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Raja Krishnamoorthi honours pilot Smit Machchhar for saving 172 on Flydubai

Washington. (Agency)
US Congressman

Raja Krishnamoorthi on Friday honoured Indian pilot Smit Machchhar for what he described as extraordinary bravery aboard Flydubai Flight 1073, saying the captain's actions helped save 172 passengers and crew members. Machchhar was seriously injured after being attacked in the cockpit by his co-pilot while the flight was travelling from Dubai to Tel Aviv on September 30. Krishnamoorthi, a Democratic Congressman from Illinois, submitted a statement to the US Congressional Record on the incident. He said there were four US citizens and 27 children among those on board, and said the flight was eventually landed safely in Tabuk, Saudi Arabia, after two reserve Flydubai pilots travelling on the aircraft took control.

In his statement, Krishnamoorthi said, "After being attacked by the flight's first officer, who attempted to seize control of the aircraft, Captain Machchhar's actions helped save the lives of 172 passengers and his fellow crew members." He also described Machchhar as "a husband, father, and pilot with 17 years of flying experience, including 11 as a captain". Krishnamoorthi said that when the first officer attacked Machchhar, the aircraft plunged about 16,000 feet in around 30 seconds. "Despite grave injuries, Captain Machchhar fought his way to the cockpit door and opened it, allowing passengers and crew members to enter and overpower his attacker. Two reserve Flydubai pilots travelling aboard the aircraft then took control and landed it safely in Tabuk, Saudi Arabia," he said. He said Machchhar understood that the lives of everyone on board depended on what he did next. "Despite his injuries, his years of experience told him that the aircraft was going down, and he found the strength to reach that door. His presence of mind, determination, and courage gave the passengers and crew the chance they needed to stop the attack and avert a catastrophe," Krishnamoorthi said.

Jayapal slams Trump move suspending Microsoft green card route

Washington. (Agency)

Democratic lawmaker Pramila Jayapal has criticised the Trump administration's decision to suspend the green card pathway for Microsoft and seven other IT firms, saying the move amounts to taking "a hammer to legal immigration". The administration has argued that the programme has kept Americans out of the job market. The decision triggered a political exchange, with Jayapal defending Microsoft and the Permanent Labor Certification Program, or PERM, as part of the legal immigration system, and Vice President JD Vance accusing major technology companies and outsourcing firms of seeking a steady supply of cheap labour at the cost of American workers. On Thursday, the Trump administration suspended eight IT firms, including Microsoft, Tata, Infosys and Wipro, from the programme used to apply for green cards for foreign workers. Vance announced the suspension, alleging that major technology firms and outsourcing companies had abused the visa system at the expense of American workers. Jayapal, a progressive Democrat from Washington state, where Microsoft is headquartered in Redmond, said the company had been a leader in advocating comprehensive immigration reform. She said the Trump administration had been "consistently working to take away legal pathways for immigrants to contribute their talents to our country, and this is yet another of those attacks". "You don't fix a broken immigration system by taking a hammer to legal immigration," Jayapal said. She added that Microsoft had pushed for reforms that modernise "an antiquated immigration system" and create more, not fewer, legal pathways for immigrants from around the world to work in the United States and live with their families. She said the PERM programme is the first step towards an employment-based green card for many workers who want to contribute to the country, and that it sets out a clear process to ensure it benefits the economy and does not harm American jobs.

India mocks Pak's Shehbaz Sharif regime as 'Form 47 govt'. What does it mean?

Pakistan: The term 'Form 47 government' has been frequently used by Imran Khan's party to accuse the Shehbaz Sharif regime of manipulating the 2024 Pakistan election results. India used it to take a swipe at Pakistan at the UNGA.



World . (Agency)

India launched a sharp attack on Pakistan at the United Nations, calling the Shehbaz Sharif regime a "Form 47 government" and accusing Islamabad of creating "Frankensteins" that it has now lost control of. The term

'Form 47 government' has been frequently used by Imran Khan's party to question the legitimacy of the Sharif-led coalition, which came to power in 2024. "Nothing more can be expected from a Form 47 government," India's first secretary Raghoo

Puri said at a UNGA session, accusing Pakistan of putting its energy into "narrative building" and spreading misinformation instead of fighting terrorism. "If

efforts had been made in countering terrorism, the world would have been a better place," Puri said.

WHAT INDIA SAID ON PAKISTAN AT UNGA?

Showing the mirror to Pakistan on terrorism, the Indian diplomat said Islamabad was now facing a damning reality. Puri underlined that the terror networks Pakistan once nurtured had now come back to haunt it. "Pakistan casts itself as a frontline state and a victim, masking the fact that the Frankensteins it created and lost control over have moved from wreaking havoc in neighbouring countries to doing the same at home," he said. Puri said the "dark secret" was acknowledged by Pakistan's own leaders. The Indian diplomat likely hinted at startling remarks made by Punjab chief minister Maryam Nawaz last month in Lahore.

Maryam, the daughter of former PM Nawaz Sharif, said her province faced a bigger threat from neighbouring Pakistani provinces than from neighbouring countries. "You can't run with the hares and hunt with the hounds," the Indian diplomat said. However, what grabbed attention was Puri's reference to the Sharif regime as a 'Form 47 government'. What is Form 47, and why is the current regime called a 'Form 47 government'?

10 dead, 16 injured as prison riot rocks Mexico for second time in a week

A prison riot in Sinaloa left nine inmates and a visitor dead, with 16 prisoners injured. The violence came as another prison in Ciudad Victoria saw a deadly shootout that renewed scrutiny of chronic jail failures.

World . (Agency)

A prison riot in Mexico's violence-plagued state of Sinaloa left nine prisoners and one visitor dead on Thursday, the state's security office said. The incident also injured 16 inmates, while authorities brought the prison under control. Prosecutors will investigate the cause of the violence, the security office said in a statement.

The incident comes amid a history of deadly prison violence in Mexico. In a separate incident at a prison in Ciudad Victoria, the capital of the border state of Tamaulipas, continuous automatic gunfire erupted late Tuesday and continued into Wednesday morning. Authorities reported that they had regained control of the facility by late morning. The state security spokesman's office said three police officers and four inmates died in the shootouts, while six police officers and seven prisoners sus-



tained injuries. Inmates at the state prison had somehow obtained firearms and began fighting authorities. Mexico's National Human Rights Commission said on Wednesday

including overcrowding, inadequate supervision, insufficient personnel, poor health services and conditions in which inmates exercised self-government.

The Ciudad Victoria prison has repeatedly witnessed shootings, the smuggling of firearms, riots and escapes. The city has long been dominated by the Zetas drug cartel, known for its extreme violence.

In March, a fight between prisoners at the same facility left three inmates dead. That clash followed a riot and a mass escape through a tunnel that inmates had built in a prison yard. Authorities have since recaptured most of the escapees. Inmates have frequently had access to firearms inside the prison. During the March escape, at least one prisoner carried a gun and used it to kill a passing motorist during a car-jacking. Police later recovered two assault rifles buried in a planter inside the prison.

Kashmiri filmmaker freed after 2 weeks in ICE custody, had sought asylum in US

World . (Agency)

Award-winning Kashmiri filmmaker Arfat Sheikh was released from US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detention on bond on Thursday after being detained on September 24, according to a statement by a campaign of his friends and relatives to free him. Sheikh, whose work has explored conflict in his native Jammu and Kashmir, was detained by ICE, part of the Department of Homeland Security, while coming off a plane from California at the Washington Dulles International Airport, the campaign said.

It said Sheikh's bond was granted on Tuesday and he was released on Thursday, adding that the deporta-



tion case against him continues. The campaign said Sheikh, who lived in Alexandria, Virginia, entered the US in 2019 on a student visa to pursue

graduate studies in film at Georgia State University and filed for asylum in 2020. The campaign said he had a pending immigration application and was authorised to work and live in the US. DHS said on Wednesday Sheikh was arrested on September 24. It said Sheikh "legally entered the US on a temporary basis and illegally overstayed his lawful admittance." A pending application does not confer legal status in the US, DHS said, adding he will receive due process. President Donald Trump's administration said in August it was working "to identify and revoke the non-immigrant visas of foreigners who have come to the US claiming to be short-term visitors, but then file for

Kashmiri filmmaker Arfat

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2020.

asylum to stay here permanently." Trump has pursued an immigration crackdown and deportation drive that he says aims to improve domestic security. Rights advocates say

the crackdown has violated due process and free speech rights and created an unsafe environment, particularly for ethnic minorities, who have raised concerns about racial profiling. Sheikh's first feature film, 2024's "Saffron Kingdom," won Best Feature Film at the Chicago Film Festival, the LA Film and Documentary Awards, the Melbourne Independent Film Festival and the Wake Forest Film Festival. Sheikh, who hails from Jammu and Kashmir, won the Emerging Filmmaker Activist Award at the Teaneck International Film Festival. The film explored conflict in Kashmir through the journey of a family from Srinagar in the 1990s to Atlanta in 2019.

JD Vance calls H-1B visa hires indentured servants, accuses IT giants of abuse

After the Trump administration suspended Microsoft and several other IT firms from a key green card programme, US Vice President JD Vance accused these companies of abusing the H-1B visa system, terming foreign workers brought in by them "indentured servants".

World . (Agency)

US Vice President JD Vance has accused Microsoft of exploiting the H-1B visa programme to replace American workers with lower-paid foreign employees, using the phrase "indentured servants" to describe skilled workers brought into the country by outsourcing firms. The Trump administration has suspended Microsoft from a programme that allows employers to sponsor foreign workers for US permanent residency, amid allegations of fraud. "If you are working as an H-1B visa in the United States of America, you're earning \$20,000 less than an American citizen hired in the same position. If you were

brought in by one of these foreign outsourcing firms, you're making \$48,000 less than an American citizen in a similar position," Vance said. He alleged that companies were using the system to cut labour costs while laying off American employees. "You bring in indentured servants from outside the country, you lay off American workers and, if you're a corporation, you make a ton of money by undercutting the wages of American workers, replacing them with people who frankly shouldn't be in

the United States of America to begin with," the Vice President said.

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Vance singled out Microsoft, alleging that the technology giant had abused the H-1B system more than any other company in the US. He

pointed to the company's workforce reductions in 2025, saying Microsoft laid off 6,000 American workers after certifying that it could



not find qualified US employees for the positions. At the same time, according to Vance, Microsoft approved for more than 6,000 H-1B

visas and filed 3,682 applications for permanent labour certification, known as PERM. Nearly 1,000 of those applications were reportedly for positions matching jobs held by American workers who had been laid off. The allegations have placed fresh scrutiny on the employment practices of major technology companies that rely on foreign talent. Vance argued that the programme, originally intended to help employers recruit highly skilled workers for jobs that could not be filled by Americans, had

become vulnerable to fraud and misuse.

MORE TECH FIRMS

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US Labour Secretary Keith Sonderling said Microsoft was not the only major technology company facing action. He announced the suspension of several other companies from the programme, including Cognizant, Infosys, Tata, Wipro, HCO, Capgemini and Adobe. Sonderling also announced investigations into nine universities, including Harvard,

Asim Munir Proposes Dividing Pakistan into 12–15 Smaller Provinces

News Desk: Pakistan is witnessing a fresh debate over the restructuring of its provincial boundaries, with reports suggesting that Army Chief Field Marshal Asim Munir favours dividing the country's four existing provinces into smaller administrative units.

According to media reports, the proposal could lead to the creation of 12 to 15 provinces. Another option reportedly under discussion involves reorganising the country into around 160 smaller administrative territories. However, no official confirmation has established that Munir has formally submitted or secured approval for such a plan.

Pakistan currently has four provinces—Punjab, Sindh, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Balochistan. Any major restructuring could significantly affect

governance, political representation, resource distribution and the balance of power between the federal government and provincial administrations.

Governance Reform or Political Realignment?

Supporters of smaller provinces argue that decentralisation could improve administration, bring government services closer to citizens and address regional disparities. Smaller administrative units, they contend, could make governance more responsive to local needs and help neglected areas secure greater development attention. Proposals for restructuring have included dividing Punjab into three provinces and Balochistan into two, while splitting Khyber Pakhtunkhwa into Pakhtun and Hazara regions. Some suggestions have also

involved placing Karachi and Gwadar under federal administrative control. These remain proposals under discussion rather than adopted government policy.

Punjab and Sindh at the Centre of the Debate

Punjab and Sindh are particularly significant because of their political influence. Punjab has traditionally been a major stronghold of the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N), while the Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) has a longstanding political base in Sindh. Critics fear that dividing these provinces could weaken established regional power centres and strengthen the federal government and military establishment. However, these concerns reflect possible political consequences and do not independently establish the



motives behind the reported proposal.

Sindh Assembly Rejects Division

Opposition to the proposed restructuring has emerged from provincial political institutions. On September 3, 2026, the Sindh Assembly unanimously adopted a resolution rejecting proposals to divide Sindh, alter its territorial boundaries or place any part of the province

under a separate federal administrative arrangement.

The resolution emphasised Sindh's historical identity and constitutional rights, maintaining that any changes to Pakistan's federal structure must respect democratic consent and the wishes of the people concerned.

Opposition has also come from other political quarters. Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI)

chairman Barrister Gohar Ali Khan has warned that a hurried decision on creating new provinces could weaken the federation. He has called for political consensus and consultations involving elected representatives before any restructuring is undertaken.

Constitutional Hurdles Ahead

Creating new provinces would require more than an administrative order. Under Article 239(4) of Pakistan's Constitution, a constitutional amendment altering a province's boundaries must receive the support of at least two-thirds of the total membership of the affected provincial assembly. Constitutional amendments also require a two-thirds majority in each house of Parliament. The proposed changes could raise complex questions

concerning natural resources, provincial revenues, water allocation, public services, government employment and political representation. Establishing new provincial administrations would also involve substantial expenditure at a time when Pakistan faces economic challenges.

A Test for Pakistan's Federal Structure

The debate highlights two competing arguments. Advocates of smaller provinces believe decentralisation could improve governance and address regional inequalities. Opponents, however, fear that redrawing boundaries without broad political agreement could intensify regional tensions and undermine provincial autonomy. The proposal has also renewed discussion about the military's role in Pakistan's political system.

Any restructuring perceived as concentrating authority at the centre could encounter resistance from provincial governments and regional political parties. For now, the reported plan remains a subject of political debate rather than an implemented policy. Whether Pakistan moves towards 12–15 provinces, smaller administrative territories or stronger local governance will depend on political negotiations, constitutional requirements and the acceptance of the affected regions.

The central question is whether creating smaller administrative units would improve accountability and public services while preserving Pakistan's federal balance—or trigger another round of political disputes over power, identity and provincial rights.

BSL Trio Bag Five Medals, Qualify for National Championship



Bokaro: Three employees of Bokaro Steel Plant (BSL) clinched five medals at the Jharkhand State Classic Bench Press and Deadlift Championship, earning qualification for the national-level competition.

Hittam Kumar Hansda, Assistant General Manager, SMS-New Department, won gold in deadlift and silver in bench press in the 93-kg Masters category.

Shilpa Toppo, Assistant General Manager, Instrumentation & Automation Department, secured bronze in bench press in the 69-kg category, making an impressive comeback despite health challenges.

Mannan Ali, Engineering Associate, Blast Furnace Department, bagged gold in bench press and bronze in deadlift in the 83-kg Open category.

The trio's impressive performance showcased their strength, discipline and determination. Toppo credited her husband, Samuel Nath, chief coach Debi Prasad Chatterjee, and nutritionist and conditioning coach Nitin Kumar for their support.

BSL management congratulated the medal winners and wished them success at the national championship, reaffirming its commitment to promoting employees' sporting talent alongside industrial excellence.

Sarva Pitru Amavasya Today: Pitru Paksha Ends with Ancestral Rituals

by Sunil Bajpai

Kanpur: Pitru Paksha, the 16-day period dedicated to remembering ancestors, concludes on October 10 with Sarva Pitru Amavasya, also known as Mahalaya Amavasya. According to Hindu beliefs, devotees perform Shraddha, Tarpan and Pind Daan on this day to pray for the peace of departed souls and seek their ancestors' blessings.

The day is particularly significant for families who do not know the exact death anniversary of their ancestors or could not perform Shraddha on the designated day. Traditional practices also include donating food and other essentials to the needy.

Sarva Pitru Amavasya marks the end of Pitru Paksha, followed by the beginning of the festive season. Shardiya Navratri is scheduled to commence on October 11 with prayers dedicated to Goddess Durga.

Nobel Peace Prize 2026: Indian-Origin Navi Pillay Wins Top Honour

Oslo: South African jurist of Indian Tamil origin Navanethem "Navi" Pillay has been awarded the 2026 Nobel Peace Prize in recognition of her contribution to human rights, international law and justice.

Born in Durban, South Africa, in 1941, Pillay grew up during the apartheid era and went on to become a prominent advocate of equality and human rights. She established her own law firm in 1967 and defended activists challenging racial discrimination.

Pillay became the first non-white woman to serve on South Africa's High Court in 1995. She subsequently served as a judge and president of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, a judge of the International Criminal Court and the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights from 2008 to 2014. Her judicial work contributed to landmark developments in international criminal law, particularly the recognition of sexual violence as a possible crime against humanity and, under specific circumstances, an act of genocide. Her work



helped strengthen legal recognition of crimes committed during armed conflicts and the need to protect victims. During her tenure as UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, Pillay advocated stronger international cooperation to address discrimination, human rights violations and abuses against vulnerable communities. She emphasised the responsibility of governments to uphold fundamental freedoms and comply with international human rights obligations. Pillay also remained involved

in international investigations and legal proceedings concerning allegations of serious violations. Her work on sensitive global issues brought renewed attention to the challenges of ensuring accountability, particularly when allegations involve powerful governments and politically contentious conflicts.

Her career has focused on strengthening international legal institutions, protecting vulnerable communities and ensuring accountability for serious human rights violations. Her recognition

highlights the importance of the rule of law amid ongoing global conflicts and growing challenges to international justice.

Pillay's achievement carries significance for the Indian diaspora, reflecting her journey from apartheid-era South Africa to the forefront of international human rights advocacy. Her career underscores how legal institutions and sustained efforts to defend human dignity can contribute to the pursuit of justice and lasting peace.

DVC Chandrapura Boosts TB Fight, Installs TrueNat Testing Machine



ducted the session under the supervision of District Tuberculosis Officer Dr Florencia Horo. Around 50 doctors, paramedics and Community Health

Officers participated. Earlier, a TrueNat machine was inaugurated at the CTPS DOT Centre by Anubhavi, Dr Pijush Kant Ghosh, Deputy Chief

Medical Officer, and Dr Anupama T to facilitate faster TB diagnosis. Food packets were also distributed among TB patients.

Dr A.K. Jha, Dr Rakesh Bharti, Hemant Kumar Jha, Nitin Kumar Singh, Dr Anjali Tigga and Dr Singrai Hembram were among those present. The initiatives aim to strengthen TB testing, promote early detection and accelerate efforts towards tuberculosis elimination.

Shorties

'Use AI to Humanise Solutions, Challenge Your Limits': Goel



Dhanbad: Artificial intelligence should drive innovation and solve real-world problems, not replace human intelligence, empathy and creativity, said 2008-batch Tripura cadre IAS officer Sonali Goel while addressing students at IIT (ISM) Dhanbad during Concetto'26 on Friday.

Delivering a guest lecture, "Ideas that Inspire, Insights that Empower", at Penman Auditorium, Goel urged students to discover their strengths, define their purpose and use technology for societal benefit. Drawing on her administrative experience, she highlighted how collaboration can improve access to schools, healthcare and Anganwadi services in remote tribal areas.

She encouraged students to follow the five Cs—courage, conviction, consistency, compassion and collaboration—and stressed self-evaluation, gender equality and responsible social media use.

Sharing lessons from her mountaineering experiences, including climbing Mount Kilimanjaro and trekking to Everest Base Camp, Goel urged students to step beyond their comfort zones and challenge their limitations. She also emphasised physical fitness, mental well-being and effective management of academic stress.

The lecture concluded with an interactive session on technology, leadership, personal growth and public service. The programme was part of Concetto'26, IIT (ISM) Dhanbad's annual techno-management festival, being held during the institute's centenary year.

UGC NET December 2026 Registration Opens; Apply by October 28

New Delhi: The National Testing Agency (NTA) has opened online registration for the UGC NET December 2026 session, inviting eligible candidates to apply for Junior Research Fellowship (JRF), Assistant Professorship and PhD admission.

Candidates can submit their applications through the official website, ugcnet.nta.nic.in. The application window closes on October 28, and aspirants are advised to apply well before the deadline.

The examination is scheduled to be conducted from December 14 to 19. Candidates can check the official information bulletin for eligibility criteria, application guidelines and subject-wise examination schedules.

BJP Scores Massive By-election Win in Nandigram, Defeats Congress by 1.22 Lakh Votes

Kolkata: The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) registered a sweeping victory in the Nandigram Assembly by-election in West Bengal on Friday, with party candidate Hasi Rani Rath defeating her nearest rival, Congress nominee Milan Pradhan, by a massive margin of 1,22,753 votes. The result marked a significant electoral outcome in one of Bengal's most politically sensitive constituencies.

According to the reported final results, Rath secured 1,64,427 votes, while Pradhan received 41,674 votes. Communist Party of India (CPI) candidate Santi Gopal Giri finished third with 5,779 votes. The BJP's margin made the contest one of the most closely watched political developments in the state's by-election results.

The Nandigram seat fell va-



cant after Suwendu Adhikari, who won from both Nandigram and Bhabanipur in the Assembly elections, retained Bhabanipur. The by-election therefore attracted considerable attention, given Nandigram's association with Adhikari and its history as a major centre of political mobilisation in West Bengal. The result also assumes significance ahead of future electoral contests in the state. Nandigram has remained a focal point of the rivalry between the BJP and the Trinamool Congress

(TMC), particularly since the 2021 Assembly election, when Adhikari defeated then Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee in the constituency. Reacting to the victory, Adhikari congratulated Rath and described the result as a historic mandate. He credited the party's organisational efforts and attributed the outcome to public support for the BJP's leadership and development agenda. These were the BJP's political interpretations of the verdict; the result itself does not establish that every voter

supported the party for the same reason.

The outcome also drew criticism from the opposition. CPI(M) state secretary Mohammed Salim alleged irregularities in the by-election and questioned the circumstances surrounding the BJP's victory. Such allegations and the party's response remain matters of political dispute and should be distinguished from the officially declared result. The BJP also won the Rejinagar Assembly by-election in Murshidabad district, extending its success across both constituencies contested in the state. Together, the results provided the party with an additional opportunity to consolidate its position in the West Bengal Assembly and intensified political debate over the state's changing electoral landscape.

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Good news on dues, says CM Shivakumar after GST meet

New Delhi. (Agency) Karnataka Chief Minister DK Shivakumar said on Thursday that Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has given him some “good news” on the state’s long-pending dues. He, however, declined to share details of the “good news”.Addressing the media after the GST Council meeting in New Delhi on Thursday, the CM said that he had raised Karnataka’s pending arrears with the Finance Minister.Pressed for specifics, Shivakumar said, “I will not say anything more about it now. I will speak later.” He described the meeting as having gone “very well” and said members had accepted the points raised by Karnataka.The Council also discussed whether criminal cases should be registered and arrests made against those who fail to pay GST. Shivakumar argued that the process should follow the

rules and provisions applicable under the income tax law, and that officials should not arrest traders unnecessarily. Instead, he said, the amount due should be recovered



from them. The discussion concluded that arrests were not appropriate, he said, with all states except one agreeing.Shivakumar’s attendance also draws attention to an unusual feature of Karnataka’s governance. A highly placed source pointed out that Chief Ministers of large north-

ern states such as Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh do not usually hold the finance portfolio. In Karnataka, by contrast, CMs have often kept it themselves, a practice said to have been started by Ramakrishna Hegde, who preferred to hold Finance during his tenure. In the north, the source said, CMs tend to keep the Home portfolio, seen as the visible sign of power. Instead, he said, the amount due should be recovered from them. The discussion concluded that arrests were not appropriate, he said, with all states except one agreeing.Shivakumar’s attendance also draws attention to an unusual feature of Karnataka’s governance. A highly placed source pointed out that Chief Ministers of large north-

India reacts to US move on IT firms, says JD Vance’s remark ‘deeply offensive’

New Delhi(Agency)

A day after the US suspended eight IT firms, including Tata Consultancy Services, Infosys and Wipro, from a programme to apply for green cards for foreign workers, India said on Friday that the steps “do not advance the shared ambitions” of both countries.

The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) also referred to US Vice-President JD Vance terming foreign workers hired on H1-B visas “foreign indentured servants”, saying that resorting to terminology that carries painful historical and colonial legacy connotations is “deeply offensive”.

The Indian response came a day after the US administration suspended some of the largest IT outsourcing firms in the world from the Permanent Labour Certification Programme, also referred to as PERM (Program Electronic Review Management). PERM is a key provision used by American employers to sponsor foreign workers for perma-



India said the US move to suspend eight Indian IT firms from a programme to apply for green cards for foreign workers did not ‘advance the shared ambitions’ of both countries.

nent residency, with several Indian IT companies also relying on the system.“It should also be clear that talent mobility adds value to both

economies. While it creates opportunities for Indians, it equally helps US companies with cutting-edge talent, innovation, research, productivity, competitiveness and job creation, besides creating shareholder wealth in the US. This is therefore an area of tremendous mutual benefit for the two countries and our expectation is that all stakeholders in this process can appreciate this fact. The steps announced by the US do not advance the shared ambitions.

Victory smiles on those who adapt: IAF chief on evolving technology, modern warfare

IAF Chief stressed the need to anticipate shifts in warfare and adapt to emerging technologies, saving global conflicts and Operation Sindoor had reinforced the importance of air power in safeguarding national interests.

New Delhi (Agency)

Victory belongs to those who anticipate changes in the nature of warfare and adapt accordingly, Indian Air Force (IAF) Chief Air Chief Marshal AP Singh said on Friday, stressing the growing importance of air power in modern conflicts.

Addressing a seminar on the “Central Role of Air Power in the Evolving Battlespace”, Singh said the two major ongoing conflicts around the world, along with India’s experience during Operation Sindoor last

year, had reinforced the primacy of air power. The seminar, hosted by a defence think-tank at the Air Force Auditorium in Subroto Park, Delhi, was held alongside the multi-lateral air exercise Tarang Shakti, currently underway at Jodhpur Air Force Station in Rajasthan. Seven foreign countries,



including the US, France, Germany and Australia, are participating in the second edition of the exercise hosted by the IAF, with their air assets. The US F-35 multi-role

stealth fighter jet is taking part in the exercise for the first time.

At the seminar, the IAF chief emphasised the need to anticipate changes in warfare rather than respond after they have occurred.“If one doesn’t anticipate changes and waits for them to happen and then adapt, then maybe it will be a bit late,” he said, highlighting the rapidly evolving nature of technology and warfare.On Thursday, Singh led celebrations marking the IAF’s 94th anniversary at a grand ceremony at Hindan Air Base in Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh.Earlier, addressing the Air Force Day event, he said conflicts in different parts of the world had demonstrated that air power was the primary means of protecting national interests.

Rift Within Trinamool Rebel Camp? MP Who Led Exodus Skips Group's Meet

New Delhi (Agency)

The rebel TMC MPs who merged with the little-known NCPI have sought two more weeks to respond to Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla’s notices on a petition seeking their disqualification under the anti-defection law, even as signs have emerged of a clear rift within the group.

Twenty MPs from Mamata Banerjee’s party had defected and merged with the NCPI to support the ruling NDA in Parliament after the Trinamool’s defeat in the Assembly polls. The grouping met in Kolkata on Thursday afternoon to discuss its strategy, but its leader Kakoli Ghosh Dastidar skipped the meet, which was organised by MP Sudip Bandyopadhyay at a hotel in Kolkata. There has been specula-



tion about a rift within the rebel bloc. The rumours have been further fuelled by Kakoli Ghosh Dastidar skipping the meeting.

Has learnt that the MPs who attended the meeting include Jagadish Basunia, Abu Taher Khan, Bapi Halder, Sharmila Sarkar, Khalilur Rahman, Sudip Bandyopadhyay, Shatabdi Roy, Prasun Banerjee, Rachana Banerjee and Arup Chakraborty. NCPI MP Rachana Banerjee, however, downplayed the meeting, calling it “just a pre-puja get-together”. But sources

said the issue of seeking an extension to reply to the Lok Sabha Speaker was on the agenda.While speaking to , actor-turned-MP Rachana Banerjee said, "It's just a pre-puja meeting, we wanted to catch up and discuss some of the issues". Rachana Banerjee also spoke about seeking additional time to reply to the Speaker. She said, "That is the party policy. It was a mutual decision".When asked about many MPs skipping the meeting, Rachana Banerjee said: "All 20 MPs are together.

Bhagwant Mann Aide Goes To Court, Says Raid Illegal, Agency Had No Approval

Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann's OSD Rajbir Singh Ghuman has moved the Punjab and Haryana High Court challenging the CBI investigation and search conducted at his residence in Sangrur.

Chandigarh (Agency)

Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann’s OSD Rajbir Singh Ghuman has moved the Punjab and Haryana High Court challenging the CBI investigation and search conducted at his residence in Sangrur. The agency, he contended, acted without obtaining the mandatory prior approval under Section 17A of the Prevention of Corruption Act. In his petition filed on Thursday, Ghuman has alleged that the CBI

registered a First Information Report around 11.50 pm on October 5 and conducted a search at his family residence in village Gharachon, Sangrur, within 24 hours, without securing the statutory approval



required under Section 17A. Ghuman has claimed that the

search was carried out from around 5.50 pm on October 6 to 4 am on October 7, when neither he nor his family members were present at the residence. He has also questioned the manner of the search and seizure proceedings, alleging that only one independent witness was present.

The petition argues that Section 17A bars a police officer from conducting any inquiry or investigation into allegations under the Prevention of Corruption Act against a public servant, where the allegations relate to a recommendation made or decision taken in the discharge of official duties, without prior government approval. The exception is an on-the-spot arrest in a trap case, which, according to Ghuman, does not apply here.

The reshuffle affects health, transport, education, food safety and civic administration, with changes including Niharika Rai getting additional charge of DTC chairman and managing director and Rupesh Kumar Thakur being moved to DUSIB.

L-G transfers 22 IAS officers in major bureaucratic rejig, DTC gets new MD

New Delhi (Agency)

Lieutenant-Governor Taranjit Singh Sandhu has made sweeping reshuffle of 34 IAS and DANICS officers in health, education, transport, food safety, waste management and civic administration departments, according to an order issued on Thursday.

Among the most significant changes, Rupesh Kumar Thakur, who held the post of secretary (health and family welfare) along with additional charge of CEO, Delhi Urban Shelter Improvement Board (DUSIB), has now been moved to serve solely as CEO of DUSIB. Niharika Rai, secretary-cum-commissioner (trans-



port), has been given additional charge as chairman and managing director of the Delhi Transport Corporation, while being divested of her earlier charge as secretary of tourism. The move places the city’s public bus service directly under an officer already overseeing the broader transport portfolio.

In the health sector, Mekala Chaitanya Prasad,

special secretary (health), has been given additional charge of special secretary (PWD), a move that divests Suneel Anchipaka of that responsibility. Ajay Kumar Gupta, commissioner (food safety), retains that role while gaining additional charge as managing director of the Delhi Transco Limited, chairman of IPGCL and PPCL, and chairman.

UP: Noida Airport to be renamed after PM Narendra Modi, announces CM Yogi Adityanath

Lucknow (Agency)

The Uttar Pradesh cabinet has approved a proposal to rename the Noida International Airport at Jewar in Gautam Buddh Nagar district as the ‘Narendra Modi International Airport, Noida-Jewar’. Announcing the cabinet’s decision on Friday, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi for bringing this mega green-



field project to the state. "The UP Cabinet is grateful to the Prime Minister for gifting the state the Noida International Airport (Jewar); this is set to become Uttar Pradesh's largest airport and, in the future, the country's largest aviation hub. Consequently, the Cabinet has also passed a proposal to rename the Noida International Airport as the Narendra Modi International

Airport, Noida-Jewar," CM Yogi said.

Jewar airport

Notably, the Jewar airport was officially inaugurated by PM Modi on March 28 this year. It is the second international airport in the National Capital Region (NCR), after Delhi’s Indira Gandhi International Airport. It is located about 72 km from the Indira Gandhi International Airport,

52 km from Noida, and 130 km from Agra. The Noida airport is expected to benefit a vast region encompassing Agra, Mathura, Aligarh, Ghaziabad, Meerut, Etawah, Bulandshahr, and Faridabad.

Phase I of the Noida International Airport has been developed at an estimated investment of around Rs 11,200 crore.

West Asia again tests limits of military power

On September 30, the last American troops assigned to the mission against Islamic State left Iraq—23 years after the invasion. Baghdad celebrated, but the harder question remains: can the State disarm militias on its own soil?

Across West Asia, the same gap between military power and political authority persists. Israel holds most of Gaza but has not ended Hamas. Washington has choked Iran’s oil exports but cannot force a deal. Riyadh can bomb Yemen but has not broken the Houthis’ hold on Bab al-Mandeb. The thesis is simple: force wins battles, not political settlements.

The withdrawal followed a timetable negotiated before the current war with Iran. After departing in 2011, American forces returned in 2014 to fight Islamic State. The latest exit allows Iran-aligned factions to claim victory. But Iranian dominance is hardly assured—Iraq’s competing interests and nationalism matter. Even so, the test is whether Baghdad can bring armed factions under effective State authority by its revised June 2027 deadline. That task goes beyond collecting weapons. Some factions are embedded within publicly-funded security institutions while maintaining independent command structures and economic interests. Kurdish concerns about lost air defences and surviving Islamic State cells compound the risks. At the same time, Iraq’s dependence on Iranian gas and on dollar access via its central bank’s New York Federal Reserve account preserves the leverage of both Tehran and Washington. The Iran war makes this transition hazardous. US-Israeli attacks began on February 28, killing Iran’s supreme leader and damaging its military capabilities. April’s ceasefire ended 40 days of full-scale fighting, but diplomacy failed to secure a durable settlement. Meanwhile, Tehran’s Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps-backed system has survived, despite sanctions and a US maritime blockade. Its capacity to threaten neighbouring infrastructure remains significant. Tehran’s internal divisions now complicate negotiations, while reports of a third American carrier group heading towards the region and Iran’s preparations for renewed fighting underscore the risk. Neither diplomacy nor military pressure has secured an exit yet.

At Hormuz, more oil is flowing. American protection along routes through Omani waters, alternative pipelines and ship-to-ship transfers have helped exports recover. Yet attacks persist, refined-product flows remain weak, and gas shipments lag well below normal levels. Restored volumes do not signal restored security. For that reason, the G7’s planned release of 100 million barrels from emergency stocks may cushion prices, but it cannot resolve the insecurity that keeps freight and insurance costs high. At the other end of the Arabian peninsula, Houthi advances along Yemen’s Red Sea coast have strengthened their leverage around Bab al-Mandeb. Their gains are both territorial in Yemen and strategic against Saudi Arabia. Coastal control lets them threaten the waterway’s southern approaches; it does not confer sovereignty over the strait or indicate that all shipping has stopped.

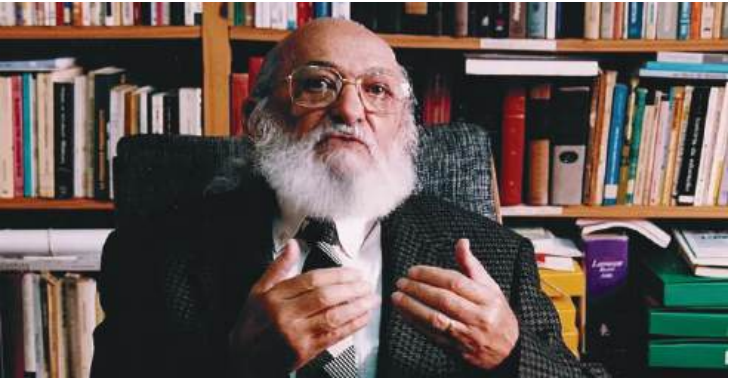
The geography leaves Riyadh exposed. Its East-West pipeline bypasses Hormuz by carrying crude to Yanbu, but tankers sailing from there towards Asia still have to navigate the Bab al-Mandeb. Moreover, the pipeline’s disruption by drones launched from Iraqi territory illustrates how the fronts overlap. An alternative route offers limited reassurance, as its infrastructure and exit remain vulnerable. For Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, this threatens the confidence underpinning Vision 2030. Investment and tourism require stability;

Students need to challenge stasis

There is something deeply unsettling about the state of education in India today. What we are witnessing on the streets and within educational institutions across the country are not isolated disturbances; they are symptoms of an anxiety that can no longer be ignored.

Never before have so many young people entered universities, competed in examinations, accumulated degrees and been asked to dream of a better future. Yet beneath this unprecedented expansion lies a growing unease. Students worry that a flawed or manipulated exam can alter their lives overnight; that recruitment processes may remain uncertain for years; that the cost of education and living will keep rising; and that, even after doing everything society has asked of them, there may be no place waiting for them. This is why Paulo Freire feels remarkably contemporary. Reading Pedagogy of the Oppressed alongside Pedagogy of Hope offers us more than a critique of education. It gives us a language to understand the unease of India’s students and, perhaps, to recognise that what appears as student unrest may also be a deeper crisis of an educational system that has expanded access without necessarily expanding agency, dignity and hope. Freire begins with a deceptively simple proposition that education is never only about knowledge, it also shapes how we understand ourselves and the world around us. It tells us whose knowledge counts, which questions are legitimate and what kinds of authority should go unquestioned. His famous critique of the “banking model of education” is more profound than a criticism of dull classrooms. In this model, the teacher deposits knowledge and the student receives it. The student learns to reproduce rather than interrogate, to remember rather than investigate, to answer rather than ask.

The danger is not simply that such an education produces unimaginative students but it can also make the existing social order appear natural. If knowledge always comes from above, perhaps authority does too. If the student’s role is to receive, perhaps the citizen’s role is also to obey and this has particular resonance in India, where education is simultaneously an instrument of emancipation and a mechanism through which inequalities can be reproduced. For crores of young Indians, education remains the most credible route out of inherited disadvantage. But the quality of schooling, access to technology, command over English, coaching opportunities, university networks and even the ability to remain in education for longer are distributed unequally. The promise of merit therefore often hides very unequal starting points and the dominant section of the society prefers to ignore it. The exam system makes this



failure. But some of that anxiety is institutional, as it is produced by uncertainty in the systems on which young people have been asked to build their lives.

Consider the message conveyed by repeated disruptions in exams and recruitment. Students are told to work harder and compete better, as though success depends entirely on individual effort. Yet no amount of preparation can compensate for a cancelled exam, an unavailable vacancy or an arbitrary institutional decision. The individual is made responsible for outcomes that are, in significant measure, systemic. Freire helps us see why this matters. Domination does not always arrive in dramatic form because it can be embedded in procedures that appear neutral and in arrangements that are described as simply “the way things are”. The most powerful hierarchy may be the one nobody is encouraged to question. That is why student protest deserves to be understood differently.

When students protest exam irregularities, recruitment delays, unaffordable accommodation or discrimination, their anger is often dismissed as impatience or political provocation. But what if the protest is itself a demand for education to honour its promise? A university cannot ask young people to trust institutions while giving them repeated reasons not to. Nor can it tell students that merit is the great equaliser while ignoring the unequal conditions under which merit is produced and judged.

Let due process reveal if key ECI calls were taken by consensus

The Supreme Court has, for now, refused to pass any ex parte order against Kumar, instead issuing notices to him, the ECI and the law ministry to file their affidavits before the next hearing on October 27

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi became the face of the opposition’s protest in Delhi on Tuesday against Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar and his controversial special intensive revision (SIR) of electoral rolls. Climbing atop multi-layer steel barricades and waving the tricolour, he personified the national political resistance against SIR, having consistently attacked the poll body for years over what he called “vote theft” under Kumar’s watch as CEC. Rahul then slipped out of the police cordon and entered the premises of Akashvani Bhavan, adjacent to the Election Commission of India’s office, along with sister Priyanka and others. They were later briefly detained. However, there was no untoward event, unlike the pitched battles and police firing during the campaign against the NEET-UG paper leak a few months ago. The mass mobilisation came a day after the Supreme Court denied having allowed the ECI to modify the statutory Form 6, the document used for voter enrolment, in its May 27 judgement on Bihar’s SIR. A declaration attached to Form 6 became contentious after



the other two election commissioners, Sukhbir Singh Sandhu and Vivek Joshi, reportedly objected to it. However, the ECI later claimed the declaration was part of the Bihar SIR, which had been upheld by the Supreme

Seen this way, the apparently separate grievances of students begin to acquire a common thread. The demand for a fair examination, a timely recruitment process, affordable education or a dignified campus experience is also a demand for institutional credibility. And this is where Pedagogy of Hope becomes essential because, for Freire, hope is not passive optimism but the conviction that history remains unfinished, that the present is not destiny. Hope begins when people understand that institutions and social arrangements made by human beings can also be changed by human beings.

This is precisely what education should cultivate, yet much of our educational culture teaches the opposite lesson. Students are encouraged to secure a degree, clear the exam, obtain employment and move ahead. The emphasis is overwhelmingly on adaptation: learn the rules, perform well, compete successfully. There is nothing wrong with preparing young people for employment. However, the problem begins when employability becomes the sole purpose of education. A democratic university must also teach students to ask why the rules exist, whom they serve and whether they can be improved. It must make room for disagreement without treating disagreement as disorder and it must allow students to discover that questioning an institution can sometimes be a way of strengthening it.

This also changes how we should thin about the anxiety of India’s students. Their restlessness may not simply be a failure of resilience. It may reflect an acute awareness of the distance between the promises made to them and the opportunities actually available. We tell young people that education will transform their lives. They are therefore entitled to ask whether the institutions entrusted with that education are worthy of their trust. A student who questions a recruitment delay is not necessarily being disruptive. One who challenges discrimination is not necessarily being divisive. And one who demands accountability from a university is not necessarily hostile to the institution or to the rule of law. More often than not, dissent is simply the first language of citizenship. Freire’s lasting contribution is to remind us that learning can serve two very different purposes. It can teach people to adjust themselves to an existing reality, or it can give them the intellectual and moral resources to question and transform it. At this juncture, can we really deny that India needs the latter?

Our students do not need institutions that merely prepare them to survive the world as it is. They need the intellectual freedom to imagine a fairer and more just world, and the confidence and capacity to participate in creating it. That is learning against the status quo and that is what makes a democracy worthy of its citizens.

Three years on, Israel has less leeway

The world is speaking up against the illegality of Israeli actions after 2023 Hamas attack

THE third anniversary of the October 7, 2023, massacre in Israel comes at an unusual time. Opposition parties are asking Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to respond to allegations that Egypt and the UAE had warned him about an imminent attack by Hamas just days before it happened. His refusal to allow an independent State Commission of Inquiry has only fuelled speculation about what he knew about the attack and when he knew about it.

With the Israeli elections coming up on October 27, the near-tragedy of the flydubai flight to Tel Aviv last week has also been thrown into the political scrum. The Opposition in Israel is calling the episode an intelligence failure, even as Netanyahu is co-opting the undoubted valour of Capt Smit Machchhar to present himself as the resolute leader in the face of a 9/11-type suicide mission. For Netanyahu, the forthcoming elections are more than a matter of political survival. They are also his “stay out of jail” card as he faces criminal charges of bribery, fraud and breach of trust in Israeli courts and an arrest warrant for war crimes issued by the International Criminal Court. Opinion polls predict a close race. In a development that reminds us of events closer to home, Israel’s Supreme Court announced a unanimous verdict on October 2, overturning a decision of the Central Elections Committee to disqualify two Arab-majority parties from running in the elections. October 7 also reminds us that it is almost a year since US President Donald Trump announced the Gaza Peace Agreement in Sharm el-Sheikh on October 25, 2025. It secured the release of all Israeli hostages but has failed to alleviate the plight of the Palestinians, who continue to face near-daily attacks despite the supposed ceasefire. Israel has taken effective control of the fertile eastern part of Gaza through its “Yellow Line” buffer zone, with Netanyahu boasting



that he has instructed the Israeli Defence Forces to expand this newly occupied zone from 60% of Gaza to 70%. Even before October 7, 2023, the two million inhabitants of Gaza lived in one of the most crowded places on earth, barely 41 km long and 6-12 km wide. It was called the world’s largest open-air prison because land, air and sea access were controlled by Israel. And now, the same population has been squeezed into ramshackle tents on a narrow coastal strip without access to sanitation, healthcare or education. Google Maps contrasting the period before and after October 7 are a stark reminder of the destruction wrought in Gaza by Israel’s genocidal campaign. The aim, articulated frequently by several Israeli leaders, is to “encourage the voluntary departure of Palestinians.” Meanwhile, the pogroms being launched by

extremist Jewish settlers against Palestinians in the occupied West Bank with much the same objective have become the latest flashpoint. The intent behind the tenders for the controversial E1 settlement envisaging 1,200 Jewish homes in its first phase is clear. Finance Minister Bezalel Smotrich says E1 will eventually take the Jewish settler population in the West Bank to one million and definitively “bury the idea of a Palestinian state.” Much of this is happening in plain sight. And the ripples are now being felt in faraway Washington DC. For decades, strong bipartisan support in Congress had given Israel a unique diplomatic cover that even allowed Netanyahu to defy the wishes of an incumbent US President and make his case against Iran directly to a joint session of Congress. That bipartisan support has clearly

frayed. A Bill in the US Senate requiring the President to report to Congress on increasing violence in the occupied West Bank was narrowly defeated (51-47) on September 29, with as many as 46 out of 47 Democrats voting in favour of the proposed legislation. The politicians are listening to their voters. A Pew opinion poll in July revealed that 60% of American adults have an unfavourable view of Israel, with those under 30 expressing a more favourable view of the Palestinian people (58%) than of the Israelis (32%). Among young Democrats, the gap is even starker — 72% favour Palestinians and just 26% prefer Israelis.

Clearly, the world is watching, and beginning to speak up loud and clear against the manifest illegality of Israeli actions. The recently concluded 81st session of the UN General Assembly saw France, the UK, Italy, Denmark, Spain, Ireland and half a dozen other European countries condemn the expansion of illegal settlements and threaten trade restrictions and other sanctions against products and services emanating from these settlements. These countries have traditionally been some of Israel’s staunchest allies, rather than the Asian or African states that could be airily dismissed as the usual suspects.

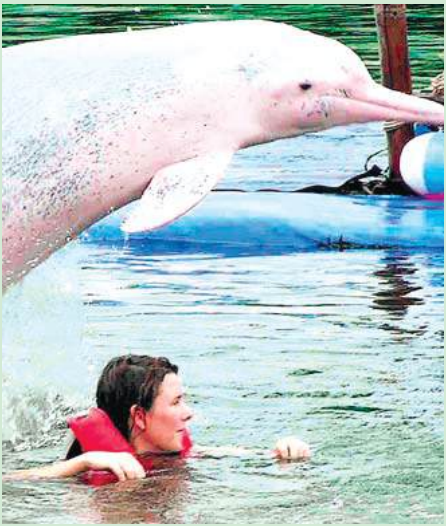
India, historically one of the most vocal supporters of the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people, has been largely missing in action, even though we continue to provide financial, medical and technical aid to the Palestinian Authority in Ramallah. Our expanding defence and intelligence partnership with Israel is, of course, a vital part of our national security architecture; our categorical denunciation of the 2023 Hamas terror attack was the right thing to do. But speaking up against the horrors in Gaza and the occupied West Bank and calling out the illegality of the attack on Iran is also the right thing to do.

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गुलाबी डॉल्फिन



डॉल्फिन को इंसान की दोस्त माना जाता है। इसे बच्चों के साथ खेलना बेहद पसंद है। पृथ्वी पर इंसान के बाद डॉल्फिन ही सबसे ज्यादा बुद्धिमान प्राणी मानी जाती है। दुनियाभर में इसकी 40 प्रजातियां पाई जाती हैं। इसका आकार चार फुट से 30 फुट और वजन 40 किलोग्राम से 10 टन तक हो सकता है। डॉल्फिन एक ही समय पर तैर भी सकती हैं और सो भी सकती हैं। डॉल्फिन को पानी में जंप करना बहुत पसंद है। दक्षिण एशिया में डॉल्फिन की एक ऐसी प्रजाति पाई जाती है, जो जन्म के समय कुदरती तौर पर अंधी होती है।

इन डॉल्फिन का सोनर सिस्टम बहुत संवेदनशील होता है और ये अपने शरीर के एक ओर ही तैरती हैं। अमेज़न नदी में रहने वाली डॉल्फिन का रंग गुलाबी है। इसका गुलाबी रंग नदी के पानी और इसके भोजन के कारण है। ये रोजाना काफी ज्यादा भोजन खाती हैं। इन्हें अकेले खाना पसंद नहीं है। जब भी इन्हें मछलियों का झुंड दिखाई देता है, ये ऊंची आवाज में अपनी साथी डॉल्फिंस को बुला लेती हैं।

गुलाबी डॉल्फिन लगभग ग्रे डॉल्फिन की ही तरह होती है, पर इन 'कुछ भिन्नता भी है। इसकी लंबाई 2.5 से 3 मीटर और वजन 90 किलोग्राम तक होता है। इसकी पीठ और माथे पर कूबड़ होता है और इसकी 'पूंछ और गर्दन भी ग्रे डॉल्फिन के मुकाबले थोड़ी-सी लंबी होती है। छोटी आंखों वाली गुलाबी डॉल्फिन अपना सिर 180 डिग्री पर घुमा सकती है। इनका शरीर लैसीबल होता है, इसलिए ये 20 मील प्रति घंटे की दर से पानी में तैर सकती हैं। यह 15 मिनट तक पानी के नीचे रह सकती है, फिर इसे सांस लेने के लिए इन्हें पानी के ऊपर आना पड़ता है।

गेटवे ऑफ जापान

जापान में पांच ऐसे एयरपोर्ट हैं, जो पूरी तरह समुद्र में बने हुए हैं। ये हैं- नागासाकी एयरपोर्ट, कंसाई इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट, चुबु सेंट्रेयर इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट, कोबे एयरपोर्ट और कितायूशू एयरपोर्ट। चुबु सेंट्रेयर इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट जापान का तीसरा ऐसा एयरपोर्ट है, जो पूरी तरह से आर्टिफिशियल आईलैंड पर बना हुआ है। यह नागोया शहर से 35 किलोमीटर दक्षिण में आइस बे ऑफ चिता पेनिन्सुला में स्थित है।

17 फरवरी 2005 से यहां से हवाई सेवाएं शुरू की गईं। 24 घंटे सेवाएं देने वाला यह एयरपोर्ट देश के बीच स्थित होने के कारण जापान का गेटवे भी कहलाता है। इसे प्यार से 'टोयोटा एयरपोर्ट' भी कहते हैं। अगस्त 2000 में इसका निर्माण कार्य शुरू किया गया।

अनुमान लगाया गया था कि इसके निर्माण की लागत 768 बिलियन जापानी येन आएगी, लेकिन सफल प्रबंधन के चलते इसमें लगभग 100 बिलियन जापानी येन कम खर्च हुए। इसका निर्माण पर्यावरण की सुरक्षा का ध्यान रखकर किया गया। इस एयरपोर्ट के लिए आर्टिफिशियल आईलैंड अंग्रेजी के अक्षर 'डी' के आकार में बनाया गया, ताकि खाड़ी के भीतर समुद्र की लहरें आजादी से बह सकें।

टेकऑफ एंड लैंडिंग- 580 हेक्टेयर में फैले सेंट्रेयर एयरपोर्ट में चार मंजिलें हैं। रनवे 3,500 मीटर लंबा है, जबकि रनवे स्ट्रिप 300 मीटर चौड़ी है। यात्री विमान अपनी सुविधानुसार दिन या रात में किसी भी समय उड़ान भर सकते हैं या उतर सकते हैं, जबकि मालवाहक जहाज रात में टेकऑफ और लैंड करते हैं। **ढेर सारी सुविधाएं-** एयरपोर्ट की इमारत इस तरह से बनाई गई है कि उस पर व्हीलचेयर आसानी से जा-आ सके। दूसरे तल पर लिनिक और तीसरी मंजिल पर कॉन्फ्रेंस-हॉल है। यहां पोस्ट-ऑफिस, बैंक, करेंसी एक्सचेंज और कोबैन के अलावा बच्चों के मनोरंजन के लिए भी बहुत-सी सुविधाएं हैं।



उत्तरी ध्रुव और दक्षिणी ध्रुव पूरी तरह एक-दूसरे से भिन्न हैं। उत्तरी ध्रुव पर आर्कटिक महासागर है, जो उत्तरी अमरीका, यूरोप और एशिया से घिरा है, जबकि दक्षिण ध्रुव का क्षेत्र अन्य सभी महाद्वीपों से अलग-थलग है, सिवाय दक्षिण अमरीका के, लेकिन इनके बीच भी कई 100 किलोमीटर लंबा सागर पड़ता है। दो उत्तरी ध्रुव और दो दक्षिणी ध्रुव होते हैं।

उत्तरी और दक्षिणी भूमध्यरेखीय ध्रुव या भौगोलिक ध्रुव स्थिर बिंदु हैं और धुरी बनाते हैं, जिस पर पृथ्वी घूमती है। आप इन्हें ग्लोब पर देख सकते हैं। यही वे ध्रुव हैं, जिन्हें हम उत्तरी या दक्षिणी ध्रुव कहते हैं। उत्तरी व दक्षिणी चुबकीय ध्रुव वहां होते हैं, जहां पर कम्पास संकेत करता है। ये ध्रुव हमेशा घूमते रहते हैं।

इस तरह ये हर साल औसतन 6-25 मील तक शिफ्ट हो जाते हैं। केवल कम्पास को देखकर यह बताया जा सकता है कि हम इन ध्रुवों के निकट हैं, पर ध्रुवों के बिल्कुल निकट कम्पास भरोसेमंद नहीं है।



बचपन में दादा-दादी, नाना-नानी और माता-पिता द्वारा सुनाई गई कहानियां आने वाली जिंदगी पर भी प्रभाव डालती हैं। ये कहानियां ही हमें नैतिकता, जीवन के मूल्य, संस्कार और संस्कृति से वाकफ कराती हैं। कुछ कहानियां ऐसी होती हैं, जो बच्चे के भावुक मन में गहरे तक पैठ कर जाती हैं और उनके जीवन का हिस्सा बन जाती हैं। मुझे आज भी याद है कि बचपन में मेरी मम्मी मेरा मन बहलाने के लिए मुझे कहानियां सुनाया करती थीं।

उनमें से कई कहानियां ऐसी थीं, जो उन्होंने अपनी नानी-दादी से सुनी थीं, यानी पीढ़ी दर पीढ़ी वे कहानियां सुनी/सुनाई जा रही हैं। उनकी सुनाई बहुत सी कहानियां मुझे आज भी याद हैं। मम्मी द्वारा सुनाई गई एक कहानी ऐसी भी थी जो मेरे दिल को छू गई। मुझे ऐसा लगता जैसे मैं खुद उस कहानी में शामिल हूं। यह कहानी गणेश जी के जन्म की है। माता पार्वती ने भगवान शिवजी की अनुपस्थिति में अपने शरीर की मैल से गणेश जी की प्रतिमा बनाई और उसमें प्राण डाल दिए। माता पार्वती ने उन्हें अपना पुत्र मान लिया।

माता पार्वती ने गणेश जी को द्वार पर खड़े होने का आदेश दिया और कहा, 'पुत्र मैं अंदर स्नान करने जा रही हूं। किसी को अंदर प्रवेश मत करने देना।' गणेश जी माता की आज्ञा सुनकर द्वार के पास खड़े हो गए। गणेश जी अभी द्वार पर खड़े हुए ही थे कि भगवान शिव बाहर से लौट आए। वह जब अंदर जाने लगे, तो गणेश जी ने कहा, 'अंदर मत जाओ, मेरी माता जी स्नान कर रही हैं।' भगवान शिव ने पूछा, 'तुम्हारी

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कुछ वैज्ञानिकों का मानना है कि पृथ्वी का चुबकीय क्षेत्र उलट रहा है और किसी दिन कम्पास दक्षिण की बजाय उत्तरी की ओर संकेत कर सकती है।

उत्तरी ध्रुव
उत्तरी ध्रुव पृथ्वी का सबसे सुदूर उत्तरी बिंदु है। यह वह बिंदु है, जहां पृथ्वी की धुरी घूमती है। यह आर्कटिक महासागर में पड़ता है। यहां अत्यधिक ठंड पड़ती है, क्योंकि लगभग छः महीने यहां सूरज नहीं चमकता है। ध्रुव के आसपास का महासागर बहुत ठंडा है और सदैव बर्फ की मोटी चादर से ढंका रहता है। इस भौगोलिक उत्तरी ध्रुव के निकट ही चुबकीय उत्तरी ध्रुव है। कम्पास की सूई इसी चुबकीय उत्तरी ध्रुव की ओर संकेत करती है। उत्तरी तारा या ध्रुव तारा उत्तरी ध्रुव के आकाश पर सदैव निकलता है। सदियों से नाविक इसी तारे को देखकर यह अनुमान लगाते रहे हैं कि वे उत्तरी में कितनी दूर हैं। उत्तरी ध्रुव, दक्षिणी ध्रुव की तुलना में कम ठंडा है, क्योंकि यह महासागर के मध्य में समुद्र स्तर पर स्थित है। सदियों में (जनवरी) यहां का तापमान -43 डिग्री सैल्सियस से -26 डिग्री सैल्सियस के बीच रहता है। गर्मियों में (जून, जुलाई, और अगस्त) में औसत तापमान जमाव बिंदु के आसपास रहता है। उत्तरी ध्रुव में समुद्र पर जमी बर्फ की परत 2 से 3 मीटर तक मोटी होती है, हालांकि ग्लोबल वार्मिंग के चलते पछले कुछ सालों में यहां बर्फ की परतों की औसत मोटाई में कुछ कमी आई है। कई बार तैरते हुए हिमखंडों के नीचे आप साफ पानी देख सकते हैं। यहां ध्रुवीय भालू, आर्कटिक लोमड़ियां और सील काफी संख्या में पाई जाती हैं। सदियों में भालू हाइबरनेट करते हैं यानी ये सदियों के दौरान निष्क्रिय रहते हैं। वे सारा वत गुफा में छिपे बैठे रहते हैं और शिकार नहीं करते। लेकिन जैसे ही यहां गर्मियों का मौसम शुरू होता है, वे शिकार के लिए निकल पड़ते हैं। उत्तरी ध्रुव पर हिम बटिंग, उत्तरी फुल्स्मर और काली-टांगों वाली किटिवेक समेत कई पक्षी भी पाए जाते हैं।

अंतरराष्ट्रीय कानूनों के अनुसार वर्तमान में उत्तरी ध्रुव और आर्कटिक महासागरीय क्षेत्रों पर किसी भी देश का अधिकार नहीं है। इसके आसपास के पांच देश रूस, कनाडा, नॉर्वे, डैनमार्क (ग्रीनलैंड) और अमरीका (अलास्का) अपनी सीमाओं के 200 नॉटिकल-मील (370 किमी.) तक के विशिष्ट आर्थिक क्षेत्र तक सीमित हैं। इसके आगे के क्षेत्र का प्रशासन अंतरराष्ट्रीय सीबेड प्राधिकरण के पास है।



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माता जी कौन है?’ गणेश जी ने कहा, ‘पार्वती जी ही मेरी माता हैं।’ गणेश जी का जवाब सुनकर भगवान शिव को बहुत क्रोध आया और वह बलपूर्वक अंदर जाने लगे, लेकिन तभी बालक गणेश उन्हें रोकते हुए उनसे युद्ध करने के लिए तैयार हो गए। क्रोधित शिवजी ने त्रिशूल से उनका सिर धड़ से अलग कर दिया। जब मम्मी यह कहानी सुनाती थीं, तो मेरा दिल अंदर तक पसीज जाता था और मेरी आखों से आंसू टप-टप करके बहने लगते थे। मैं अक्सर सोचा करता था कि मेरे साथ ऐसा क्यों होता है, पर अब समझ में आता है कि मैं शायद खुद का गणेश जी के साथ संबंध स्थापित कर लेता था, जिसकी वजह से मैं रो पड़ता था। मेरे आंसू पोंछते हुए मेरी मम्मी समझातीं कि गणेश जी को हाथी के बच्चे का सिर लगा कर शिवजी ने दोबारा जीवित कर दिया और सभी देवताओं में शीर्ष स्थान दिया। कोई भी शुभ काम शुरू करने से पहले गणेश जी की पूजा होती है। मम्मी की यह बात सुनकर मुझे संतोष होता।

ध्रुवीय बिंदुओं पर छः महीने की सर्दियां होती हैं और कभी भी सूर्यास्त नहीं होता । जब सूर्योदय होता है, तो छः महीनों की लंबी गर्मियां आरंभ होती हैं...

दक्षिणी ध्रुव पृथ्वी का सबसे दक्षिणी छोर है। यह अमरीका से लगभग दोगुने आकार का एक बहुत विशाल पर्वतीय महाद्वीप है। इसे अंटार्कटिका के नाम से भी जाना जाता है। यह बहुत ही ठंडा स्थान है। अंटार्कटिका के अधिकतर द्वीप पर बर्फ की एक मोटी चादर फैली रहती है। अपने केंद्र पर तो यह डेढ़ किमी से भी मोटी बर्फ से ढंका हुआ है। दक्षिण ध्रुव की जलवायु उत्तरी ध्रुव के मुकाबले कहीं अधिक प्रचंड है।

पैंग्विंस के सिवाय भूमि पर रहने वाला कोई अन्य जानवर यहां पाया नहीं जाता है। यहां पौधे भी बहुत दुर्लभ मिलते हैं। यहां उगने वाली बहुत कम चीजों में शैवाल, काई, घास और फूलों के कुछ पौधे शामिल हैं। दक्षिणी ध्रुव पर पहुंचना बहुत कठिन है, जबकि उत्तरी ध्रुव पर आप आसानी से पहुंच सकते हैं, क्योंकि यह समुद्र और समतल समुद्री बर्फ से ढंका हुआ है। यहां आने वाले जहाजों को भी आमतौर पर बर्फीले समुद्री रास्ते से होकर जाना पड़ता है।

यहां की कोई स्थानीय जनसंख्या नहीं है, केवल यहां पर रिसर्च करने के लिए आने वाले वैज्ञानिकों की लोनियां हैं। तट पहुंचने के बाद भूमाग से यात्रा करने वाले खोजियों को भी ध्रुव तक पहुंचने के लिए 1,600 किलोमीटर से अधिक की यात्रा बहुत मुश्किल मौसम में करनी पड़ती है। इस इलाके में बहुत अधिक तूफान आते हैं।

उन्हें तैरते हिमखंडों को पार करके बर्फ से ढंकी भूमि और सीधे खड़े पर्वतीय हिमनदों को तेज और जमा देने वाली बर्फीली हवाओं के बीच पार करना होता है। गर्मियों के दौरान दिसंबर के अंत से मार्च के अंत तक कभी भी सूर्यास्त नहीं होता। इसके बावजूद गर्मियों में भी यहां का तापमान जमाव बिंदू के नीचे रहता है। सदियों के दौरान यहां कई सहस्रताह तक सूर्योदय नहीं होता और यहां तापमान शून्य से 25-35 डिग्री सेंटीग्रेट तक नीचे रहता है।



CM Vijay announces Dream Olympics 2036 scheme as Tamil Nadu set for sports facelift

New Delhi. (Agency) Tamil Nadu, under the leadership of Chief Minister Vijay, has launched an ambitious initiative, titled Dream Olympics 2036, to identify and nurture athletes capable of winning medals at the Olympic and Paralympic Games. The programme was announced on Thursday at a felicitation ceremony for Asian Games medallists from the state at The Leela Palace in Chennai. This is in continuation with Vijay's encouragement to the athletes who per A statewide talent identification drive for children aged between eight and 18 will form the foundation of the initiative. The objective is to identify promising athletes in every district



and integrate them into a structured sports development system. The state has proposed setting up 10 Olympic training centres to support the development of identified talent. A flagship Olympic city is also planned to provide athletes with access to high-performance training facilities and prepare them for elite-level competition. "The stadiums that were built during J. Jayalalithaa's time are very old. We need to build good infrastructure and rehabilitation centres. There is no centre for physically challenged sportspersons. Our priority is to build a sound ecosystem around sportspersons. With that in mind, we have increased the sports budget.

Chief selector Ajit Agarkar's report card: Was the present unkind to him?

New Delhi. (Agency) The words on Rohit Sharma's T-shirt were difficult to miss: "Non-committal?" The former India captain was promoting his latest television show when the shirt caught the internet's attention in September, and the reaction was swift. Fans linked it to the debate over his place in the 2027 ODI World Cup and to comments widely attributed to Ajit Agarkar, who had been at the centre of discussions around the futures of Rohit and Virat Kohli. Some read it as a pointed reply to the chief selector. There was, however, no confirmation from Rohit that it was meant as a dig at Agarkar, nor any evidence that he had privately told Agarkar he was non-committal about the World Cup. Whether he intended it that way is almost beside the point. The online narrative had already taken shape, and a T-shirt was all it needed to spring back to life. It was a neat illustration of what Agarkar's three years as chief selector had become. A decision would be made, a player's future would turn into a talking point, and Agarkar would find himself at the



centre of the argument. Sometimes the criticism was about the cricket, sometimes about the way a decision was perceived, and often the two were impossible to separate. Agarkar's tenure ended on October 4, 2026, with three ICC titles to his name: the 2024 T20 World Cup, the 2025 Champions Trophy and the 2026 T20 World Cup. India also reached the final of the 2023 ODI World Cup. These are not small achievements for a selection committee to have overseen. Yet when Gautam Gambhir wrote that "history will be kinder" to Agarkar, it was that line that stood out. Why would history need to be kinder to a selector whose tenure had delivered so much? Was the present really unkind to him? Senior Managing Editor and Head of SportsTak Vikrant Gupta does not quite buy the premise.

NZ vs IND: New Zealand hit by double injury blow ahead of India T20I series

New Zealand will begin the India T20I series without Mark Chapman and Zak Foulkes after the duo suffered injuries. New Zealand have brought in replacements, Blair Tickner and Josh Clarkson.

New Delhi. (Agency) New Zealand have suffered two injury set-backs ahead of their five-match T20I series against India, with Mark Chapman and Zak Foulkes ruled out of the upcoming contest. New Zealand Cricket (NZC) confirmed on Friday that the pair would miss the series after sustaining hamstring and hip flexor injuries, respectively. Chapman tore his left hamstring while playing in the inaugural edition of the European T20 Premier League (ETPL). While the injury has ruled him out of the T20I assignments against India, the batter is expected to be available for the subsequent five-match ODI series. Foulkes, meanwhile, sustained an injury to his right hip flexor during a training session with Canterbury. His recovery timeline remains uncertain, with New Zealand Cricket yet to determine when the pacer could return to action. The Black Caps have named all-rounder Josh Clarkson and fast bowler Blair Tickner as replacements for the injured duo. New Zealand head coach Rob Walter expressed his satisfaction at having the two players back in the squad ahead of the challenging assignment against India.



"I'm gutted for Mark and Zak and I wish them both a smooth recovery," said Walter. "We're fortunate to be able to lean on the expertise of Josh and Blair. I know they're both very excited to be involved in what's shaping up to be an epic T20 series." The

T20I series begins on October 22 and promises to be an exciting contest, with the two sides renewing their rivalry after facing each other in the final of the T20 World Cup earlier this year. India emerged victorious in that summit clash and will look to carry their momentum into the upcoming tour. Mitchell Santner will captain the New Zealand side, which features a mix of established players and emerging talent. Opening batters Tim Seifert and Finn Allen will be among the players to watch, having shown encouraging form in recent outings. The five T20Is will be held across Christchurch, Wellington, Auckland and Hamilton. The teams will then compete in five ODIs and two Test matches, making the Indian team's upcoming New Zealand tour an extended assignment spanning more than a month.

UPDATED NEW ZEALAND SQUAD FOR INDIA T20IS

Mitchell Santner (C), Finn Allen, Michael Bracewell, Josh Clarkson, Devon Conway, Jacob Duffy, Lockie Ferguson, Matt Henry, Bevon Jacobs, Kyle Jamieson, Adam Milne, Daryl Mitchell, Glenn Phillips, Tim Seifert, Nathan Smith, Blair Tickner.

Tell your story: Pat Cummins unfazed by Sandpaper gate revelations in Khawaja's book

Pat Cummins says Usman Khawaja is free to tell his story and is unfazed about the prospect of having new sandpaper gate revelations coming to light in the former Australia opener's autobiography.

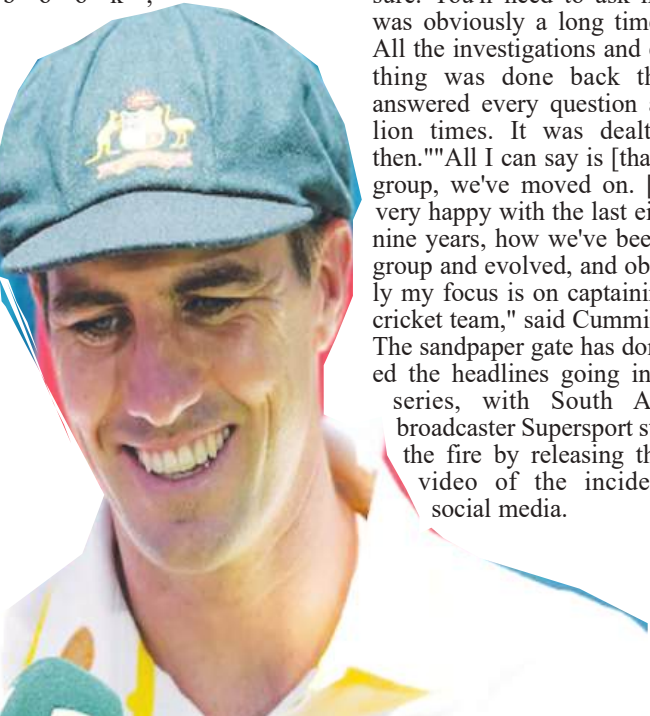
New Delhi. (Agency) Australia captain Pat Cummins is unfazed about the potential revelations about the Sandpapergate scandal in Usman Khawaja's book, insisting that his side has moved on from the scandal. Australia are set to face South Africa in South Africa in a Test series for the first time since the scandal in 2018. Khawaja's autobiography, Sabr, is scheduled to hit the shelves on November 10, following the end of Australia's three-Test tour of South Africa. According to a report by Code Sports, the former Australia opener has already discussed the book's contents with Cummins, although the details remain under wraps. Cummins acknowledged that he had discussed the autobiography and its contents with Khawaja, but said he wasn't bothered by the possibility of fresh details emerging about the ball-tampering scandal. The Australia captain added that he had already addressed questions on the con-

trovery countless times over the past eight-and-a-half years. "Yeah, Uz gave me a buzz a few weeks back, [saying] that he's releasing a book," said Cummins at the pre-match press conference. "He didn't go back into too much detail. He just basically gave me a heads-up that he's doing a book. As always, [my response was], 'No worries, you can tell your story. That's fine.'"

'AUSTRALIA HAVE MOVED ON'

Cummins and Khawaja were both part of Australia's squad for the controversial Cape Town Test in 2018, where television cameras captured Cameron Bancroft using sandpaper on the ball. The scandal led to Steven Smith stepping down as captain and David Warner relinquishing the vice-captaincy. Cricket Australia subsequently handed lengthy suspensions to Smith, Warner and Bancroft for their roles in an incident that

damaged the sport's reputation. When pressed about his conversation with Khawaja and the book, Cummins said that the best person to answer would be the former Aussie opener. "I'm not too sure. You'll need to ask him. It was obviously a long time ago. All the investigations and everything was done back then. I answered every question a million times. It was dealt with then." "All I can say is [that] as a group, we've moved on. [I am] very happy with the last eight or nine years, how we've been as a group and evolved, and obviously my focus is on captaining the cricket team," said Cummins. The sandpaper gate has dominated the headlines going into the series, with South African broadcaster Supersport stoking the fire by releasing the full video of the incident on social media.



8 years on from Sandpapergate, Australia chase redemption in South Africa Tests

Australia return to South Africa for the first time since the 2018 Sandpapergate scandal, with the top two WTC sides set for a high-stakes three-Test series. South Africa will begin their homecoming as world champions, while Australia eye redemption after their defeat in last year's WTC final.



October 9, their first Test tour of South Africa since the infamous 2018 Sandpapergate series. But this is no longer simply about settling old scores. The series brings together the top two teams in the current World Test Championship (WTC) standings, while also reprising last year's WTC final, where South Africa beat Australia by five wickets at Lord's. A year later, the Australians have an opportunity to strike back on South African soil. The 2018 tour remains impossible to ignore. Steve Smith, David Warner and Cameron Bancroft were suspended after Australia were caught using sandpaper to illegally alter the ball. The scandal led to bans, resignations and a lasting stain on Australian cricket. Eight years later, only a handful of players from that era remain. Pat Cummins, Josh Hazlewood, Mitchell Starc, Smith and Matthew Renshaw are the members of Australia's current touring group who were also part of the 2018 party.

IND vs WI, 2nd T20I: Ishan Kishan returns home with Ranchi ready for a spectacle

IND vs WI 2nd T20I Preview: Ishan Kishan's Ranchi homecoming adds intrigue to the second T20I as India look to extend their lead against West Indies, who must find answers to India's spin attack and overcome challenging dew and weather conditions.

New Delhi. (Agency) Ishan Kishan returns to Ranchi on Friday, but this time the welcome will be different. The Jharkhand star will walk out at the JSCA Stadium as part of India's T20I setup, with a packed

home crowd waiting to see him back on familiar ground as India take on West Indies in the second game of the series. India arrive with a 1-0 lead after making short work of the visitors in the opener. Shreyas Iyer's unbeaten 102

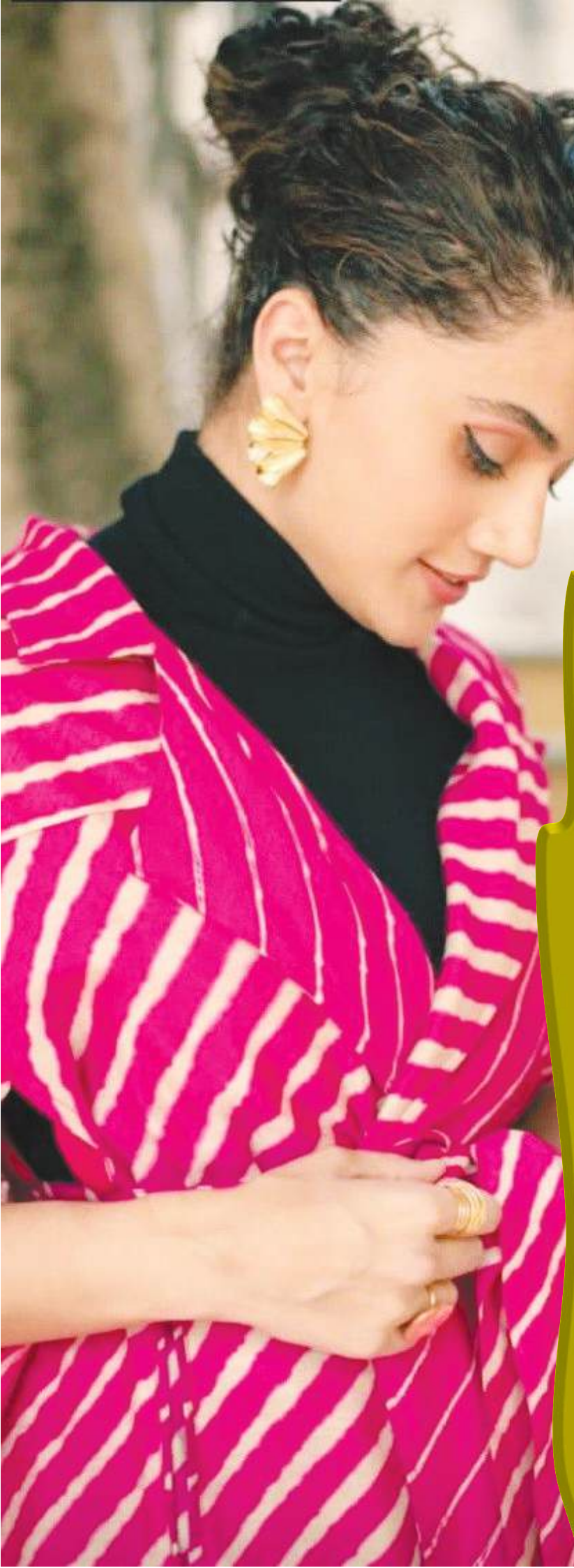


powered a 172-run chase in just 14.4 overs, while India's spinners exposed West

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India's biggest advantage is the number of ways they can hurt West Indies. The opening game was not just about Shreyas Iyer's unbeaten 102; India also chased 172 with 32 balls to spare, underlining the depth and tempo available across their batting order. Abhishek Sharma and Sanju Samson can put pressure on the new-ball attack, while Ishan Kishan, Tilak Varma and Shivam Dube give India plenty of power through the middle. That batting depth means West Indies cannot afford to relax even after making early breakthroughs. With the ball, India's spinners dictated the middle overs in the opener, forcing West Indies into mistakes and eventually bowling them out for 171. Ranchi's conditions could make that battle particularly interesting, especially if the surface offers some grip before dew takes over later in the evening.

evening conditions, the visitors have to find a response quickly. Kishan's homecoming adds an intriguing subplot to a game where India will be looking to extend their winning run and West Indies will be desperate to avoid falling further behind.



Taapsee Pannu

On Keeping Wedding To Mathias Boe Private: ‘Why Should I Have A Public Announcement?’

Bollywood actress Taapsee Pannu recently spoke about her decision to keep her wedding to former Danish badminton player Mathias Boe away from the public eye. She said that she saw no reason to make a formal announcement about the wedding or release photos and videos from the celebrations. She also added that she does not want to subject her husband, Mathias Boe, to public scrutiny.

For the unversed, Taapsee Pannu and Mathias Boe had a court marriage in December 2023. They later celebrated their wedding with an intimate ceremony in Udaipur in March 2024, attended by close friends and family members. The couple chose to keep the celebrations private and did not release an official set of wedding photographs.

‘Why Should I Have A Public Announcement?’

In an interaction with Nayandeep Rakshit on his YouTube channel, Taapsee addressed the decision to keep the wedding private. She explained that she has always preferred to maintain a distinction between her professional career and personal life.

“Why should I have a public announcement? I’ve always kept my personal and professional lives apart. Not that I want to hide them, am scared or embarrassed of them. But I’ve refrained from making announcements. I think it’s personal, and I’d want to keep it like that. It feels very weird to put out a press note or a deck of photos and videos,” she said.

Taapsee Pannu On Leaked Wedding Video

Despite the couple’s efforts to keep the celebrations private, a video clip from the wedding eventually surfaced online in April 2024. A video circulating on social media showed Taapsee’s bridal entry and parts of the varmala ceremony. In the clip, she was seen wearing a traditional red outfit, while Mathias wore an ivory sherwani. Speaking about the video clip getting leaked, Taapsee said, “That was very embarrassing. But that happens with people who’re not invited by you, but by your family. Your family wants them to be there, but you maybe don’t know them enough. Some of them didn’t understand the basic brief given to them.”

She added that she did not want to take away the guests’ phones as she believes it is very childish. “I would want to believe that those people will value it when I’m cordially telling them that even if you click pictures, please don’t post them. Almost everybody was clicking videos... When you see a picture or a video, it’s not just about me. It’s about a lot of other people, including my husband, who’s not the kind of public figure I am. He’s a sports star, but people are not that crazy about the personal life of the person, especially in this part of the world and the kind of a sport he’s in. So, he’s open to the kind of scrutiny I’m used to,” she said.





Deepika Padukone

Working On Motherhood-Focused Initiative After Welcoming Second Child? What We Know

Deepika Padukone has embraced motherhood for the second time. The actor and husband Ranveer Singh welcomed their second daughter on September 19, nearly two years after the birth of their first daughter, Dua. The couple announced the news through a simple Instagram post that read, “Welcome baby girl! 19/9/2026 Dua. Deepika & Ranveer.”

Motherhood, however, may soon become more than a personal chapter for Deepika. We hear the actor is quietly working on a new initiative that puts the early years of motherhood at its centre. Details are still being kept under wraps, but the project is said to be closely connected to her own experience of becoming a mother of two.

The idea seems to be taking shape with Savika Patni, a management professional who has worked across the US and India. Her professional background includes healthcare and consumer businesses, and her recent work has also focused on women’s health and mum-and-baby health.

Deepika has spoken about balancing motherhood and her career before and her own work schedule has continued alongside her growing family. Earlier this year, she was working on major projects even during her second pregnancy. She also featured in a maternity shoot with Ranveer and Dua in September, shortly before the birth of their second daughter.

Deepika Padukone has also been closely associated with mental health awareness through The Live Love Laugh Foundation, which she founded in 2015 after speaking publicly about her own experience with depression and anxiety. The foundation works to create awareness around mental health, reduce stigma and improve access to support.



Deepika Padukone’s Films

Despite entering another phase of motherhood, Deepika continues to have major films lined up. She is set to star opposite Shah Rukh Khan in King, which is slated for release later this year. She is also part of Atlee’s Raaka, starring Allu Arjun.

The film has already made headlines for its use of motion-capture technology, with the makers setting a Guinness World Record after capturing 37 performers simultaneously in real time using 92 cameras.

9 Years After Dangal, Aamir Khan To Return To Japanese Cinema In 2027 With THIS Film



Aamir Khan, who last had his film in Japanese cinemas in 2018, is all set to return to Japan after nearly a decade. Khan’s 2025 film Sitaare Zameen Par is all set to release in Japan in spring 2027, nearly a decade after Dangal was released there in 2018. The announcement about the same was made by Japanese distributor Geek Pictures on September 25, 2026.

In a tweet, the production house wrote, “Distributed by Geek Pictures Indian Film ‘Sitaare! The Miracle Team of Stardust’ ★ Set for Spring 2027 Release ★ Starring #AamirKhan from ‘3 Idiots’! A heartwarming ode to life filled with laughter and tears ★ .”

Aamir Khan’s Sitaare Zameen Par

Directed by RS Prasanna, Sitaare Zameen Par tells the heartwarming story of Gulshan Arora (played by Aamir Khan), a hot-headed basketball coach assigned to train a team of adults with intellectual disabilities. What starts as a punishment soon transforms into a journey of acceptance, growth, and inclusion. The film is a spiritual sequel to 2007’s Taare Zameen Par and is an official Hindi adaptation of the Spanish hit Campeones.

Interestingly, during the film’s theatrical release, Aamir had initially stated that it would not arrive on OTT platforms. Instead, the movie was later made available on YouTube through a pay-per-view model for audiences in India and several international markets, but nine months after its release, the movie premiered on SonyLiv.

The film also features performances by Genelia Deshmukh, Ashish Pandse, Aroush Datta, Aayush Bhansali, Rishi Shahani, Gopikrishnan K Varma, Rishabh Jain, Vedant Sharma, Simran Mangeshkar, Samvit Desai and Naman Misra.

The project is produced by Aamir Khan Productions along with Aparna Purohit, while B. Shrinivas Rao and Ravi Bhagchandka also serve as producers. The screenplay is written by Divy Nidhi Sharma.

Aamir Khan On Work Front

Aamir Khan is reportedly preparing for another major physical transformation, this time for Ashutosh Gowariker’s upcoming sports drama Lalkaara.

Income Tax Department Raids Locations Linked To Rakul Preet Singh, Vashu Bhagnani And Panorama Studios



The Income Tax Department has launched searches at multiple locations linked to Bollywood actor Rakul Preet Singh, her father-in-law and film producer Vashu Bhagnani, and Panorama Studios in Mumbai. The searches are part of an investigation into suspected fund irregularities, with officials examining alleged overseas movement of money linked to film financing.

According to a report in , the Mumbai Income Tax Department is carrying out searches at 12 locations. Investigators are checking financial records, documents and details of transactions that allegedly involved funds being routed abroad under the guise of financing film projects.

Income Tax Searches In Mumbai

Multiple teams from the Mumbai Income Tax Department are carrying out the searches and checking documents and financial records. Officials are also looking into alleged overseas transactions linked to film projects. The searches are being conducted at locations linked to Rakul Preet Singh, Vashu Bhagnani and Panorama Studios. Further details about the transactions have not been revealed yet. The department is currently examining the records as part of its probe into the suspected irregularities.

Rakul Preet Singh’s Family Had Faced Drug Case Probe

The Income Tax searches come after another case involving Rakul Preet Singh’s family last year. In December 2025, Mumbai Police launched a hunt for her brother Aman Preet Singh in connection with a drug case. The action followed an operation conducted by the Elite Action Group for Drug Law Enforcement (EAGLE) Force and West Zone police on December 19, 2025. Two businessmen were arrested for allegedly peddling drugs during the operation.

संक्षिप्त समाचार



गिरिडीह, एजेंसी।क्रेडिट कार्ड अपडेट करने का झासा देकर पुणे के एक व्यक्ति से 24.35 लाख उड़ाने वाले दो साइबर ठगों को पुलिस ने पपरवाटांड से गिरफ्तार किया है। ठा देवीपुर का विष्णु वर्मा और विनोद मंडल है। आरोपियों ने पुणे के पत्यावर मांडी को फोन कर खुद को बैंक प्रतिनिधि बताया। क्रेडिट कार्ड अपडेट करने के नाम पर कार्ड नंबर व अन्य गोपनीय जानकारी हसिल कर ली। इसके बाद खाते से 24.35 लाख उड़ा लिए। पीड़ित की शिकायत पर 23 सितंबर को मामला दर्ज हुआ था। जांच के दौरान आरोपियों की मोबाइल लोकेशन गिरिडीह में मिली। इसके बाद पुणे पुलिस यहां पहुंची और दोनों को धर दबोचा।

जामताड़ा: स्क्रीन शेयरिंग ऐप से ठगी, 3 धराए साइबर पुलिस ने फर्जी कस्टमर केयर बनकर ठगी करने वाले गिरोह का खुलासा करते हुए तीन आरोपियों को गिरफ्तार किया है। आरोपी गूगल पर ई-कॉमर्स, ई-पैमेंट और अन्य कंपनियों के कस्टमर केयर नंबर की जगह अपना मोबाइल नंबर डालते थे। ग्राहक समस्या के समाधान के लिए उस नंबर पर फोन करते तो आरोपी खुद को कंपनी का प्रतिनिधि बताकर मोबाइल में स्क्रीन शेयरिंग ऐप डाउनलोड करवाते थे। इसके बाद मोबाइल पर बैंकिंग से जुड़ी गोपनीय जानकारी हसिल कर ठगी करते थे। पुलिस टीम ने नारायणपुर के फुलझरिया पानी टंकी के पास झाड़ियों में छापेमारी कर बंवारदुआ के आफिफ अंसारी (28), शाहनज़ां अंसारी (40) और जिसान अंसारी (24) को पकड़ा। इनके पास से चार मोबाइल और छह सिम बरामद हुए हैं। पुलिस के अनुसार, आरोपियों का नेटवर्क कई राज्यों तक फैला था। पूछताछ में इनके अन्य साथियों और ठगी के मामलों की जानकारी जुटाई जा रही है।

महिला पर आकाशीय बिजली गिरने से मौत



दुमका।, एजेंसी। जिला के हंसडीहा थाना क्षेत्र के सिमरा लकड़वांका गांव में बुधवार शाम आकाशीय बिजली की चपेट में आने से 35 वर्षीय प्रेमलता देवी की मौत हो गई। घटना के गांव के डंगाल में रो-रोकर बुरा हाल है। ग्रामीणों ने पीड़ित परिवार को सरकारी सहायता देने की मांग की है। जानकारी के अनुसार प्रेमलता देवी गांव के डंगाल में भैंस चरा रही थीं। इसी दौरान मौसम अचानक खराब हो गया और तेज गर्जना के साथ आकाशीय बिजली गिर गई। आकाशीय बिजली की चपेट में आने से वह गंभीर रूप से घायल हो गई। घटना की सूचना मिलने पर परिजन और ग्रामीण उन्हें आनन-फानन में इलाज के लिए सामुदायिक स्वास्थ्य केंद्र जरमुंडी ले गए, जहां चिकित्सकों ने जांच के बाद मृत घोषित कर दिया। घटना के बाद अस्पताल में ग्रामीणों की भीड़ जुट गई और परिजनों में कोहराम मच गया। मृतका अपने पिछे एक पुत्र और एक पुत्री छोड़ गई हैं। वहीं पुलिस ने आवश्यक कानूनी प्रक्रिया पूरी करते हुए शव का पोस्टमार्टम कराया और गुरुवार को शव परिजनों को सौंप दिया। थाना प्रभारी अजीत कुमार यादव ने बताया कि इस मामले में मृतका के परिजनों की ओर से हंसडीहा थाना में कोई आवेदन नहीं दिया गया है।

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चतरा, एजेंसी। सदर थाना पुलिस ने एनडीपीएस एक्ट के तहत दर्ज अफीम की खेती के मामले में लंबे समय से फरार चल रहे एक आरोपी को गिरफ्तार कर जेल भेज दिया है। गिरफ्तार आरोपी की पहचान सदर थाना क्षेत्र के पटेर गांव निवासी कारू यादव के पुत्र लालू यादव के रूप में हुई है। पुलिस ने गुरुवार को गांव सूचना के आधार पर कार्रवाई की। आरोपी को उसके घर से गिरफ्तार किया। सदर थाना प्रभारी अनिल उरांव ने बताया कि लालू यादव के विरुद्ध सदर थाना में अफीम की खेती करने के आरोप में एनडीपीएस एक्ट के तहत मामला दर्ज किया गया था। मामला दर्ज होने के बाद से आरोपी पुलिस की गिरफ्त से बाहर था।

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टोटो चालकों को पुलिस ने दी यातायात नियमों की जानकारी

पश्चिमी सिंहभूम, एजेंसी। पश्चिमी सिंहभूम जिला परिवहन पदाधिकारी के निर्देश पर शुक्रवार को चाईबासा के शहीद चौक के समीप टोटो चालकों के लिए जागरूकता एवं काउंसलिंग कार्यक्रम आयोजित किया गया। जिला यातायात प्रभारी संतोष कुमार ने चालकों को यातायात नियमों का पालन करने, यात्रियों की सुरक्षा को प्राथमिकता देने और सड़क दुर्घटनाओं की रोकथाम में जिम्मेदारी निभाने की अपील की। कार्यक्रम के माध्यम से टोटो का नियमानुसार निबंधन सुनिश्चित करने और सड़क पर सुरक्षित यातायात व्यवस्था बनाए रखने पर जोर दिया गया।

इस दौरान संतोष कुमार ने चालकों को निर्धारित क्षमता के अनुसार ही यात्रियों को बैठाने और वाहन की गति नियंत्रित रखने की हिदायत दी। उन्होंने कहा कि गलत दिशा या गलत लेन में टोटो चलाने से दुर्घटना की आशंका बढ़ जाती है। इसलिए वाहन मोड़ते समय और रोकते समय इंडिकेटर का इस्तेमाल करना जरूरी है। यात्रियों को चढ़ाने और उतारने के लिए सड़क के बीच में वाहन रोकने के बजाय सुरक्षित स्थान का चयन



करने का निर्देश भी दिया गया। चालकों को स्पष्ट रूप से बताया गया कि वाहन चलाते

समय मोबाइल फोन या ईयरफोन का इस्तेमाल नहीं करें और किसी भी परिस्थिति

में नशे की हालत में वाहन न चलाएं। नाबालिगों को टोटो चलाने की अनुमति नहीं

देने तथा केवल वैध ड्राइविंग लाइसेंसधारी चालकों से ही वाहन संचालित कराने पर भी जोर दिया गया। काउंसलिंग के दौरान टोटो चालकों को पंजीकरण प्रमाण-पत्र, ड्राइविंग लाइसेंस, परमिट और बीमा सहित सभी आवश्यक दस्तावेज दुरुस्त रखने की सलाह दी गई।

साथ ही बैटरी, हेडलाइट, टेललाइट और इंडिकेटर की नियमित जांच करने तथा रात में वाहन की पहचान आसान बनाने के लिए पीछे रिफ्लेक्टर या रिफ्लेक्टिव टेप लगाने को कहा गया। जिला यातायात प्रभारी ने यात्रियों को वाहन पूरी तरह रुकने के बाद ही चढ़ाने और उतारने, उन्हें हाथ-पैर बाहर नहीं निकालने देने तथा जल्दबाजी में वाहन नहीं चलाने की हिदायत दी। उन्होंने कहा कि यातायात नियमों का पालन करना प्रत्येक चालक की जिम्मेदारी है। चालकों की थोड़ी-सी लापरवाही भी यात्रियों और अन्य राहगीरों के लिए गंभीर खतरा बन सकती है। कार्यक्रम के अंत में सभी टोटो चालकों से सड़क सुरक्षा के नियमों का पालन करने और दुर्घटनाओं को रोकने में प्रशासन का सहयोग करने की अपील की गई।

नदी से एक व्यक्ति का शव बरामद

चक्रधरपुर के इंदकाटा गांव के पास मिली लाश, पोस्टमार्टम रिपोर्ट से खुलेगा मौत का राज

पश्चिमी सिंहभूम, एजेंसी। पश्चिमी सिंहभूम जिले के चक्रधरपुर थाना क्षेत्र के इंदकाटा गांव के पास शुक्रवार सुबह नदी में एक व्यक्ति का शव मिला है। मृतक की पहचान असंतलिया निवासी 50 वर्षीय रविन्द्र बोदरा के रूप में हुई है। सूचना मिलने पर चक्रधरपुर थाना पुलिस मौके पर पहुंची और ग्रामीणों की मदद से शव को नदी से बाहर निकलवाया। परिजनों के अनुसार, रविन्द्र बोदरा की मां की तबीयत खराब थी। इसी सिलसिले में वह गुरुवार शाम घर से निकले थे। देर रात तक उनके वापस नहीं लौटने पर परिजन चिंतित हो गए थे। इसी बीच शुक्रवार सुबह इंदकाटा गांव के समीप नदी में स्थानीय लोगों ने एक शव तैरता हुआ देखा। उन्होंने तत्काल इसकी सूचना पुलिस को दी। मौके पर पहुंची पुलिस ने शव को बाहर निकलवाया, जिसके बाद उसकी पहचान रविन्द्र बोदरा के रूप में हुई। पुलिस ने आवश्यक कानूनी



प्रक्रिया पूरी करने के बाद शव को पोस्टमार्टम के लिए चक्रधरपुर अनुमंडल अस्पताल भेज दिया। फिलहाल उनकी मौत के कारणों का पता नहीं चल पाया है। पुलिस के अनुसार, पोस्टमार्टम रिपोर्ट आने के बाद ही मृत्यु के वास्तविक कारणों का खुलासा हो सकेगा। मामले की जांच हादसे समेत अन्य संभावित पहलुओं को ध्यान में रखकर

की जा रही है। घटना की जानकारी मिलने के बाद मृतक के परिजन और असंतलिया गांव के कई ग्रामीण अनुमंडल अस्पताल पहुंचे। परिजनों और ग्रामीणों ने मामले की निष्पक्ष जांच कराने तथा रविन्द्र बोदरा की मौत के कारणों का पता लगाने की मांग की है। पुलिस ने मामले में आगे की कानूनी कार्रवाई शुरू कर दी है।

बेसमेंट में कपड़े सुखाने गए युवक की करंट लगने से मौत

पूर्वी सिंहभूम, एजेंसी। सीतारामडेरा थाना क्षेत्र के भालूबासा में गुरुवार को करंट की चपेट में आने से युवक मोनू सीट उर्फ मुन्ना (30) की मौत हो गई। मृतक मूल रूप से बहरागोड़ा के दरखुली गांव का रहने वाला था और पिछले करीब 23 वर्षों से डॉक्टर विजय अग्रवाल के परिवार के साथ रहकर काम कर रहा था। बचपन से ही परिवार के साथ रहने के कारण मोनू उनके घर का अभिन्न हिस्सा बन गया था। बताया जाता है कि गुरुवार को मोनू घर के बेसमेंट में कपड़े सुखाने के लिए गया था। इसी दौरान वह किसी तरह बिजली के संपर्क में आ गया और उसे जोरदार करंट लग गया। हादसे के बाद घर में मौजूद लोगों ने उसे बचाने का प्रयास किया और तत्काल इलाज के लिए टाटा मुख्य अस्पताल (टीएमएच) ले जाया गया। वहां चिकित्सकों ने जांच के बाद उसे मृत घोषित कर दिया। मोनू की अचानक मौत की खबर से परिवार और उसके परिचितों में शोक की लहर दौड़ गई। करीब 23 वर्षों से डॉक्टर विजय अग्रवाल के परिवार के साथ रहने और काम करने के कारण उसका इस परिवार से गहरा जुड़ाव था। परिजनों के अनुसार, बचपन से इसी परिवार के बीच रहने के कारण वह उनके लिए केवल कर्मचारी नहीं, बल्कि परिवार के सदस्य जैसा था। घटना की जानकारी मिलने के बाद सीतारामडेरा थाना पुलिस मौके पर पहुंची और मामले की जांच शुरू कर दी। पुलिस यह पता लगाने का प्रयास कर रही है कि बेसमेंट में बिजली का संपर्क किस परिस्थिति में हुआ और युवक करंट की चपेट में कैसे आया। पुलिस ने घटना से जुड़े तथ्यों की जांच शुरू कर दी है।



पाकुड़ में झामुमो कार्यकर्ता का सड़ा-गला शव खेत से मिला

30 सितंबर से थे लापता, पुलिस हत्या और हादसे दोनों ही एंगल से कर रही जांच



करवाया था। चार बजे उन्हें छुट्टी करवाने पत्नी गई थी। चिकित्सक का फीस जमा करने चिकित्सालय के अंदर गई। इसी बीच पति दिनेश मरांडी वहां से गायब हो गए। परिजनों ने उनकी वापसी का इंतजार किया। वहीं, शव मिलने से उनके परिजन काफी गमगीन देखे गए। थाना प्रभारी नागेंद्र कुमार ने कहा कि मौत के असली कारणों का पता पोस्टमॉर्टम रिपोर्ट आने के बाद चलेगा। पुलिस हत्या या हादसे समेत सभी पहलुओं पर जांच कर रही है।

पाकुड़, एजेंसी। पाकुड़ जिला के लिट्टीपाड़ा गांव निवासी व झामुमो के वरिष्ठ कार्यकर्ता दिनेश मुर्मू (50) का सड़ा-गला शव गुरुवार को सुरजबेड़ा गांव के पास एक धान के खेत से मिला। वह 30 सितंबर से लापता थे। शव कई दिनों पुराना होने के कारण काफी सड़ चुका था। गुरुवार को सुरजबेड़ा गांव का एक किसान अपने मवेशियों के लिए घास काटने खेत गया था। तभी उसे धान के खेत में एक सड़ा-गला शव दिखा। वहीं, शव के आसपास दुर्गंध फैली हुई थी। उसने ग्रामीणों और मुखिया शिव टुड़ु को जानकारी दी, जिन्होंने पुलिस को सूचना दी। सूचना मिलते ही पाकुड़ एसडीपीओ कुमार गौरव, लिट्टीपाड़ा थाना प्रभारी नागेंद्र कुमार, मालपहाड़ी ओपी प्रभारी विवेक कुमार और सिमलौंग ओपी प्रभारी सुखदेव कुमार मौके पर पहुंचे। पुलिस ने जांच कर शव को पोस्टमॉर्टम के लिए सदर अस्पताल, पाकुड़ भेजा। वहीं, आसपास के लोगों से पूछताछ भी की गई। मृतक की पत्नी कुइंडी मरांडी ने थाने में गुमशुदगी की रिपोर्ट दर्ज कराई थी। वहीं रिपोर्ट में उन्होंने उल्लेख किया था कि दिनेश मुर्मू बीमार थे और इलाज के लिए कथित सुरजबेड़ा स्थित झोला छाप चिकित्सक के यहां 30 सितंबर को भर्ती करवाया था। चार बजे उन्हें छुट्टी करवाने पत्नी गई थी। चिकित्सक का फीस जमा करने चिकित्सालय के अंदर गई। इसी बीच पति दिनेश मरांडी वहां से गायब हो गए। परिजनों ने उनकी वापसी का इंतजार किया। वहीं, शव मिलने से उनके परिजन काफी गमगीन देखे गए। थाना प्रभारी नागेंद्र कुमार ने कहा कि मौत के असली कारणों का पता पोस्टमॉर्टम रिपोर्ट आने के बाद चलेगा। पुलिस हत्या या हादसे समेत सभी पहलुओं पर जांच कर रही है।

कोडरमा में हाथियों ने रौंदी धान की फसल

पपलो गांव में दो दर्जन से ज्यादा हाथियों के झुंड ने मचाया उत्पात, किसानों में दहशत

कोडरमा, एजेंसी। कोडरमा के मरकच्चो ब्लॉक के पपलो गांव में हाथियों ने फिर उत्पात मचाया। बुधवार देर रात करीब दो दर्जन हाथियों के झुंड ने हमला कर तैयार धान की फसल रौंद दी, जिससे किसानों में दहशत है। युनुस अंसारी, इंद्रदेव यादव, सहोदरी देवी, अफजल अंसारी, भुनेश्वर प्रसाद यादव, रामचंद्र यादव, रामसहाय यादव, चुरामन मियां की करीब दो एकड़ धान की फसल बर्बाद हुई। मेहनत से तैयार फसल खराब होने से किसानों पर बड़ा आर्थिक संकट है। ग्रामीणों की सूचना पर वन



विभाग की टीम पहुंची। ग्रामीणों व वन विभाग ने मशालें जलाई, पटाखे फोड़े और हाथियों को जंगल की ओर खदेड़ा। हाथियों का झुंड अभी भी बेरहमा जंगल में रुका है। वन विभाग ने ग्रामीणों से सतर्क रहने को कहा है। किसानों ने प्रशासन से जल्द फसल खराब होने का मुआवजा और स्थायी समाधान मांगा है। इधर, वन विभाग को टीम हाथियों के झुंड को इलाके से बाहर खदेड़ने में जुटी हुई है। वन विभाग ने लोगों से हाथियों के झुंड के करीब नज्द जाने की सलाह दी है। साथ ही लोगों से घरों

रामगढ़ के भुरकुंडा में युवक ने लगाई फांसी, मौत

परिजनों ने खिड़की से देखा तो दरवाजा तोड़कर निकाला बाहर, सुसाइड की वजह स्पष्ट नहीं

रामगढ़ (झारखंड), एजेंसी।भुरकुंडा के शिव नगर में दोपहर में 20 साल के सूरज कुमार ने फांसी लगाकर आत्महत्या कर ली। परिवार के लोगों ने उसे बचाने की कोशिश की, लेकिन तब तक उसकी मौत हो चुकी थी। परिजनों ने बताया कि सूरज अचानक अपने कमरे में चला गया और दरवाजा बंद कर लिया। जब उन्होंने खिड़की से देखा तो वह एंगल के सहारे फांसी लगाने की कोशिश कर रहा था। घरवालों ने तुरंत दरवाजा तोड़कर अंदर प्रवेश किया। उन्होंने सूरज को नीचे उतारा, लेकिन तब तक उसकी जान जा चुकी थी। सूचना मिलने पर पुलिस मौके पर पहुंची और शव को कब्जे में लेकर पोस्टमार्टम के लिए भेजा। पुलिस आत्महत्या के कारणों का पता लगाने के लिए सभी पहलुओं की जांच कर रही है। आसपास के लोगों के मुताबिक, सूरज कुछ काम नहीं करता था और कुछ समय पहले ही उसने पढ़ाई छोड़ दी थी। वह ज्यादातर समय घर पर ही रहता था।



साथ 40 से 50 किलोमीटर प्रति घंटे की रफ्तार से तेज आंधी चलने का भी अनुमान है। पिछले 24 घंटों के दौरान राज्य में सबसे अधिक 32.4 मिलीमीटर

रिकॉर्ड किया गया। राज्य में न्यूनतम तापमान लातेहार में 16.9 डिग्री सेल्सियस रहा। रांची और आसपास के इलाकों में पिछले चार-पांच दिनों से रात के समय हल्का कुहासा भी देखने को मिल रहा है। शुक्रवार को रांची में अधिकतम तापमान 27.7 डिग्री और न्यूनतम तापमान 19.5 डिग्री सेल्सियस दर्ज किया गया। जमशेदपुर में अधिकतम तापमान 32 डिग्री और न्यूनतम 22.4 डिग्री, डाल्टनगंज में अधिकतम 30.2 और न्यूनतम 22.7 डिग्री, बोकारो में अधिकतम 30.1 और न्यूनतम 21.1 डिग्री, जबकि चाईबासा में अधिकतम तापमान 33.8 और न्यूनतम 20.2 डिग्री सेल्सियस रिकॉर्ड किया गया।

बारिश पश्चिमी सिंहभूम जिले के तांतनगर में दर्ज की गई। वहीं, सबसे अधिक अधिकतम तापमान पूर्वी सिंहभूम जिले के बहागोड़ा में 37.1 डिग्री सेल्सियस

छात्राओं की सुरक्षा में लापरवाही बर्दाश्त नहीं : रेखा गुप्ता

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। दिल्ली की मुख्यमंत्री रेखा गुप्ता ने दिल्ली विश्वविद्यालय नॉर्थ कैंपस में अंधेरी जगहें, लाइटिंग की कमी, टूटे फूटपाथ और कचरे की समस्या के जल्द समाधान के निर्देश दिए हैं। उन्होंने कहा कि छात्राओं की सुरक्षा में लापरवाही बर्दाश्त नहीं की जाएगी। मुख्यमंत्री ने देर रात दिल्ली विश्वविद्यालय के नॉर्थ कैंपस पहुंचीं। यहां उन्होंने आर्ट्स फैकल्टी के बाहर छात्राओं से सीधे संवाद कर उनकी सुरक्षा, परिवहन, हॉस्टल और कॉलेज से जुड़ी समस्याओं की जानकारी ली। उन्होंने छात्राओं से बातचीत करते हुए पूछा कि रात में आने-जाने में कोई परेशानी या असुरक्षा तो महसूस नहीं होती और कॉलेज से जुड़ी कोई समस्या हो तो वह भी उन्हें बताएं। उन्होंने छात्राओं को भरोसा दिलाया कि उनकी हर उचित समस्या के समाधान के लिए सरकार आवश्यक कदम उठाएगी। मुख्यमंत्री ने कैंपस में निरीक्षण करते हुए कई डार्क स्पॉट देखे और अधिकारियों से मौके पर ही उनकी जानकारी ली। उन्होंने कहा कि सड़क पर पर्याप्त रोशनी होने के बावजूद कैंपस के अंदर कई स्थानों पर अंधेरा दिखाई दे रहा है, जबकि यहां छात्राओं और विद्यार्थियों की लगातार आवाजाही रहती है।

निगमायुक्त ने मोलइंबंद क्षेत्र का किया निरीक्षण, जनसमस्याओं के त्वरित एवं स्थायी समाधान के लिए निर्देश

नई दिल्ली। निगमायुक्त संजीव खिरवार ने मोलइंबंद क्षेत्र का निरीक्षण कर क्षेत्र में सफाई व्यवस्था, जलभराव, शिक्षा एवं स्वास्थ्य सुविधाओं, अतिक्रमण, कूड़ा प्रबंधन तथा अन्य नागरिक सुविधाओं का जायजा लिया। निरीक्षण के दौरान मोलइंबंद गांव स्थित एमसीडी प्राथमिक विद्यालय की स्थिति का विशेष रूप से जायजा लिया गया। विद्यालय के कुछ कमरों में मरम्मत की आवश्यकता को देखते हुए निगमायुक्त ने संबंधित अधिकारियों को क्षतिग्रस्त कमरों की आवश्यक मरम्मत का कार्य आगामी सोमवार तक अनिवार्य रूप से पूरा करने के निर्देश दिए। उन्होंने स्पष्ट किया कि मरम्मत कार्य पूरा होने तक विद्यार्थियों की सुरक्षा सर्वोच्च प्राथमिकता रहे और बच्चों को अस्थायी रूप से सुरक्षित वैकल्पिक स्थान पर स्थानांतरित कर उनकी पढ़ाई निर्बाध रूप से जारी रखी जाए। विद्यालय परिसर में विद्यार्थियों के लिए पार्क के लिए भी निर्देश दिया। क्षेत्र में स्वास्थ्य सुविधाओं को और सुदृढ़ करने के उद्देश्य से मोलइंबंद एक्सटेंशन स्थित एमसीडी प्राथमिक विद्यालय के समीप पोटा केबिन परिसर में एमसीडी डिस्पेंसरी शुरू करने की संभावना पर भी चर्चा की गई।

दिल्ली के प्रेम नगर में तालाब में मिला 7 साल के मासूम का शव, दूसरे भाई की तलाश जारी

नई दिल्ली । राजधानी दिल्ली के प्रेम नगर थाना क्षेत्र में एक दर्दनाक घटना सामने आई है। यहां एक पुराने तालाब में सात वर्षीय मासूम बच्चे का शव मिलने से इलाके में हड़कंप मच गया। बताया जा रहा है कि दोनों बच्चे सगे भाई थे और गुरुवार दोपहर घर से निकले थे, लेकिन वापस नहीं लौटे। इसके बाद परिजनों ने पुलिस में गुमशुदगी की शिकायत दर्ज कराई थी। जानकारी के मुताबिक, प्रेम नगर इलाके में स्थित पुराने तालाब में एक बच्चे का शव पानी में तैरता दिखाई दिया। राहगीर की सूचना पर पुलिस मौके पर पहुंची। इसके बाद फायर ब्रिगेड की मदद से शव को गहरे पानी से बाहर निकाला गया। पुलिस ने शव को पोस्टमार्टम के लिए संजय गांधी अस्पताल भेज दिया है। परिजनों ने दोनों बच्चों की तलाश के लिए आसपास के इलाकों में पोस्टर भी लगाए थे। घटना के बाद परिवार का रो-रोकर बुरा हाल है। वहीं, दूसरे बच्चे का पता लगाने के लिए तालाब में सर्च ऑपरेशन चलाया जा रहा है। स्थानीय लोगों के अनुसार, तालाब काफी पुराना है और यहां लंबे समय से पानी भरा रहता है। यहां लोग मछली पकड़ने आते हैं और कुछ बच्चे नहाने के लिए भी तालाब में उतरते हैं।

दिल्ली पुलिस ने ‘इंडिया’ ब्लॉक के विरोध प्रदर्शन में कश्मीरी युवक से मारपीट मामले में दर्ज की एफआईआर

नई दिल्ली । दिल्ली पुलिस ने ‘इंडिया’ ब्लॉक के विरोध प्रदर्शन के दौरान हाल ही में कश्मीरी युवक के साथ हुई मारपीट के मामले में एफआईआर दर्ज की है। कश्मीरी युवक ने मारपीट के बाद पुलिस में शिकायत दी थी। दिल्ली पुलिस से जुड़े सूत्रों ने बताया कि कश्मीरी युवक युवक की शिकायत के आधार पर अज्ञात लोगों के खिलाफ एफआईआर दर्ज की गई है। सूत्रों ने यह भी बताया कि शिकायतकर्ता ने खुद को प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी का प्रशंसक बताया और आरोप लगाया कि जब वह प्रधानमंत्री की तस्वीर लेकर विरोध प्रदर्शन वाली जगह पर पहुंचा, तो कांग्रेस कार्यकर्ताओं ने उसके साथ मारपीट की। हालांकि, पुलिस ने कहा कि घटना के सभी पहलुओं की जांच की जाएगी।

मुख्यमंत्री ने ‘प्लांट मंडला रंगोली’ का किया उद्घाटन

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। दिल्ली की मुख्यमंत्री रेखा गुप्ता ने कनांट प्लेस स्थित सेंट्रल पार्क के एम्पीथिएटर में ‘प्लांट मंडला रंगोली’ का उद्घाटन किया। कार्यक्रम के दौरान मुख्यमंत्री ने प्लांट मंडला का अवलोकन किया और उपस्थित लोगों से संवाद भी किया। उन्होंने कहा कि मंडला रंगोली भारतीय कला और संस्कृति की सुंदर एवं समृद्ध परंपरा का प्रतीक है। इस विशेष कार्यक्रम में कार्यक्रम में केंद्रीय राज्य मंत्री व भारतीय जनता पार्टी के दिल्ली प्रदेश अध्यक्ष हर्ष मल्होत्रा, लोक निर्माण विभाग के मंत्री प्रवेश साहिब सिंह, विधायक अशोक गोयल उपस्थित रहे। मुख्यमंत्री ने कहा कि इस मंडला में लगाया गया प्रत्येक पौधा केवल कलात्मक रचना का हिस्सा नहीं, बल्कि पौधे लगाने, उनकी रक्षा और पोषण करने तथा दिल्ली के वन एवं शहरी हरित क्षेत्रों को संरक्षित और विकसित



बेहतर जीवन-स्तर के निर्माण में योगदान देता है। उन्होंने कहा कि इस 'प्लांट मंडला रंगोली' के माध्यम से 'विकसित भारत 2047' और 'विकसित दिल्ली' के संकल्प को भी एक साथ अभिव्यक्त किया गया है। उन्होंने कहा कि प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी द्वारा देशवासियों के सामने रखे गए 'हम करके रहेंगे' के संकल्प

और विश्वास को आज इस अनूठी पौधों की रंगोली के माध्यम से दोहराया गया है। यह संदेश केवल आयोजन तक सीमित नहीं है, बल्कि विकास और पर्यावरण संरक्षण को साथ लेकर आगे बढ़ने का प्रतीक है। जिस प्रकार मंडला के प्रत्येक तत्व से मिलकर एक सुंदर रचना पूर्ण होती है, उसी प्रकार प्रत्येक पौधा और हरित क्षेत्र मिलकर स्वस्थ पर्यावरण और विकसित भारत का प्रतीक है। इसलििए विकसित दिल्ली का अर्थ केवल आधुनिक बुनियादी ढांचे और आर्थिक प्रगति तक सीमित नहीं हो

सकता। विकसित दिल्ली वह होगी, जहां विकास के साथ प्रकृति, स्वच्छ हवा, हरित क्षेत्र और नागरिकों के जीवन की गुणवत्ता को भी समान महत्व मिले। उन्होंने कहा कि प्रधानमंत्री मोदी की 25 वर्षों की जनसेवा से राष्ट्रसेवा की यात्रा के अवसर पर दिल्ली की जनता को शुभकामनाएं देते हुए वह यह संकल्प दोहराती हैं कि दिल्ली विकसित भारत की इस व्यापक यात्रा में अपनी महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका निभाएगी। केंद्रीय राज्य मंत्री हर्ष मल्होत्रा ने कहा कि 'प्लांट मंडला रंगोली' भारतीय कला, संस्कृति और पर्यावरण संरक्षण का सुंदर संगम है। जीवित पौधों से तैयार यह अनूठी रचना दिल्ली को हरित और नीट करने के साथ-साथ प्रकृति के प्रति हमारी जिम्मेदारी का संदेश भी देती है। प्रधानमंत्री मोदी के विकसित भारत के संकल्प के अनुरूप दिल्ली भी विकास और पर्यावरण संरक्षण को साथ लेकर आगे बढ़ रही है।

दिल्ली में 11 अक्टूबर को सभी पोलिंग बूथों पर लगेंगे कैप

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एजेंसी नई दिल्ली । दिल्ली के मुख्य निर्वाचन अधिकारी ने मतदाता सूची के विशेष गहन पुनरीक्षण (एसआईआर) के तहत छूटे मतदाताओं को जुड़ने के लिए दिल्ली के सभी पोलिंग स्टेशनों पर 9 और 11 अक्टूबर को विशेष कैप आयोजित किए हैं। इसके साथ ही स्कूल, कॉलेज और यूनिवर्सिटी में युवा मतदाताओं को जोड़ने के लिए 7 और 8 अक्टूबर को विशेष कैप लग रहे हैं। इससे पहले 29 और 30 सितंबर को भी ऐसे कैप लगे थे। मुख्य निर्वाचन अधिकारी ने एक नोट करते हुए बताया कि अब तक 15,30,408 नो- मेपिंग और तार्किक विसंगति मामलों का दस्तावेजों के आधार पर सत्यापन करके निपटारा किया गया है। उन्होंने कहा कि बीएलओ खुद घर जाकर नोटिस वाले मतदाताओं से

दस्तावेज ले रहे हैं, उन्हें दफ्तर आने की जरूरत नहीं है। सभी दावे-आपत्तियों का निपटारा 30 नवंबर तक कर दिया जाएगा। अपने निवास स्थान के बूथ पर जाकर नाम जुड़वाने की अपील की है। उन्होंने बताया कि चुनाव आयोग के 1 अक्टूबर के आदेश

के बाद बीएलओ घर-घर जाकर छूटे हुए मतदाताओं की पहचान

कर रहे हैं और फार्म-6 भरवा रहे हैं। मुख्य निर्वाचन अधिकारी ने कहा, जो जो मतदाता दिल्ली में एक जगह से दूसरी जगह शिफ्ट



इसके साथ ही स्कूल, कॉलेज और यूनिवर्सिटी में युवा मतदाताओं को जोड़ने के लिए 7 और 8 अक्टूबर को विशेष कैप लग रहे हैं।

दिल्ली के मुख्य निर्वाचन अधिकारी ने सभी से पात्रों से

के बाद बीएलओ घर-घर जाकर छूटे हुए मतदाताओं की पहचान

हो गए हैं और एससीडी लिस्ट में हैं, वे भी फार्म-6 भर सकते हैं। अगर आपका नाम ड्रॉफ्ट वोटर लिस्ट (31 आगस्ट को प्रकाशित) में नहीं है, तो आप 30 अक्टूबर के बीच फार्म-6 भर सकते हैं। अंतिम मतदाता सूची 4 दिसंबर को प्रकाशित होगी।

57वीं जीएसटी परिषद बैठक में शामिल हुई सीएम रेखा गुप्ता

बोली- सुधारों से बनेगी पारदर्शी और कारोबार अनुकूल कर व्यवस्था सरल एवं करदाता-अनुकूल बनेगी।

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। दिल्ली की मुख्यमंत्री रेखा गुप्ता ने भारत मंडप में आयोजित 57वीं जीएसटी परिषद की बैठक में भागीदारी की। मुख्यमंत्री ने जीएसटी परिषद द्वारा प्रस्तावित विभिन्न सुधारों का स्वागत करते हुए कहा कि इन सुधारों का उद्देश्य देश में एक ऐसी कर व्यवस्था विकसित करना है, जो पारदर्शी, कुशल, उत्तरदायी और कारोबार के अनुकूल हो। मुख्यमंत्री ने कहा कि जीएसटी परिषद की बैठक में 'सबका साथ, सबका विकास,

सबका विश्वास' की भावना के अनुरूप जीएसटी व्यवस्था को सरल और करदाताओं के लिए

वहीं स्वचालित रूप से पंजीकरण रद्द होने की व्यवस्था से कारोबार बंद करने वाले करदाताओं को

उन्होंने कहा कि जीएसटी के तहत गिरफ्तारी की शक्ति को हटाने और अभियोजन संबंधी प्रावधानों को



अधिक सुविधाजनक बनाने से जुड़े कई महत्वपूर्ण सुधारों पर चर्चा हुई। उन्होंने कहा कि रिफंड की प्रक्रिया स्वचालित होने से कारोबारियों को उनका पैसा समय पर मिल सकेगा और इससे निर्यातकों की प्रतिस्पर्धात्मक क्षमता भी बढ़ेगी।

अनावश्यक देरी से राहत मिलेगी। मुख्यमंत्री ने कहा कि जीएसटी पंजीकरण की प्रक्रिया को भी आसान बनाया जा रहा है। इससे ई-कॉमर्स प्लेटफॉर्म पर कारोबार करने वाले छोटे विक्रेताओं के लिए भी पंजीकरण अधिक सुगम होगा।

तर्कसंगत बनाने जैसे कदम देश में कारोबार के लिए अनुकूल वातावरण तैयार करेंगे। इन सुधारों से देश में कारोबार करना आसान होगा और जीएसटी व्यवस्था अधिक सरल एवं करदाता-अनुकूल बनेगी।

युवा अपनी ऊर्जा को राष्ट्र निर्माण में लगाएं : दिल्ली विधानसभा अध्यक्ष विजेंद्र गुप्ता

‘शैक्षणिक भ्रमण के दौरान विद्यार्थियों ने ऐतिहासिक दिल्ली विधानसभा परिसर का निर्देशित भ्रमण किया’

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। दिल्ली विधानसभा अध्यक्ष विजेंद्र गुप्ता ने कहा कि युवाओं को कभी भी अपने जोश पर होश हावी नहीं होने देना चाहिए। आपकी ऊर्जा, विचार और आकांक्षाएं तभी सार्थक हैं, जब उन्हें जागरूकता, अनुशासन और राष्ट्र के प्रति जिम्मेदारी की भावना का मार्गदर्शन मिले। यह बात विजेंद्र गुप्ता ने विधानसभा के युवा संपर्क

कार्यक्रम के अंतर्गत दिल्ली विधानसभा का भ्रमण करने आए विद्यार्थियों के संवाद के दौरान कही। महात्मा गांधी इंटरनेशनल स्कूल (अहमदाबाद) नवचर्चा विद्यापीठ विद्यालय (वडोदरा) तथा दिल्ली विश्वविद्यालय के खालसा कॉलेज, दयाल सिंह कॉलेज, मोतीलाल नेहरू कॉलेज और रामजस कॉलेज के विद्यार्थियों ने दिल्ली विधानसभा का भ्रमण किया। यह भ्रमण युवाओं को लोकतांत्रिक संस्थाओं से जोड़ने तथा उन्हें भारत की संसदीय परंपराओं, संवैधानिक मूल्यों और विधायी प्रक्रियाओं से परिचित कराने की विधानसभा की निरंतर पहल का हिस्सा था। इस संवाद ने विभिन्न क्षेत्रों और शैक्षणिक पृष्ठभूमियों से

आए छात्रों को विधानसभा अध्यक्ष के साथ सीधे संवाद करने तथा कक्षा



और पाठ्यपुस्तकों से आगे बढ़कर विधायिका के कामकाज को समझने का अवसर प्रदान किया। विद्यार्थियों को संबोधित करते हुए विजेंद्र गुप्ता ने कहा कि युवाओं में अपार ऊर्जा,

जिज्ञासा और आकांक्षाएं होती हैं, लेकिन इनका साथ जागरूकता, धैर्य

प्रेरित किया। उन्होंने कहा कि युवाओं को अपने आसपास हो रहे बदलावों का केवल दर्शक बनकर नहीं रहना चाहिए, बल्कि उनमें ऐसी समझ और जिम्मेदारी की भावना विकसित होनी चाहिए, जो उन्हें राष्ट्र के विकास में सार्थक योगदान देने के योग्य बनाए। शैक्षणिक भ्रमण के दौरान विद्यार्थियों ने ऐतिहासिक दिल्ली विधानसभा परिसर का निर्देशित भ्रमण किया और इसकी विशिष्ट स्थापत्य शैली तथा भारत के संसदीय इतिहास में इसके महत्वपूर्ण स्थान के बारे में जानकारी प्राप्त की। डॉक्यूमेंट्री और प्रस्तुतियों के माध्यम से छात्रों को इस भवन के केंद्रीय विधान सभा से जुड़े इतिहास तथा इससे संबंधित महत्वपूर्ण व्यक्तिताओं और ऐतिहासिक

घटनाक्रमों से परिचित कराया गया। छात्रों ने मुख्य विधानसभा सदन का भी दौरा किया, जहां उन्हें उस स्थान को प्रत्यक्ष रूप से देखने और समझने का अवसर मिला, जहां विधायी बहसें और विधानसभा की कार्यवाही संचालित होती हैं। उन्हें विधानसभा की संसदीय विरासत तथा विधानसभा की स्मारिका कॉफी टेबल बुक 'एक शताब्दी यात्रा' से भी परिचित कराया गया, जिसमें इस संस्था की ऐतिहासिक यात्रा और विरासत को संकलित किया गया है। इस दौर ने छात्रों को भारत की विधायी संस्थाओं के इतिहास को वर्तमान समय में लोकतंत्र के संचालन से जोड़कर समझने का अवसर प्रदान किया।

एमसीडी का दिल्लीभर में बड़ा प्रवर्तन अभियान

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एजेंसी नई दिल्ली । दिल्ली नगर निगम (एमसीडी) ने अनधिकृत निर्माण, खतरनाक भवनों और भवन निर्माण नियमों के उल्लंघन के खिलाफ दिल्लीभर में अपना प्रवर्तन अभियान तेज कर दिया है। निगम ने सभी 12 ज़ोन में कार्रवाई करते हुए कुल 21 संपत्तियों पर ध्वस्तीकरण कार्रवाई की। इसके अलावा 4 संपत्तियों को सील किया गया और 4 ध्वस्तीकरण आदेश जारी किए गए। एमसीडी के अनुसार, निगम के सभी ज़ोन में भवन निर्माण संबंधी नियमों के अनुपालन और सार्वजनिक सुरक्षा सुनिश्चित करने के लिए लगातार निगरानी की जा रही है। चिन्हित उल्लंघनों के खिलाफ दिल्ली के मास्टर प्लान (एमपीडी), भवन उपनियमों और अन्य संबंधित प्रावधानों के तहत कार्रवाई की गई। गुरुवार की कार्रवाई के दौरान रघुबीर नगर, संत नगर, गुरमंडी राजपुरा और कल्याण विहार समेत

दिल्ली के विभिन्न इलाकों में प्रमुख ध्वस्तीकरण कार्रवाई की गई। निगम ने स्पष्ट किया कि उसके क्षेत्राधिकार में किसी भी तरह के अनधिकृत निर्माण को बर्दाश्त नहीं किया जाएगा। इससे एक दिन पहले भी एमसीडी ने अपने प्रवर्तन अभियान के तहत 27 ध्वस्तीकरण कार्रवाइयों की थीं और 3 संपत्तियों को सील किया था। लगातार हो रही कार्रवाई से निगम ने संकेत दिया है कि भवन निर्माण नियमों के उल्लंघन के मामलों में प्रवर्तन अभियान आगे भी जारी रहेगा। एमसीडी ने सभी क्षेत्रीय अधिकारियों को अपने-अपने इलाकों में कड़ी निगरानी रखने और नियमों का उल्लंघन पाए जाने पर निर्धारित प्रावधानों के तहत आवश्यक कार्रवाई करने के निर्देश दिए हैं। निगम के मुताबिक, अनधिकृत निर्माण, खतरनाक इमारतों और सार्वजनिक सुरक्षा के लिए संभावित खतरा पैदा करने वाले अन्य उल्लंघनों के खिलाफ सभी 12 ज़ोन में अभियान लगातार जारी रहेगा।



हेल्थ, यूथ और डिफेंस की त्रिशक्ति मिलकर टीबी-मुक्त भारत के संकल्प को करेगी साकार : रेखा गुप्ता

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। दिल्ली की मुख्यमंत्री रेखा गुप्ता ने भारत मंडप में जोईड स्वकांड फॉर हेल्थ (जोश) टीमां के शुभारंभ कार्यक्रम में शामिल हुईं। उन्होंने टीबी-मुक्त भारत के राष्ट्रीय मिशन में युवाओं की सक्रिय भूमिका

को महत्वपूर्ण बताया। उन्होंने कहा कि हेल्थ, यूथ और डिफेंस की त्रिशक्ति एक साथ मिलकर इस राष्ट्रीय मिशन को जनभागीदारी का व्यापक स्वरूप दे रही है। मुख्यमंत्री ने कहा कि जोश टीमां के माध्यम से युवा वॉलंटियर्स, एमसीडी केडेट्स, जनप्रतिनिधि और

अधिकारी मिलकर जनता के बीच जाएंगे और टीबी के प्रति जागरूकता फैलाने के साथ इसके उन्मूलन के प्रयासों को मजबूत करेंगे। उन्होंने कहा कि युवाओं की ऊर्जा, उत्साह और संकल्प को इस मिशन से जोड़कर टीबी के खिलाफ लड़ाई को जन-जन

तक पहुंचाया जा सकता है। उन्होंने विश्वास व्यक्त किया कि जब युवा शक्ति आगे बढ़ेगी तो देश से टीबी की जड़ों को पूरी तरह समाप्त करने के लक्ष्य को मजबूती मिलेगी। मुख्यमंत्री ने कहा कि 'टीबी हारेगा, देश जीतेगा' के संकल्प



के साथ जोश टीमां देशभर में काम करेंगी और स्वस्थ भारत के निर्माण में अपनी भूमिका निभाएंगी। उन्होंने सभी युवाओं से इस राष्ट्रीय अभियान का हिस्सा बनकर टीबी के प्रति जागरूकता फैलाने और समाज को इस बीमारी से मुक्त करने के प्रयासों में योगदान देने

का आह्वान किया। मुख्यमंत्री ने प्रधानमंत्री मोदी द्वारा दिए गए 'हम करके रहेंगे' के संकल्प का उल्लेख करते हुए कहा कि यह विश्वास हमें हर चुनौती का सामना करने की ऊर्जा देता है। कुछ भी असंभव नहीं है और हर असंभव के भीतर संभव की संभावना

छिपी होती है। इसी विश्वास के साथ देश को टीबी-मुक्त बनाने और विकसित भारत के संकल्प को साकार करने के लिए सभी को मिलकर आगे बढ़ना होगा। विकसित भारत का संकल्प तभी पूर्ण होगा, जब भारत स्वस्थ और समृद्ध होगा।

BRIFF NEWS

IPS quota in CAPF posts comes into force



New Delhi, Agency: Central Armed Police Forces (General Administration) Act, 2026 - which stipulates that 50% of the posts in CAPFs at the level of inspector general, a minimum of 67% of the posts at the level of additional director general, and 100% of the posts at the level of director general and special director general-level, be filled by IPS officers on deputation - came into force Thursday.

The home ministry, in a notification, specified Oct 8 as the "appointed day" on which the provisions of the Act would come into force.

The operationalisation of the IPS quota in senior CAPF posts comes days after Union home secretary Govind Mohan told Supreme Court that the deputation of 46 IPS officers across five paramilitary forces (CRPF, BSF, CISF, ITBP and SSB), since the court's May 2025 direction for a gradual reduction in the number of IPS officers on deputation within two years, was in accordance with the law since SC had not held that such deputation should be discontinued altogether.

While CAPF cadre officers are opposed to senior posts being "cornered" by IPS officers, on the grounds that it blocks progress in their careers, govt has backed the deputation of IPS officers, describing them as crucial to coordination between Centre and states in view of the national and interstate roles of the forces.

AI use ups homework scores, but slashes exam marks: Study



New Delhi, Agency: Evidence cited by World Bank suggests that unrestricted use of generative AI can improve what students submit as part of classwork while weakening what they actually learn - a warning with implications for countries such as India.

World Development Report 2026 devotes a section to 'Generative AI and the Erosion of Knowledge, Learning, and Human Skills', cautioning that tools such as ChatGPT can reduce the mental effort through which reasoning, writing and knowledge are built. Its strongest evidence comes from China. A study covering students in classes VII-XII found self-reported AI use rising from almost zero to around 80% between 2022 and 2025. Six months after its first use, homework scores improved 18% even as students spent less time on assignments, while monthly in-class examination scores fell 20%. Students who had ever used AI also scored, on average, 5-7% lower in senior high-school and college entrance exams.

The report cautioned that the study had not yet been peer-reviewed and reflected the early phase of AI adoption.

Environment protection versus strategic infrastructure: SC seeks Punjab plan on afforestation

New Delhi, Agency: In what appeared to be a clash between environment protection and strategic infrastructure in a border state, the Supreme Court on Thursday asked Punjab govt its plan on allocation of land for compensatory afforestation in lieu of tree felling necessitated for construction of highway and public projects in the state.

Solicitor general Tushar Mehta told a bench of Chief Justice Surya Kant and Justices Joydalya Bagchi and V Mohana that the Punjab and Haryana HC has imposed a blanket ban on tree felling without the



HC's prior permission which had brought to a standstill that strategic road projects in the border state

even though necessary permission for these had been obtained from statutory authorities.

The bench said the HC's concern was legitimate as the forest cover in Punjab has been reduced to 3.67% of the geographical area, which is lesser than the 4.87% forest cover in the arid Rajasthan. Compensatory afforestation would be the best possible answer, the bench said.

SG said that for that land must be made available by the state. The bench asked the state govt to file a detailed proposal on provisioning land for compensatory afforestation whenever trees are required to be felled for highway projects.

The HC, while imposing

a blanket ban on tree felling, had flagged the poor forest cover in the state and said, "It appears that the functionaries of the state of Punjab are neither serious nor they seem conscious of the impending ecological catastrophe. In view of the inactivity of the respondents, it requires drastic remedial measures by this court. Accordingly, this court prohibits the cutting of any tree of any age/species in Punjab, without permission of this Court, till the next date of hearing."

In another case, the HC had said trees would be per-

mitted to be cut if the state makes available and allots public land for the purpose of compensatory afforestation (planting of five times the number of trees cut) within a radius of five km of the place where the trees are felled. It had said that if the state failed to provide such land, then the cutting of trees would not take place. Mehta said that in linear highway projects, there may not be suitable land within five km of the project for afforestation and requested the court to relax this norm to enable afforestation at the nearest possible location.

Air India, Akasa Air and IndiGo suspend Riyadh flights after airport blast reports

New Delhi, Agency: Air India, Akasa Air and IndiGo have temporarily suspended or curtailed flights to Saudi Arabia's capital, Riyadh, following reports of explosions, including a loud blast at the city's international airport, on Thursday. Akasa Air suspended flights to and from Riyadh through Saturday, while IndiGo cancelled its Riyadh services through Friday.

Air India said a flight from Delhi to Riyadh returned to Delhi on Thursday and was subsequently cancelled "in the interest of safety". The airline also suspended all flights to and from Riyadh until Saturday.

Lufthansa Group, the German aviation company that owns Lufthansa Airlines and other



European carriers, said its airlines would suspend flights to Riyadh through October 16 "due to current developments in the Middle East."

Iran-backed Houthi rebels in Yemen has claimed responsibility for the latest attack on Riyadh's airport, saying a ballistic missile had caused damage, but provided no evidence. Saudi authorities did not immediately comment on the claim. The group's military spokesperson

later said the Houthis had fired additional ballistic and cruise missiles at airports in Riyadh and the southwestern city of Najran, claiming the strikes had disrupted flights.

Riyadh's airport had "closed again", global flight-tracking service Flightradar24 said on X on Thursday afternoon. It reported that the last landing had taken place more than 80 minutes earlier and the last takeoff more than 90 minutes earlier. The developments came amid heightened safety concerns following a series of Houthi attacks on Saudi airports on October 6 and 7. Saudi authorities, as cited by the BBC, said a separate attack on King Khalid International Airport in Riyadh had killed one person and injured eight others.

Steep margins allow room for malpractice: Pharmaceuticals secretary

New Delhi, Agency: Steep margins on medicines are a concern as they can push a product or influence its selection, with government tightening its glare on errant healthcare players including companies and hospitals, pharmaceuticals secretary Manoj Joshi said.

Joshi elaborated on the unethical practices in healthcare industry, just before govt announced capping of trade margins at 30% on all cancer drugs Thursday. "Two broad areas of malpractice which we have noticed is where hospitals favour expensive medi-



cines that offer the highest margins. Second, when smaller manufacturers push products carrying unusually high margins, it can create a nexus with doctors or retailers, usually in smaller towns," he said, adding govt should not intervene in the margin issue, except where there is "malpractice".

KPSC scam candidates taken to resorts, provided with Q&A: ED

New Delhi, Agency: The Enforcement Directorate on Thursday claimed that in the Karnataka Public Service Commission (KPSC) paper leak case, candidates for the veterinary officers' exam were taken to resorts/Airbnb a day before the exam, provided test papers and their answer sheets, all for Rs 40 lakh per candidate. Two days ago, the agency had arrested KPSC ex-chairman Shivashankarappa and its member B V Geetha.

Giving details of its investigation into alleged corruption in Karnataka PSC, the agency said Gyanendra Gangwar, the arrested IAS officer who was controller of examinations at KPSC, was in custody of confidential examination material and had leaked them to Geetha. The ED said an



organised syndicate paid bribes to officials from top to bottom.

The ED's probe by its Bengaluru unit is based on multiple FIRs registered by the police at Vidhana Soudha police station in the case of recruitment of 400 veterinary officers.

"Evidence gathered so far has revealed an organised mechanism for generation of proceeds of crime through manipulation of the KPSC recruitment process.

'Workers with AI skills in demand, but GenAI is hitting white-collar hiring'

New Delhi, Agency: Generative AI has begun cutting into entry-level white-collar hiring in India even as the demand for workers with AI skills grows, signalling a labour market where some junior roles may disappear while new occupations emerge, World Bank has said. In 'The World Development Report 2026: The Promise of Artificial Intelligence', it said GenAI reduced monthly job postings in India for white-collar occupations most amenable to AI and offers ready substitutes, monthly job listings fell



by about 20%.

Gaurav Nayyar, who led the World Bank team, told Media the impact would not be uniformly negative. Some occupations in IT and knowledge-intensive services can be automated, he said, while other entry-level jobs would continue to grow and be complemented by AI. Roles like pro-mpt engineers and AI ethics specialists are also emerging. The "critical" part, Nayyar said, was for Indian IT businesses and higher education institutions to impart skills that allow workers to "pivot and

adapt" as demands

change. He cautioned against excessive specialisation, noting that coding, once seen as a lucrative standalone skill, became one of AI's early automation use cases. He argued for broad-based STEM education, engineering and scientific capacity that lets workers move across occupations. In the first half of 2025, AI-skill vacancies were over five times more common in high-income economies than middle-income ones, but India was among the leading middle-income countries.

Jharkhand should 'revisit' DGP appointment rules, says Supreme Court

New Delhi, Agency: Supreme Court on Thursday said the Jharkhand's DGP appointment process prima facie violated its Prakash Singh judgement, which mandated consideration of officers with six months or more residual tenure for the top police post, reports Dhananjay Mahapatra. It

issued a notice to Tadasha Singh, who was appointed to the post a day before her retirement.

On an application filed by Centre alleging the state's DGP appointment regulation overreached the court's judgement, a bench of CJI Surya Kant and Justices Joydalya Bagchi and V

Mohana said, "In the event of the regulation being annulled, the appointment of Tadasha Mishra... would be required to be set aside. Therefore, we deem it appropriate to accord her one opportunity of being heard, for which Jharkhand govt is directed to serve notice on her to enable her to appear..."

'Contest UP polls from Ayodhya': Akhilesh Yadav dares CM Yogi Adityanath

New Delhi, Agency: Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav on Thursday challenged Uttar Pradesh chief minister Yogi Adityanath to contest the upcoming assembly elections from Ayodhya. Akhilesh also said he would soon visit the Ram temple in Ayodhya along with SP leaders for darshan.

Addressing a gathering at a Shrimad Bhagwat Katha organised by SP leader and former Ayodhya MLA Tej Narayan Pandey, also known as Pawan Pandey, Akhilesh claimed the BJP



had conducted several surveys since the SP announced its candidate for the Ayodhya seat, reported news agency Media. "Ever since we announced our candidate, the BJP has been conducting survey after survey, and it is falling behind in

every survey. We are hearing that they have not been able to find a new candidate for Ayodhya," Akhilesh said.

"If the chief minister, who makes tall claims, is so confident, he should contest the election from Ayodhya himself and

prove it," he said.

Later, responding to questions from reporters about visiting the Ram temple, Akhilesh said he had earlier decided to do so after the completion of the Kedareshwar Dham temple in Etawah.

"I had earlier resolved that after the completion of the Kedareshwar Dham, I would ask my party colleague Pawan Pandey to fix a date and we would all visit the Ram temple for darshan," he said. The clarification comes amid BJP's constant attack over his no visit to the Ram temple.

Jammu and Kashmir: High court orders passport revival for student pursuing MBBS in Iran

Srinagar, Agency: Jammu and Kashmir High Court ordered Thursday revival of Kashmir student's passport so that she can complete her MBBS in Iran. The authorities had impounded Ibra Khan's passport based on a CID adverse report about an FIR against her father in 1997, although she was born in 2005. The report cited "aspersions" against Khan's father in relation to the case and "apprehensions that she may join anti-India forces". "This court has the highest concern towards the security of the country. In a very limited intervention and keeping in view that the appellant (student) has completed half her MBBS, we dispose of the appeal by directing that the passport be revived for the remaining period of her course," a division bench of Chief Justice Pushpendra Singh Bhati and Justice Wasim Sadiq Nargal said.

Khan is pursuing MBBS at Tehran University of Medical Sciences. She was issued a passport in Oct 2024 but received showcase notices March 27, 2026 and April 9,



2026 from passport authorities over her father's case before her passport was impounded on May 4, 2026.

Khan moved the HC but a single-judge bench dismissed her petition saying it found no reason to interfere in the decision by authorities and citing an alternative remedy of appeal under Passports Act, 1967.

Khan then approached the division bench. Her counsel Salih Pirzada argued that she began pursuing MBBS in 2024 but owing to the prevailing turmoil in the region, she returned to India. It was during this period that she received the notices, followed by the passport's impounding without clear reasons. J&K's additional advocate-general (AAG) cited the adverse CID report and claimed Khan had not replied to the show-cause notices, leaving authorities with no alternative but to impound the passport.

Technology in Our Daily Life: Convenience, Connection and the Challenges of a Digital World

The Smartphone Revolution — How Technology Has Changed Everyday Living



communication easier across languages. For many first-time internet users, a smartphone is their primary gateway to the digital world.

The rise of digital payments demonstrates another major change in Indian daily life. Mobile banking, QR-code payments and instant money transfers have made routine transactions faster and more convenient. Small vendors, street-food sellers, local retailers and service providers can accept electronic payments without investing in elaborate payment infrastructure. Customers can pay electricity bills, recharge phones, book tickets and transfer money from home. Digital transaction records may also help people track spending and organise their finances.

However, digital convenience does not automatically guarantee financial safety. Fake payment screenshots, fraudulent links, impersonation calls and deceptive messages can cause serious losses. Some people are persuaded to reveal one-time passwords, PINs or banking details. Others download unsafe applications or trust strangers who promise rewards. As smartphone use expands, digital literacy becomes just as important as internet access. Users must verify payment notifications, protect their passwords and avoid sharing confidential information with unknown callers. Smartphones have also influenced education and employment. Students can access digital libraries, recorded lectures and practice exercises, while job seekers can search vacancies, prepare applications and attend interviews remotely.

Technology is no longer something people use only at offices, laboratories or large industries. It is present in the smallest details of everyday life, from checking the time in the morning to making payments before going to bed. Among all modern inventions, the smartphone has perhaps made the most visible difference. It combines the functions of a telephone, camera, computer, navigation system, newspaper, entertainment centre and personal organiser in a single device.

In India, the spread of affordable smartphones and mobile internet has changed how people communicate, access information and participate in the economy. A small shopkeeper can receive digital payments, a farmer can check weather forecasts, a student can attend online classes, and a family can speak to relatives living thousands of kilometres away. Many activities that once required travel, paperwork and long waiting periods can now be completed through a mobile application.

The transformation is especial-

ly visible in communication. Earlier, people depended on letters, landline telephones and expensive long-distance calls to remain connected. Today, instant messaging, video calls and social networking platforms allow conversations across cities and countries. Families separated by employment or education can share everyday moments, while businesses can communicate with customers without maintaining expensive offices in every location. For people living away from their hometowns, these tools provide an important connection with family and friends.

Smartphones have also transformed access to information. News updates, educational resources, government announcements and public-service information are available within seconds. People can compare prices, read product reviews, learn new skills and explore opportunities that may not be available in their immediate surroundings. Digital maps help travellers find unfamiliar locations, while translation tools make

Technology in Education and Healthcare

Bringing Knowledge and Care Closer to People



Education and healthcare are two of the most important foundations of a healthy society. For generations, access to quality education depended heavily on the availability of schools, teachers, libraries and learning materials. Healthcare similarly relied on the presence of hospitals, doctors, diagnostic facilities and medical equipment. Technology is changing how these services are delivered, helping people access information and professional support in new ways. Although it cannot eliminate every inequality, it offers opportunities to make learning and healthcare more flexible, connected and accessible.

In education, digital technology has expanded the classroom beyond the walls of a school. Students can watch recorded lessons, attend virtual classes, explore online libraries and practise difficult subjects through interactive exercises. A learner who does not understand a mathematical concept during a classroom lesson can revisit an explanation at home. Students preparing for competitive examinations can use practice tests, educational videos and online study materials to strengthen their understanding.

Technology also offers adults opportunities to continue learning after formal

education. Online courses can introduce people to computer skills, communication, accounting, programming and other subjects relevant to employment. Workers can update their knowledge while managing family responsibilities or existing jobs. For people seeking a career change, digital education may provide an accessible starting point for exploring new professional fields.

However, access to digital education is not equal for everyone. Some students have personal computers, dependable internet connections and quiet places to study, while others share a single smartphone among several family members. Electricity interruptions, expensive data services, language barriers and limited digital skills can affect learning.

A student who lacks suitable equipment may find it difficult to participate fully in online classes, even when educational content is available free of charge.

The quality of online learning also matters. Watching videos does not automatically guarantee understanding, and excessive screen time may reduce opportunities for physical activity and direct interaction with teachers and classmates.

From Cash to Clicks — How Digital Technology Is Transforming Indian Daily Life

Technology has changed the meaning of an ordinary transaction. Buying vegetables, paying a restaurant bill, sending money to a relative or booking a train ticket can now involve little more than a smartphone and an internet connection. Across India, digital services have increasingly become part of everyday economic activity, reducing the need for cash in many situations and making financial transactions more convenient.

One of the most visible developments has been the growth of instant digital payments. Unified Payments Interface, commonly known as UPI, allows participating bank accounts to transfer money electronically, often within seconds. Customers can scan a QR code at a neighbourhood shop, pay a taxi driver, split a restaurant bill or send money to family members without visiting a bank.

The simplicity of these transactions has helped digital payments reach beyond large commercial establishments into markets, small towns and local businesses.

For small traders, digital payments can offer practical advantages. A shopkeeper no longer needs to maintain large amounts of change, and customers do not always have to carry cash. Electronic records can help business owners review transactions, identify busy periods and maintain more organised accounts. Street vendors and home-based entrepre-



neers can accept payments from customers who prefer cashless transactions. For people who operate on a small scale, these tools can reduce certain barriers to participating in the formal digital economy.

Digital banking has also changed how people manage their money. Mobile applications allow users to check balances, review transaction histories, transfer funds and pay recurring bills without travelling to a branch. Online services can simplify applications for certain financial products and reduce paperwork. When used carefully, digital records can help households monitor spending and recognise unnecessary expenses. People living far from banking facilities may particularly benefit from being able to complete routine activities remotely.

The transformation extends beyond banking. Online shopping platforms allow consumers to compare prices, read reviews and purchase products from home. Digital booking systems simplify access to transport, accommodation, entertainment and public services. Grocery delivery applications can save time

for busy households, while online marketplaces help artisans and small manufacturers reach customers outside their local areas. Digital technology has created new commercial channels for both consumers and sellers.

Government services have also become increasingly accessible through digital platforms. Depending on the service and eligibility requirements, citizens can use online systems to obtain information, submit applications, check statuses and access selected documents. Digital access may reduce repeated visits to government offices, particularly for people who live far from administrative centres.

However, the effectiveness of these services depends on reliable internet connections, accurate records, accessible interfaces and assistance for users who are unfamiliar with technology.

The growth of digital commerce has created employment opportunities as well. Delivery services, online customer support, digital marketing, software development and e-commerce operations depend on technological infrastructure. Small busi-

nesses can promote products through social media, while independent professionals can find customers through online marketplaces. A person with a useful skill may be able to build a customer base without opening a traditional shop. Technology has therefore changed not only how people spend money but also how they earn it.

Despite these advantages, the shift towards digital transactions brings significant challenges. Fraud remains a major concern, particularly when criminals exploit trust and confusion. Fraudsters may pose as bank officials, customer-care representatives, delivery agents or government employees. They can send fake payment links, create false emergencies or persuade victims to reveal confidential information. Some scams rely on screen-sharing applications or instructions that lead users to authorise transactions themselves.

An important principle is that receiving money through ordinary UPI procedures does not require a user to disclose a PIN to another person. A UPI PIN is generally used to authorise payments, not to receive them. Users should never reveal their PIN, one-time passwords or banking passwords to callers, and they should not approve payment requests without understanding them. If a transaction appears suspicious, it is safer to stop and verify the request independently through an official channel.

Artificial Intelligence and Smart Living

Building a Convenient but Responsible Future



Artificial intelligence, automation and connected devices are gradually changing the way people manage their homes, workplaces and personal responsibilities. Tasks that once required repeated manual effort can now be assisted by software that recognises patterns, responds to instructions or performs routine operations. From voice-controlled assistants and navigation applications to automated customer services and intelligent home appliances, technology is becoming more responsive to people's everyday needs.

Artificial intelligence, commonly known as AI, refers to computer systems designed to perform tasks that typically require human-like capabilities, such as recognising patterns, processing language and generating

content. Although the technology may appear futuristic, many people already encounter AI during ordinary activities. Search engines organise results, navigation applications estimate routes, streaming platforms recommend content and email services filter suspected spam. These systems can make digital services more convenient, although their suggestions are not always accurate or neutral.

At home, smart devices can simplify routine work. Connected lights, thermostats, televisions and appliances may allow users to control settings through mobile applications or voice commands. Some systems can be programmed to operate at particular times, helping households manage comfort and energy use.

Smart security devices can provide alerts when movement is detected, while connected doorbells may allow residents to see visitors remotely. These features can be especially useful for people who want greater control over household routines.

However, a smart home does not necessarily mean a more efficient home. Devices require electricity, internet connectivity, maintenance and, in many cases, compatible applications. Different products may not work well together, and a technical failure can interrupt a routine that previously required no internet connection. Consumers must also consider purchase costs, repair expenses and the possibility that manufacturers may discontinue software support.