets, creating livelihoods for thousands of farming families and workers.

But India's relationship with coffee is changing. A drink once strongly associated with traditional South Indian households has increasingly become part of an expanding café culture. Young consumers are experimenting with different brewing methods, origins and flavours, while Indian coffee producers are receiving greater attention for specialty and premium varieties.

Behind this changing cup, however, lies a complex agricultural story involving farmers, weather, labour, prices, processing and global demand.

A crop shaped by geography

Coffee requires particular climatic conditions, and India's major growing regions benefit from the combination of altitude, rainfall and shaded plantation environments.

Karnataka remains the country's largest coffee-producing state, while Kerala and Tamil Nadu are also important producers. Coffee is also cultivated in smaller quantities in other parts of the country.

Two principal varieties dominate Indian cultivation: Arabica and Robusta. Arabica is generally associated with a more delicate flavour profile, while Robusta is known for its stronger character and is widely used in blends and

instant coffee.

The conditions under which coffee is grown influence the characteristics of the final bean. Soil, altitude, rainfall, shade, processing methods and harvesting practices can all affect quality.

This is one reason why specialty coffee has created new opportunities for producers who can distinguish their beans through origin, cultivation and processing.

From plantation to cup

The journey from a coffee plantation to a morning cup involves considerably more work than the final beverage suggests.

Coffee cherries must be harvested, processed and dried before the beans can be graded, roasted and packaged. Depending on the method used, processing can influence the flavour and quality of the coffee.

For farmers, however, producing good-quality beans is only one part of the challenge.

They must also manage labour costs, weather risks, pests, plant diseases and market fluctuations.

Small growers can be particularly vulnerable to changes in prices because their production scale may be limited. A poor harvest or unexpected weather event can affect household income significantly.

This makes productivity, quality improvement and access to markets important issues for the future of Indian coffee farming.

Climate change and plantation challenges

Coffee cultivation depends heavily on weather, making climate variability a major concern for growers.

Changes in rainfall patterns, temperature fluctuations and extreme weather events can influence flowering, fruit development and harvesting.

India's Ageing Society: Who Will Care for the Elderly?

As families and communities change, India's growing elderly population is bringing new questions about healthcare, financial security, companionship and dignity in later life.

India is often described as a young country, but another demographic transformation is quietly taking place alongside its large working-age and youth population. The number of older people is increasing, and this change is beginning to influence families, healthcare systems, housing, employment, transport and social relationships.

The International Day of Older Persons, observed on October 1, provides an opportunity to look at ageing not simply as a personal or family matter, but as an important social issue. Growing older is a natural part of life, yet the experience of ageing can vary greatly depending on health, income, family support and the environment in which a person lives.



For many older Indians, the traditional family remains an important source of emotional and practical support. But migration for education and employment, smaller households and changing lifestyles are gradually altering the way families live together.

When the joint family changes

For generations, many Indian families depended on multigenerational households in which grandparents, parents and children lived together. Such arrangements often allowed older family members to remain closely connected to their chil-

dren and grandchildren while also contributing to household life.

Urbanisation and migration have changed this pattern for many families. Children may move from smaller towns to metropolitan cities or abroad for employment. Couples may establish households away from their parents.

In such circumstances, older parents can find themselves living alone or depending on periodic visits and telephone conversations.

Living independently is not necessarily a negative experience. Many older people lead active

and fulfilling lives, pursue hobbies, travel, volunteer and remain involved in their communities.

The challenge arises when independence is accompanied by isolation, poor health or a lack of reliable support.

This makes the question of elderly care increasingly important.

Healthcare becomes a long-term concern

Ageing often brings greater healthcare requirements. Regular medical check-ups, medicines, mobility assistance, vision and hearing care and treatment for chronic conditions can become part of everyday life.

When Everyday Life Goes Digital: The Technology Challenge for Senior Citizens

As smartphones, digital payments and online services become part of everyday life, India's older citizens are having to navigate a rapidly changing technological environment.

A bank visit that once required a short walk to a branch can now begin with a smartphone. A doctor's appointment can be booked through an application, utility bills can be paid online and government services can increasingly be accessed through digital platforms.

For younger users, these changes may appear routine. For



many senior citizens, however, the shift can require learning unfamiliar technology at a later stage of life.

This does not mean older people are opposed to technology. Many senior citizens use smartphones to speak with family members, watch

videos, read news, make payments and participate in social groups. The challenge often arises when essential services become difficult to access without digital skills.

The problem of changing interfaces

Technology changes quickly. Applications receive frequent updates, buttons move, security procedures change and new verification systems are introduced.

Someone who has learned one digital process may suddenly find that the same process looks different after an update.