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India rejects 'unsubstantiated reference' in UN Special Rapporteur's report on indigenous land rights

WASHINGTON.(Agency)

India has rejected what it described as an "unsubstantiated reference" in a report by the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the rights of Indigenous Peoples, defending its constitutional safeguards and legal framework for protecting the rights of Scheduled Tribes. Anuj Swarup, First Secretary at India's Permanent Mission to the United Nations, delivered India's response at the 81st Session of the UN General Assembly's Third Committee. The objection concerns a report issued in August 2025, which questioned whether India's constitutional provisions for Scheduled Tribes provide substantive, rights-based protections or primarily serve administrative purposes. Rejecting this assessment, India highlighted its existing legal mechanisms for recognising tribal rights, particularly those relating to land and forests. It maintained that the country's legal and constitutional framework provides safeguards for tribal communities and supports their social and economic development. In its defence, India cited data on title claims under the Forest Rights Act, 2006, which recognises the rights of eligible forest-dwelling Scheduled Tribes and other traditional forest dwellers over forest land and resources. The legislation provides a framework for recognising individual and community forest rights, including rights over land under occupation and access to forest resources. India cited the Act's implementation to counter the suggestion that tribal protections are merely administrative rather than grounded in legal rights. India also underscored its constitutional safeguards and welfare programmes aimed at improving the living conditions of Scheduled Tribes and other disadvantaged communities.

Pope Leo XIV diagnosed with lung cancer after surgery to remove part of right lung

ROME.(Agency)

Pope Leo XIV underwent surgery Tuesday that confirmed that he has lung cancer, and doctors removed the lower lobe of his right lung, the Vatican said. nd transferred them to a rescue helicopter. Tests confirmed a diagnosis of lung adenocarcinoma, the Vatican said in a medical bulletin after the surgery. It said the diagnosis had been suspected by preoperative tests and was confirmed during surgery. The statement made no mention of treatment going forward, and the Vatican said doctors were not currently speaking of chemotherapy or other therapies pending the results of other tests. The Vatican press office noted the medical statement spoke of the "radical" removal of the lobe as an indication that doctors removed all suspect tissue in hopes of removing any lingering traces of the cancer. Leo's lymph nodes also would have been removed and tested, to determine if the cancer had spread, and there was no word yet on those test results. "Adenocarcinoma is the most common (type of lung cancer), also with the most favorable prognosis," said Dr. Stephen Liu, a lung cancer expert at Georgetown's Lombardi Comprehensive Cancer Center. "While we know the diagnosis we now need to know the stage." "We now need to know how big it is, how many spots in the lung are involved. Is it just one nodule, or more than one, and the lymph nodes, are they cancerous?" Liu said. If the cancer has spread, more tests will be needed to determine what kind of therapy to pursue, he said. Options include chemotherapy, a combination of chemotherapy and immunotherapy or targeted therapy, which involves oral pills for specific cancers.

Greta Thunberg backs French high school protests over run-down schools

Some French pupils say they see parallels between their protests and the "Cockroach" youth movement challenging the government in India and youth-led demonstrations a year ago in Morocco that also demanded better schools and hospitals.

SAINT-DENIS.(Agency)

Greta Thunberg on Tuesday threw her high-profile support behind high school protesters rattling the government in France, saying "the whole world is watching with awe." She joined and applauded hundreds of teenagers who demonstrated boisterously outside a school north of Paris under the watchful eye of police. The surprise appearance by the 23-year-old climate activist, along with another day of marches in the French capital and elsewhere, suggested that high school students' push for more resources for run-down schools is far from running out of steam. That's despite mass arrests, mounting injuries and fatigue from more than three weeks of blockading schools and demonstrating. Police used clouds of tear gas, water cannons and

repeated charges to disperse protesters Tuesday when violence erupted on the fringes of the Paris marches. The Interior Ministry estimated that 161,500 people marched in demonstrations across the country, including 41,500 in Paris. Outside the Paul Eluard high school in Saint-Denis, where staff and students have long complained of dilapidated facilities and even rat infestations, Thunberg said French pupils are "fighting back, reclaiming their future that has been taken away from them" and are inspiring young people in other countries. "The international community sees these students and they're leading by example," she said to The Associated Press. "This generation is one that has been growing up with a sense of hopelessness for the future, when we can see our future and our rights taken from us," she said.



MANCHESTER.(Agency)

Standing behind the counter of his fish-and-chip shop near the Etihad Stadium, Sailish Parekh says the transformation of east Manchester over the past two decades has been remarkable. Manchester City "has not only just been a football club for the area. It's a bit of a saviour, to be honest," he told AFP. Before City -- now embroiled in the biggest financial scandal to hit football's cash-rich Premier League -- moved to the area it was "very deprived" with high rates of unemployment, he said. Since the club's takeover by deep-pocketed Abu Dhabi investors in 2008, long-neglected districts between the stadium and the city centre have become symbols of the northern city's rebirth. Decades of decline linked to deindustrialisation have been reversed. In neighbourhoods such as Ancoats and New Islington, red-brick warehouses still stand as reminders of Manchester's

industrial past. But many disused mills and factories have given way to apartment blocks, trendy cafes and co-working spaces. Software engineer Simon Martin, 44, who lives in Ancoats, recounted how a cab driver told him he would have hesitated once to pick him up, when the area was riddled with crime. Today, Martin praises the "really nice community" with "more young families moving in", although soaring rents have pushed out some lower-income residents. The transformation reflects the influence of Manchester City and its owner, Abu Dhabi United Group (ADUG), controlled by Sheikh Mansour bin Zayed al-Nahyan, a member of the United Arab Emirates royal family. The Emirati investors have not just turned City into one of Europe's dominant football clubs. They have also poured money into property development, building homes and commercial spaces on council-owned land leased under favourable terms. The

partnership is centred on Manchester Life, a property company created jointly between ADUG and the council in 2014, but it has drawn criticism over transparency and profit distribution. In a



2024 study, University of Sheffield researchers argued the arrangement primarily enabled the ADUG group to lock in rising land values. 'Our Eiffel Tower' The city council rejects the criticism, saying it secured "the best overall deal" at

'A sun as black as my lungs': How corruption crucified a polluted Albanian city

ELBASAN.(Agency)

For several days this summer the Albanian city of Elbasan choked in a dense cloud of stinging smoke coming from the direction of its notorious steelworks. Environmental inspectors who rushed to two fires discovered 318 tonnes of toxic industrial dust that had been stored for months in a chrome factory, AlbChrome, with no transfer contracts for its treatment or safe disposal. The site, owned by the Turkish group Yildirim, was temporarily shut. It is the latest in a litany of disasters to befall one of the most benighted industrial cities in Europe, repeatedly blanketed in lethal smoke from similar blazes. The people of Elbasan have been the victims of environmental crimes since Chairman Mao's China helped Albania's then communist dictator Enver Hoxha plunk down the sprawling "Steel of the Party" complex of 500 factories on their fertile valley in the

1970s. The country's third largest city has also become a symbol of the corruption that has dogged Albania's painful transition to capitalism, with Albanians paying with their health for



recurring scandals. An incinerator scheme to help clean up the ecological catastrophe turned out to be a vast multi-million-dollar scam that included a "ghost" incinerator for the capital Tirana that was never built. Its tentacles reached into the heart of the Albanian government, with top officials including an environment minister

jailed for graft. The country's former deputy prime minister is on the run. The Elbasan incinerator operated for only a few months, with waste piling up without being treated.

Environment agency officials are also accused by anti-corruption prosecutors of being involved in trafficking toxic waste from Elbasan. mption to budget allocations.

EU dream at stake A days-long fire in July 2025 at a waste dump next to homes outside Elbasan led to concentrations of toxic furans, dioxins, methane and volatile organic compounds "more than seven times" above safety limits, said Professor Besnik Baraj of Albania's Academy of Sciences. "I almost died from a severe (asthma) attack," said local Fatmira Serjani, recalling the "terrible nights and crushing mornings", her voice breaking between gasps of her inhaler.

Deluge by design: Thailand's villages flooded to protect capital Bangkok

AYUTTHAYA.(Agency)

Stilt houses in villages north of Bangkok are no longer high enough to stay dry as Thai authorities deliberately flood riverside communities to spare the capital. Inside the home of Kamonchanok Sathaphonamonwut, raised more than three metres (10 feet) above the ground in Ayutthaya province, her family of three sleeps on makeshift platforms and cannot use the waterlogged toilet. Her village has been flooded six years in a row, pushing some to move away, while others have raised their houses higher. "Our area simply cannot cope with this much water anymore," the 34-year-old told AFP, wading through her soaked home. But while authorities prioritise protecting Bangkok and other business hubs from floods, "when it comes to our residential communities, they neglect us", she said. Thailand experiences flooding every year during the monsoon season, and scientists say human-made climate change has made heavy rain and floods more frequent and severe. After devastating floods in 2011, the

government expanded embankments, water gates and other infrastructure to direct water away from Bangkok, the historic city of Ayutthaya and industrial zones along the Chao Phraya River, which flows through the capital.

The defences have largely kept commercial centres safe, but residents of other areas have been left to fend for themselves. Around 20 kilometres (12 miles) from Ayutthaya's centuries-old temple ruins, a UNESCO heritage site, residents say floods that once reached their knees now rise above their heads in some areas and can take several months to recede. Office worker Kamonchanok has been forced to commute by boat, and hoist her household appliances and other belongings above the waterline. "All we can do is deal with the consequences," she said..

Cruel' but effective Thai irrigation department spokesman Thanet Somboon said climate change, low-lying geography and recently built embankments that altered the natural flow of the Chao Phraya have contributed.

'Crucial to us': Seeing pivotal election, Israelis fly from around world to vote

JERUSALEM.(Agency)

Liran Naaman said he spent 800 euros (nearly \$900) to fly from Amsterdam, where he has lived for the past 11 years, to his native Israel, all to vote in the October 27 election. He has returned to vote in every election except during the Covid-19 pandemic, and believes this time his participation matters more than ever. "The way that our government is conducting itself is harming me personally and the rest of the Israelis abroad," the project manager told AFP. The election is widely seen as a referendum on Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and his hard-right government after nearly three years of war in Gaza, Iran and Lebanon. Polls show a tight race. Israel is one of a handful of democracies that does not allow citizens to vote if they are abroad. The influx of overseas voters has alarmed Netanyahu's bloc, mindful of how tens of thousands of Israelis, disgruntled during his latest tenure, have left the country. More than 50,000 Israelis are expected to travel home to cast their ballots, according to the Aid Coalition, a US-based NGO that advocates for Israeli democracy.

For Slvie Lidgi, a dual French-Israeli national, the country stands at a crossroads between "two opposing visions of the world: either the Torah (Bible) as a constitution, or a liberal democracy." "That's why I'm going to vote," the Parisian pensioner told AFP, noting that the last time she cast a ballot in Israel was



in 1973. Since then, she had felt it inappropriate to vote while living abroad. "But this year, it's really different," she said. "It's about values." **'Crucial time' for Israel** The relationship between religion and state is also a decisive factor for Tami Giniger, a startup consultant who will fly home from Bangkok to vote. "This is a crucial time... for

defining what is Israeli, what is Judaism, how these things work together," she said. "I do love that (Israel) is a Jewish state. But I don't think that it needs to be fanatic," she added. The Aid Coalition has launched a non-partisan initiative, called Fly & Vote, to assist Israelis abroad who want to return for the election. The programme provides information on the location of polling stations and identification requirements. It also helps arrange travel by purchasing seats on commercial flights and reselling them, and in some cases has chartered aircraft. Likud, Netanyahu's party, filed a petition with Israel's Central Elections Committee in early September, accusing the initiative of electoral bribery. Aid Coalition president Jonathan Barsade told AFP the accusation had "no foundation whatsoever" and that the NGO does not provide financial incentives. A settlement reached last week requires the NGO to stop selling additional flights as part of the programme, while allowing previously purchased tickets to remain valid.

CJP Gets US Funding," Alleges Mary Millben; Urges Peaceful Protests

by Ashis Sinha

American singer Mary Millben has alleged that the Cockroach Janata Party (CJP), founded by Abhijeet Dipke, is receiving financial support from US-based donors opposed to Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Urging Indian youth to organise peaceful protests, Millben has called for a counter-movement against what she described as the organisation's disruptive approach.

In a post on social media platform X on Wednesday, Millben claimed that certain US-based donors target conservative leaders internationally by identifying individuals educated in the United States, influencing their political out-

look and supporting their activities after they return to their home countries. She alleged that such efforts are aimed at creating political instability and undermining governance. Millben also defended Modi's political record, highlighting his long public career and leadership as Prime Minister. She argued that Indians should take the lead in protecting their democracy and freedom through peaceful and organised public action.

CJP Founder Demands Evidence of Foreign Funding

CJP founder Abhijeet Dipke has challenged the Centre to produce evidence supporting the allegations of foreign funding.



He has called on Union Home Minister Amit Shah to order an investigation and make its findings public.

The controversy has emerged amid heightened political tensions over electoral-roll revisions un-

der the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) exercise. The CJP and its supporters have been demanding the resignation of Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar, alleging irregularities in the voter-list revision process. The

Election Commission has maintained that the revision exercise is intended to ensure the accuracy of electoral rolls.

CJP Leaders Sent to Judicial Custody
The funding allegations have surfaced alongside

legal action against CJP leaders following protests in New Delhi. Ashutosh Ranka and Saurav Das were reportedly sent to five days of judicial

Foreign Funding Claim Yet to Be Established
Despite the strong allegations, publicly verifiable evidence establishing that US-based donors have

mentary evidence or findings from a competent authority establish the claims, the alleged foreign funding remains unverified. The controversy has raised

Mary Millben alleges US funding for CJP and urges peaceful protests. Abhijeet Dipke challenges the Centre to investigate the foreign funding claims.

custody after an incident at the Jantar Mantar protest site, where demonstrators demanded the election chief's resignation.

The developments have intensified the political debate surrounding the organisation, its campaign against the Election Commission and the allegations of foreign involvement.

funded the CJP has not been presented in the reports surrounding the controversy. Details regarding the identities of the alleged donors, the amount of money involved and the purported transfer of funds remain unclear.

Dipke has rejected the allegations and demanded an investigation. Until docu-

questions about the organisation's sources of funding, the possibility of foreign involvement in domestic political campaigns and the broader dispute over electoral reforms. Whether an official investigation will be initiated and produce evidence to support or refute the allegations remains to be seen.

BSL Clinches 'Ran-Neeti' Championship for Fourth Consecutive Year



Bokaro: Bokaro Steel Plant (BSL) has won the prestigious SAIL Director (Personnel) Cup 'Ran-Neeti' business simulation competition for the fourth consecutive year, reaffirming its officers' managerial expertise, strategic thinking and decision-making skills.

The final round of the competition was held at the Management Training Institute (MTI), Ranchi, on October 12 and 13, 2026. The winning BSL team comprised Rahul Ranjan Panda, Senior Manager, Hot Strip Mill; Rahul Singh, Deputy General Manager; and Owais Ahmed, Senior Manager, Central Mechanical Maintenance Department.

The team excelled in analysing business scenarios, optimising available resources, developing effective strategies and taking timely decisions amid tough competition. More than 170 teams from various SAIL units participated in the competition, which began in August. Following the preliminary rounds, 22 teams qualified for the semi-finals, while 11 advanced to the final stage. BSL has maintained its winning streak in the competition since 2023.

Swaragini Pays Musical Tribute to Kishore Kumar



Bokaro: The Swaragini musical group organised a special musical evening in Sector 12 on Tuesday to pay tribute to legendary singer and actor Kishore Kumar on his death anniversary.

Coordinated by Raman Chaudhary and Ragini Sinha Ambastha, the programme began with floral tributes to Kishore Kumar's portrait by singers Arun Pathak, Somesh Mishra, Raman Chaudhary, Ranju Singh, Sunita Gupta, Riddhima Riya and Shweta Priyadarshini, along with anchor Purnendu Kumar Singh and senior theatre artist Shambhu Jha.

Speaking on the occasion, Arun Pathak highlighted Kishore Kumar's multifaceted talent as a singer, actor and director, while Raman Chaudhary noted that his songs continue to captivate younger generations. Somesh Mishra praised the uniqueness of his voice, and Shambhu Jha recalled his remarkable contributions to both singing and acting.

CJP Protest: Ashutosh Ranka, Saurav Das Sent to 5-Day Judicial Custody

New Delhi: The controversy over restrictions on protests at Delhi's Jantar Mantar intensified on Wednesday after Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) leaders Ashutosh Ranka and Saurav Das were remanded to five days of judicial custody following a demonstration against alleged electoral irregularities. Delhi Police detained the two leaders and 12 other party members on Tuesday, alleging that they entered the barricaded protest site, violated peace bonds and obstructed public servants. The protesters reportedly displayed the national flag and demanded the resignation of Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar over the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls.

Police allege violation of peace bonds

Ranka and Das were produced before a Special Executive Magistrate at Mandir Marg on Wednesday. Police reportedly argued that the two leaders had violated earlier undertakings to maintain peace and that their release could lead to further disturbances. The magis-



trate subsequently ordered five days of judicial custody. The proceedings were initiated under Sections 126 and 170 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS). The allegations against the leaders have not been established in court. A third CJP member, Ajinkya Shinde, was released on a personal bond of ₹5,000 and directed to maintain peace and good behaviour for six months.

CJP founder alleges suppression of dissent

CJP founder Abhijeet Dipke criticised the police action, alleging that the authorities were attempting to suppress political dissent. The party main-

tained that its demonstration was aimed at raising concerns over the Election Commission's handling of electoral-roll revision.

Police, however, defended their intervention on the grounds of alleged unauthorised entry, violation of peace bonds and obstruction of officials.

Jantar Mantar row adds to controversy

The incident comes amid a wider dispute over the removal of Jantar Mantar from the list of designated protest venues. Delhi Police has identified Ramlila Maidan, Burari Ground and the Central Business District Ground as alternative locations for demon-

strations. The move followed a Supreme Court order calling on the authorities to consider suitable alternative sites with adequate facilities while balancing the right to peaceful protest with public safety and convenience.

Activists and political groups have expressed concern that shifting demonstrations away from Jantar Mantar could reduce their visibility and political impact, given the site's proximity to Parliament and other key institutions.

Right to protest versus public order

The detention of the CJP leaders has renewed debate over the balance between the constitutional right to peaceful assembly and the authorities' responsibility to maintain public order. While the Constitution protects peaceful demonstrations subject to reasonable restrictions, questions remain over the necessity and proportionality of the action in this case. The legal challenge to the custody order and the continuing dispute over protest venues are likely to shape the next phase of the controversy.

CCL Organises Vigilance Awareness Programme at Kanke School

Ranchi: As part of Vigilance Awareness Campaign-2026, Central Coalfields Limited (CCL), in collaboration with its Gandhinagar team, organised speech and quiz competitions at Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya, Kanke, to promote honesty, transparency and ethical values among students.

A total of 82 students participated in the speech competition, while 118 took part in the quiz. The activities encouraged students to



understand the importance of integrity, responsible decision-making and ethical conduct in everyday life. Students, teachers and

school staff also took the integrity pledge, committing themselves to performing their duties with honesty, impartiality and transpar-

ency. The programme concluded with the planting of two saplings on the school premises, highlighting the importance of environmental conservation alongside the cultivation of strong moral values.

Through such initiatives, CCL aims to strengthen ethical awareness among young people and encourage them to become responsible citizens who uphold honesty and integrity in both personal and social life.

Meerut Blue Drum Murder Case: Death Penalty for Muskan Rastogi, Boyfriend Sahil Shukla

Meerut: A court in Meerut on Wednesday sentenced Muskan Rastogi and her boyfriend, Sahil Shukla, to death for the sensational murder of Muskan's husband, Saurabh Rajput, whose dismembered body was concealed inside a cement-filled blue plastic drum in March 2025.

The death sentence was pronounced by District and Sessions Judge Arvind Kumar Mishra, days after the court convicted the duo on September 30. The trial involved 126 hearings and the examination of 22 prosecution witnesses.

The case shocked the country because of the brutality of the murder and the alleged attempt to conceal the victim's remains. The prosecution sought the maximum punishment, citing the gravity of the crime.



Body concealed in cement-filled drum

Rajput, a former Merchant Navy officer who had been working in London, returned to Meerut in 2025. According to the prosecution, he was murdered at his home on March 3. Investigators alleged that Muskan and Sahil conspired to kill him, dismembered his body and concealed the remains inside a blue plastic drum filled with cement and sand. The discovery of the body

triggered a police investigation and brought the case into the national spotlight. **Prosecution relied on circumstantial evidence**
The prosecution presented circumstantial, forensic, medical and technical evidence, including mobile phone records and location data, to establish the sequence of events. After examining the evidence and hearing arguments from both sides, the court found the two accused guilty.

During sentencing, the court reportedly invoked the Mahabharata while discussing the principle of justice and punishment. Reports quoting prosecution lawyer K.K. Chaubey said the court also imposed fines on the convicts.

High Court confirmation mandatory

The death sentence is subject to confirmation by the jurisdictional High Court, as required under Indian law. The convicts can also challenge their conviction and sentence through the available appellate remedies.

The verdict marks a significant development in the trial-court proceedings in one of Meerut's most shocking murder cases, although the final legal outcome will depend on the subsequent judicial process.

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Rahul Gandhi accused Delhi Police of brutally assaulting Youth Congress workers during protests against electoral roll revision, alleging at a press conference that a Kerala student had lost hearing in one ear, while other protesters claimed they were beaten with lathis and kicked in their private parts during detention.

Gandhi and the grammar of moral protest

Why India’s rulers and protesters alike need to rediscover the moral discipline of satyagraha. What does the barricading of the national capital on October 10 show? The Indian State is as mighty as ever. No doubt, as was the colonial State. But does that mean that it is impervious to the moral force of satyagraha? In fact, every takhta palat, change of regime is backed by a moral force. Herein lies the difference between anarchy, violence or chaos and peaceful, principled protest, or, satyagraha. Insistence on truth is the precondition of every fight for justice, every resistance to oppression, every struggle against curtailment of liberty. The moot point, however, is whether either the government or those protesting against it recognise this difference. When invited to deliver the keynote address at the Eternal Gandhi Museum in Houston, Texas just after Gandhi Jayanti, I framed my remarks around three questions. Why is such a museum important? Why is Gandhi being cancelled in the country of his birth? And why does Gandhi persist not merely in India but overseas?

I argued in The Death and Afterlife of Mahatma Gandhi that Gandhi cannot be appropriated. Not by the Congress, not by the BJP, nor any other political party. Because Gandhi was not an ideologue but an exemplar. On the walls of the Houston museum are emblazoned Gandhi’s 11 ashram vows, the ekadash vrata. I asked my audience how many had seriously attempted to practise even one. The first five were traditional Indian ethical disciplines: satya (truth), ahimsa (non-violence), brahmacharya (self-restraint), asteya (non-stealing) and aparigraha (non-possession). Significantly, Gandhi placed truth, not non-violence, first. The remaining six are sharira-shrama (bread labour), asvada (control of the palate), abhaya (fearlessness), sarva-dharma-samabhava (equal respect for religions), swadeshi (self-reliance) and asprishyata-nivarana (free from untouchability). I had myself tried to practise just one of these vows: truth. And found even that extraordinarily difficult. In fact, for me that one vow is sufficient, at least for this lifetime.

The point is simple. Gandhi cannot be reduced to a slogan, statue or ritual. To invoke him is to accept a demanding moral responsibility. Unless we are prepared, however imperfectly, to practise even a fraction of what he did.

This brings me to the grammar of protest. In his celebrated Letter from a Birmingham Jail, Martin Luther King Jr, Gandhi’s greatest twentieth-century American disciple, outlined four stages of non-violent resistance: fact-finding, negotiation, self-purification and direct action. Notice the sequence. Protest was not the first resort but the culmination of a painstaking moral and political process. Before confronting injustice, the protester had to establish the facts, exhaust negotiation avenues and, most importantly, prepare himself or herself to suffer without retaliation.

This is precisely what distinguishes satyagraha from ordinary agitation much less anarchic or violent disruption. Does the Cockroach Janta Party, or any contemporary protest movement, measure up to this exacting standard? Are its leaders prepared to submit themselves to the discipline of truth, non-violence and self-purification? Can they demonstrate not merely anger against the government but the moral authority to challenge it? These are not rhetorical questions. They go to the heart of Gandhi’s continuing relevance.

For satyagraha offers civilised societies a third way between enforced submission and retaliatory counter-violence. Where the rule of law prevails, and where governments derive their legitimacy from the consent of the governed, citizens must retain the right to resist injustice peacefully.

Gandhi showed us the possibility of resistance without hatred, confrontation; without cruelty, courage; without aggression. Which brings me to the second question. Why has Gandhi become increasingly inconvenient in India, particularly since 2014? My answer may seem provocative. Gandhi is being deliberately diminished not because he is irrelevant, but precisely because he remains dangerous to those who wield power.

Not the Gandhi on currency notes, in official portraits, in cleanliness campaigns or in ceremonial tributes. That Gandhi is harmless enough. Indeed, he can be endlessly applauded.

A Nobel that’s not so universal

The ecosystem within which the selection of the literature laureate takes place is framed by a bias

IT is the Nobel Prize week once again. A time for celebration. A time to honour the men and women who, through a lifetime of dogged work pursuing an idea, have gifted us with achievements that are for “the greatest benefit to humankind”. This is the primary metric (as stated on the Nobel website) by which the laureates are assessed in the fields of physics, chemistry, physiology/medicine, literature and peace.

The economics prize was added in 1968, whereas the other five were instituted in 1901. Over a century after their inception, these prizes have acquired an iconic status that is seen as universal. The whole world waits for the announcements. They are seen not as the contribution to a distinct group, country, organisation or region but as a contribution to all of humanity. Nothing less. While physics, chemistry, physiology/medicine, economics and even peace have external metrics by which their contribution can be assessed, such is not the case with literature. While the judgments in the other five are regarded as largely objective — any independent observer would come to the same conclusion — literature, in contrast, is mostly subjective. Some may argue that a large dose of subjectivity is also true of the peace prize. This argument breaks down when we assess the 2026 laureate Navi Pillay’s achievements. From a judge in South Africa to a member of the International Criminal Court and her difficult work in hostile environments documenting human rights violations in Rwanda, Myanmar and Gaza — all sites of genocide — Pillay’s “commitment to universal legal principles and (her) ... firm moral compass” (as stated by the Chair of the Norwegian Nobel committee, Jørgen Watne Frydnes) are metrics that people across the world have happily endorsed. She is a worthy recipient.

Such universal approval is less so in the case of the Nobel Prize for Literature. This year’s laureate, Anne Carson, from Canada and Iceland, was awarded the prize for her “bold and inventive oeuvre that, in playful dialogue with the classical tradition, has created new forms for contemporary literature,” as the citation reads. The selection has elicited widespread applause but also produced some lingering doubts. Her work on Eros, on classical antiquity, on grief, loss and memory, and on language crossings is to be celebrated, and her additions to the stock of reflections on the human condition is to be appreciated. But the doubts still need addressing. Revisiting the 125-year history of the literature awards leaves one with the nagging feeling that something is not



quite right. This is no reflection on the wonderful contribution of awardees such as Carson, but is more a comment on the cognitive ecosystem within which the laureate is selected. Is it as universal as it is claimed to be?

To assess this claim of universality, if we were to group the 123 laureates in terms of the continents from which they come, what would we find? Such grouping makes the point that the little traditions of each country belong to the big tradition of the continent. For example, the French literary ecosystem is part of the Judeo-Christian tradition, while the Tamil belongs to the Indic tradition. Once these broad and loose groupings are made, the skewness of the award begins to take shape, like a ghost schooner coming

world since 1901. The argument here is not to accuse the Nobel Foundation of intentional bias. Over the years, the prize has been charged with being sexist, favouring their own, anointing writers who have soon faded into obscurity while others, who have been ignored, have gained global recognition. These are not the charges we are making here. Although we recognise the huge role played by the subjective world in the selection process, we are raising the larger question of epistemic asymmetry between the Global North and Global South.

The intentions of the Nobel committee members may be sincere, but the ecosystem within which they make their selection is framed by a bias. It privileges rubrics that have significance within the epistemic North, while those that are significant within the epistemology of the South are regarded as less significant. Arjuna’s dilemma is less noticed than Agamemnon’s indecision.

This is not an intentional bias but a systemic one. What the North considers significant or a “work in an idealistic direction” has, over time, resulted in the Global North overwhelmingly being the producers of such works. Ways of seeing develop and are presented as universal, whereas they are in effect quite parochial. However, because of epistemic power, the North’s way of seeing becomes the universal way of seeing. It becomes hegemonic. If we were to aggregate the data in terms of North and South, it would look as follows: North (Europe, North America and Oceania) 113 laureates vs South (Asia, Africa and Latin America) 21. If these regions are seen in terms of the global population, it would be Global North 15% and Global South 85%. If these regions are culturally alive and have amazing creations of dance, music, sculpture, theatre,

painting, mask-making, cinema, etc. — activities that express the cultural creativity of their societies — why then is their output in literature (including poetry) so lacking “in the idealistic direction”? Could it be that the Nobel process of identifying potential awardees — the request for nominations sent out by the committee to individuals and organisations, and the review of nominations received — is intrinsically flawed? Could it be that it is biased towards the cultural output of the Global North? This is a strong charge. We are talking about systemic bias, which refers to the epistemic frame within which the individuals and organisations that are asked are located. The alternative to this charge of bias is to accept that the huge cultural world of Asia, Africa and South America is poor in its production of literature that is “idealistic”. How else can one interpret the statistics?

GST reforms mark a shift towards trust and compliance

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processed within 17 days at most. Further, repeated checks at state transit points have long been a source of harassment for transporters. The Council has restricted the authority to stop vehicles to officers of Joint Commissioner rank and above and limited checks on consignments crossing multiple states to the points of origin and destination, addressing a long-standing demand of the transport sector.

The Council has also simplified return filing for

businesses with an annual turnover of up to ₹5 crore that sell directly to consumers. The optional scheme allows eligible businesses to file returns annually while paying taxes quarterly, and could benefit around 17 lakh small businesses. The definition of exports has also been expanded, giving Indian IT services exporters much-needed clarity on the tax treatment of revenue earned through foreign branches. While tax rates remain unchanged, the Council has decided to make rate-related changes only once a year, giving businesses greater predictability and certainty.

The GST regime will complete 10 years next year. It is only appropriate that the system matures, adopts a more trust-based approach and makes compliance easier for businesses. Process reforms were long overdue. The real test now is whether the Centre and states can implement these changes effectively and ensure that the shift towards trust is reflected in taxpayers’ everyday dealings with the GST administration.

Faithline | Mischief and moksha

➡ This notion of Hanuman’s protective presence is cherished deeply among devotees. The fact of the matter is that they cannot but love his ‘action hero’ personality, the wise and gentle giant upheld as an ideal of humility and devotion

With October softness in the air, a couple of monkeys have taken to revisiting my balcony. They enjoy tearing leaves and eating flowers, which I, naturally, don’t like at all. I have to tell myself sternly that they, too, are jivajantu looking for food, and that their natural habitat is steadily eroding, which is why they forage in human habitation, poor things. And it is Dussehra month, so perhaps they have been sent to test my epic commitment? Some people seem to get along well with monkeys. I don’t think I’m in their happy number, although I love going to Vrindavan, despite the monkey menace being so strong that the only way to deal with it is to treat it as a game, a lila within the lila.

That puts you on a piquant epic footing. So I walk myopically down the kunj galis, the narrow lanes of Vrindavan, with my glasses off my nose because the monkeys there love to snatch at eye-crutches. You have to bribe them with a mango tetrapak to get them back; that’s their established rate. I’m swathed in my most voluminous dupatta to hide my flowers and offerings on the way to the temple and the prasad on the way out. Avoid eye contact with monkeys looking to mug you, wear your bag aslant, wear chappals you can shed easily at the temple door and walk purposefully, not like a goggle-eyed hick on his first visit to the big city. These rules are funnily similar to the instructions I got on my first visit to New York in the 1990s to avoid being mugged. So, Darwin had a point about evolution, you think, as you follow your nose to where the smell of roses grows stronger with every step. Inside the sanctum, well away from the monkeys prowling outside, you can make eye contact for as long as you like with Banke Bihariji, who lives to look

at us, and whose priests ritually pull a curtain across every few minutes. They say it’s to keep him on his pedestal; otherwise, he may jump off to dance in our midst, as he did before he took the road to Mathura and plunged us into Kaliyuga when his avatar ended. This vividly brings back the Marathi abhang, ‘Namadeva kirtan kari, Premabhara naatse Panduranga’, meaning, ‘Whenever Namdev sings, Krishna lovingly dances’.

Though I’m wary of monkeys, I’m willing to believe that they have certain affinities with us. This is because of a true story from the 1920s. I heard it from the Carnatic violin duo Lalitha and Nandini about their guru Semmangudi Srinivasa Iyer (1908-2003), the grand old man of Carnatic music whom Ustad Amjad Ali Khan described as a “fakir aadmi”. Lalitha and Nandini, who played for the great Western violinist Yehudi Menuhin and passed Western classical music exams at Cambridge with honours, told me that their guru stayed in Thiruvavur, Tamil Nadu when he was a young man. This town is the birthplace of the three saintly Carnatic composers Thyagaraja, Muthuswami Dikshitar and Shyama Shastri.

On the thinnai or sit-out of a little house across the street, an old lady would recite the Ramayana every morning with her eyes closed. A baby monkey would appear from nowhere, lie quietly on her lap and scamper off just before she opened her eyes. I wonder, did Kaliyuga overlook Thiruvavur? Or is it that Hanuman is believed to be a

Nityasuri, meaning one who is free of karma for eternity and lives forever in our midst to encourage and save us? As he did for a sincere believer like Captain Smit Machchhar? So many across the country seem to know



the Hanuman Chalisa and value its significance as a kavach or protective shield for believers. This notion of Hanuman’s protective presence is so cherished that you’ll find people muttering ‘Jai Bajrang Bali’ as their flight takes off (I do, too) or before they do something daring in adventure sports. The fact of the matter is that we cannot but love the ‘action hero’ personality of Hanuman, the wise and gentle giant upheld as an ideal of humility and

devotion despite being a superstar in his own right. This is expressed in the Sanskrit verse ‘Yatra yatra Raghunatha kirtanam tatra tatra krtamastakanjalim/vashpavari paripurna lochanam Marutim namata rakshasa-antakam’. Which means, ‘Wherever the glory of Rama is sung, there, with his hands clasped over his bowed head and eyes overflowing with tears, is Hanuman; I salute Hanuman who vanquishes demons’.

This belief is so deep that wherever the Ramayana is discoursed upon, the organisers place a draped wooden board on the stage for Hanuman, who is thought to be in attendance, though no one can tell in which guise. They say he won’t actually sit there unless he’s come invisibly, but just in case he does, we shan’t be found wanting in respect and affection. Even invisibly, Hanuman inspires us through the verse, ‘Buddhir balam yasho dhairyam nirbhayatvam aragata/ajayam vaak patutvam cha Hanumat smaranat bhavet’, meaning, ‘By remembering Hanuman, I gain intelligence, strength, a good reputation, courage, fearlessness, good health; I avoid dullness, and become eloquent’. But to properly appreciate the beauty of Hanuman, whose original name was Sundara, the beautiful one, we must first understand the One he reveres—Sri Rama, whom he loved the moment he saw him. What does Rama represent if not good over evil, preservation over destruction?

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ସାମାଜିକ ଉପସ୍ଥିତି ଆସି

ଗସ୍ତ, ସଂସାର: ଆଜି ପଠି ପର ୨୦୨୫-ଏବଂ ଘଟଣା ଦିନ
ଗସ୍ତର ପରସି ଫାଲ୍ ନଦୀର ଡିରେ ଡକ୍ଟି ଓ ଡିଞ୍ଚିରେ ଏକ
ଗଞ୍ଜିର ପ୍ରଦର୍ଶନୀ ଅନୁଷ୍ଠିତ ହେ। ପ୍ରାୟ ୭୦,୦୦୦ ଏବଂ
ସଂସି ଡକ୍ଟି ପଢିନା ଓ ଉତ୍ତର ଅନୁଷ୍ଠାନେ ଅଂଶ ନତି
ଏଥାନେ ଉଠା ହେ। ମହାପାତ୍ରରେ ହେ, ଧୂମରେ ସୁସାସ ଏବଂ
ପୁରୀସାଥରେ ଉନ୍ନତସାଥୀ ପ୍ରାଥନାର ଅଞ୍ଚଳ ପୁରୋ ପରସିରେ
ସୁଧାବତି ହୁଅ।

ଆସାଗସ୍ତର ପରସିରେ ପୁରୋ ଆଦରେ ମାତାର ଜନ୍ମ
ପ୍ରସିଦ୍ଧ କରାନ୍ତେ, କନ୍ୟାଦା କୌଣ୍ଡେ କୌଣ୍ଡେ ଆଦରେ
ପଠିମାତାର ପ୍ରତି ସଦାସ ଜ୍ଞାନାନ୍ତେ, ଆର ଏକ ସଂସି
ଆର ପ୍ରାଥ ସାଥରେ ଉତ୍ତର ଅଂଶ କରେ ଉପସ୍ଥିତି ସ୍ଥାପନ
ମନେ ସଂସ୍ଥା କରେ ଦସିଛେ। ଏହି ଅନୁଷ୍ଠାନ, ଯା ହିନ୍ଦି
ଡିଞ୍ଚିରେ ଗଞ୍ଜିର ଅଂଶ, ଜୌତି ଓ ପ୍ରାଥରେ ମଧ୍ୟ
ପରସି ସଂସ୍ଥାକରେ ପ୍ରତୀକ, ଯା ପ୍ରଜ୍ଞାନରେ ଆସାର ସଂସି
ଓ ମୁକ୍ତି ଆସାସ ଦସେ ସାଥେ ସଂସି କରା ହେ।

ଦୌଷାଦି ଓ ଦାହକ ଆମ ସଂସ୍ଥାଓ ଡକ୍ଟରା ଆଦରେ ଆତ୍ମନ
ନିଷ୍ଠା ପ୍ରଦର୍ଶନ କରାନ୍ତେ। ସଂସିରେଭାବେ ନିମିତ୍ତି ମିମିକ୍ସ ଜନ,
ଓସି ଓ ପ୍ରସିଦ୍ଧ କରେ ନଦୀରେ ପରସି ସ୍ଥାନ କରାନ୍ତେ।
ପୁରୋସ୍ଥିତୋ ଉପସାହାସିପୂର୍ଣ୍ଣ ନସିରେ ସମସ୍ତ ଅନୁଷ୍ଠାନ
ପରାଜିନିତା କରେ ମୁଞ୍ଚାମପରେ ଆସାସାସିକ ପରସିରେ
ଆରଓ ସଂସି କରାନ୍ତେ। ଗସ୍ତ, ଯା ଗଢ଼ଣସଂସ୍ଥ-ଏବଂ ଡ୍ରମି
ହସିରେ ପରାଜିତି, ପଠି ପରରେ ସମସ୍ତ ସଂସିରେ ଆପର୍ଷ
ସାଗନ କରେ।

ଏ ସମସ୍ତ ମନରେ କୋଣାକୂଳି ଥିଲେ ଏବଂ ସଦିରେ ଥିଲେଓ
ହାଜାରୋ ପୁରୀସାଥୀ ଏଥାନେ ଆସା। ସଂସ୍ଥାନୀୟ କଠିନ
ଜ୍ଞାନସିଛେ, ଏହି ସହାରେ ଉପସ୍ଥିତି ପ୍ରାଥମାର ଅନାକେ
ଓପରେ ଗସିଛେ, ଯା ପ୍ରାଚୀନ ଡିଞ୍ଚିରେ ପ୍ରତି ଆତ୍ମିକ ଅନ୍ଧାର
ପରାଜିତକ। ଏକଜନ ଡକ୍ଟି ସନ୍ତେ, “ଏହି ସୌତନିତି
ସଂସ୍ଥାମାତ୍ର ଏକାଟି ଡିଞ୍ଚି ନସ, ଏଟି ପଠିପୁରସଂସ୍ଥରେ ପ୍ରତି
କଠିକ୍ଷା ପ୍ରକାଶ ଏବଂ ଆମାଦରେ ପରସି କଠିନା ପାନ୍ତରେ
ମାଧ୍ୟମ।”

ସଂସ୍ଥାର ନିକ୍ଷେପ ସଂସ୍ଥାନ ଆକାଶ ସିରେ ସିରେ ଅଂଶକାରାସ-
ତି ହେତୁ ନାଗନ, ଫାଲ୍ ନଦୀର ମାତ୍ର ମନରେ ଆଲୋ ନଦୀରେ
ଉତ୍ତରେ ନାଗନ, ଯା ଚରିତ୍ରନେ ସୁତାରି ପ୍ରତୀକ ହସିରେ
ସାନ୍ତମନ କରାହୁଅ।

भारत-अमेरिका संबंध और मजबूत होंगे, किसी बड़ी बाधा की आशंका नहीं : पीयूष गोयल

यह याद रखना
जरूरी है कि यह
संबंध केवल

व्यापार तक सीमित

नहीं है।

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। केंद्रीय वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्री पीयूष गोयल ने बुधवार को कहा कि भारत और अमेरिका के संबंध बेहद महत्वपूर्ण हैं और दोनों देशों में राजनीतिक सोच में बदलाव होने के बावजूद यह साझेदारी आगे और मजबूत होती जाएगी। राष्ट्रीय राजधानी में आयोजित ब्लूमबर्ग न्यू इकोनॉमी फोरम में

बोलते हुए केंद्रीय मंत्री पीयूष गोयल ने कहा कि भारत और अमेरिका के बीच संबंध पहले से ही काफी मजबूत हैं और फिलहाल उन्हें कोई समस्या नजर नहीं आती। उन्होंने कहा, ‘मेरे विचार में दोनों देशों के बीच साझेदारी बेहद ठोस और दुनिया के लिए महत्वपूर्ण है, क्योंकि दोनों बड़े लोकतांत्रिक देश हैं। यह याद रखना जरूरी है कि यह संबंध केवल व्यापार तक सीमित नहीं है। अमेरिका भारत का सबसे बड़ा व्यापारिक साझेदार है और मेरा मानना है कि आने वाले वर्षों में भी वह ऐसा ही बना रहेगा। कुल मिलाकर, मुझे अमेरिका के साथ समझौते करने में कोई बड़ी बाधा दिखाई नहीं देती।’ मंत्री ने आगे

कहा कि यह साझेदारी व्यापार से आगे बढ़कर रक्षा सहयोग, प्रौद्योगिकी, महत्वपूर्ण आपूर्ति



शृंखलाओं और लोगों के बीच मजबूत संपर्क तक फैली हुई है। उन्होंने कहा, ‘हकीकत यह है

कि भारत और अमेरिका के बीच बहुत करीबी संबंध हैं और दोनों कई क्षेत्रों में मिलकर काम कर रहे

हैं। इनमें संयुक्त रक्षा अभ्यास और प्रौद्योगिकी, वस्तुओं तथा सेवाओं की खुली आपूर्ति

शृंखलाओं को सुनिश्चित करने के लिए सहयोग भी शामिल है। भारत-अमेरिका संबंध बेहद महत्वपूर्ण हैं और मेरा मानना है कि दोनों देशों में राजनीतिक सोच में किसी भी बदलाव के बावजूद ये संबंध और मजबूत होंगे।’

गोयल ने कहा कि इस संबंध की मजबूती ‘हमारी आर्थिक, राजनीतिक और सुरक्षा संबंधी आवश्यकताओं’ से आती है।

उन्होंने कहा, ‘इसलिए यह एक स्थिर और मजबूत साझेदारी है और मुझे नहीं लगता कि दुनिया के बाकी देशों को इसे लेकर चिंता करने की जरूरत है।’

मंत्री ने कहा कि पिछले चार से साढ़े चार वर्षों में भारत ने 38 विकसित देशों के साथ वरीयता

प्राप्त व्यापार समझौतों (प्रेफरेंशियल ट्रेड एग्रीमेंट्स) में प्रवेश किया है।

उन्होंने कहा, ‘हमारा उद्देश्य भारत के बाजारों को दुनिया के लिए खोलना है, साथ ही यह सुनिश्चित करना है कि भारतीय कारोबारों के लिए भी दूसरे देशों के बाजार समान रूप से सुलभ हों। वर्ष 2014 तक भारत को लगभग 10 ट्रिलियन डॉलर की संयुक्त जीडीपी वाली अर्थव्यवस्थाओं तक वरीयता प्राप्त बाजार पहुंच प्राप्त थी।

आज हमारे व्यापार समझौते लगभग 70 ट्रिलियन डॉलर जीडीपी का प्रतिनिधित्व करने वाली अर्थव्यवस्थाओं को कवर करते हैं।’

पीएम मोदी के दो ड्रीम प्रोजेक्ट्स का एक साल पूरा, दालों का उत्पादन रिकॉर्ड स्तर पर, बदली 100 जिलों में खेती की तस्वीर

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। प्रधानमंत्री नरेन्द्र मोदी की कृषि विकास और किसान कल्याण से जुड़ी दो महत्वाकांक्षी योजनाओं पल्स मिशन और प्रधानमंत्री धन-धान्य कृषि योजना (पीएमडीकेवाई) की शुरुआत हुए आज एक साल पूरा हो गया है। देश को दलहन के उत्पादन में पूरी तरह आत्मनिर्भर बनाने और कृषि उत्पादन के लिहाज से देश के सौ पिछड़े जिलों में कृषि व्यवस्था का कायाकल्प करने के उद्देश्य से इन दोनों योजनाओं को पिछले साल 11 अक्टूबर 2025 को लॉन्च किया गया था। सरकार की ओर से जारी आंकड़ों में दावा किया गया है कि योजनाबद्ध तरीके से की गई कोशिशों के कारण सिर्फ एक साल के भीतर ही देश में दाल उत्पादन में रिकॉर्ड बढ़ोतरी दर्ज की गई है, जिससे विदेशी आयात में भारी गिरावट आई

है। इसी तरह कृषि उत्पादन के मामले में पिछड़े सौ जिलों के कृषि उत्पादकता स्कोर में भी अभूतपूर्व सुधार हुआ है। इस संबंध में उपलब्ध कराई गई जानकारी के अनुसार 11,440 करोड़ रुपये के कुल बजट वाले पल्स मिशन के सकारात्मक परिणाम सामने आने लगे हैं। इस योजना को 2025-26 से लेकर 2030-31 तक की छह साल की अवधि के लिए पिछले साल 11 अक्टूबर को शुरू किया गया था। इस मिशन का लक्ष्य साल 2030-31 तक भारत को दालों के मामले में पूरी तरह आत्मनिर्भर बनाना है। इस योजना की शुरुआत होने के बाद एक साल के भीतर ही देश में दालों का उत्पादन साल 2024-25 के 256.83 लाख टन से बढ़कर साल 2025-26 में 274.09 लाख टन के रिकॉर्ड स्तर पर पहुंच गया है।

केंद्रीय मंत्री ने कहा कि भारत का लक्ष्य भारतीय ध्वज वाले जहाजों की क्षमता बढ़ाना, जहाज मरम्मत और पुनर्चक्रण क्षेत्रों का विस्तार करना तथा 2047 तक जहाज निर्माण के क्षेत्र में दुनिया के शीर्ष पांच देशों में शामिल होना है।

पर जोर दिया गया है। उन्होंने कहा कि सहकारी संघवाद के सिद्धांत पर आधारित संयुक्त प्रयास भारत बंदरगाहों के एकीकृत विकास में महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका निभाएंगे। मुंबई



के होटल ट्राइडेंट में मैरीटाइम स्टेट्स डेवलपमेंट काउंसिल (एमएसडीसी) की 21वीं दो दिवसीय बैठक आयोजित की गई। बैठक में विभिन्न राज्यों के प्रतिनिधियों, बंदरगाह प्राधिकरणों, समुद्री बोर्ड और केंद्रीय मंत्रालय

इंडियन पोर्ट्स एक्ट, 2025 के तहत वैधानिक सलाहकार निकाय का दर्जा मिलने से इसकी संस्थागत भूमिका मजबूत हुई है। इससे बंदरगाह विकास से संबंधित जिम्मेदारियों, जवाबदेही और केंद्र-राज्य समन्वय को

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एग्रीविजन-2026 के 10वां दो दिवसीय राष्ट्रीय अधिवेशन

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। कृषि अनुसंधान एवं शिक्षा विभाग (डीएआरई) के सचिव और भारतीय कृषि अनुसंधान परिषद (आईसीएआर) के महानिदेशक डॉ. एमएल जाट ने कहा कि भारतीय कृषि को केवल उत्पादन-केन्द्रित दृष्टिकोण तक सीमित न रखें बल्कि इसे व्यापक कृषि-खाद्य प्रणाली और मूल्य शृंखला के परिप्रेक्ष्य में आगे बढ़ाना आवश्यक है। डॉ. जाट नई दिल्ली स्थित आईसीएआर-एनएसएससी परिसर, पूसा में दो दिवसीय एग्रीविजन के 10वें राष्ट्रीय अधिवेशन-2026 के उद्घाटन सत्र को संबोधित कर रहे थे। उन्होंने बाजार अनुसंधान और बाजार संबंधी जानकारी के महत्व को रेखांकित करते हुए कृषि उत्पादन को बाजार की मांग के अनुरूप बनाने तथा किसानों की लाभप्रदता बढ़ाने पर जोर दिया। उन्होंने कृषि उत्पादन को विपणन और मूल्य संवर्धन से जोड़ने की आवश्यकता पर भी प्रकाश डाला। केंद्रीय कृषि विश्वविद्यालय इम्फाल के कुलपति डॉ. अनुपम मिश्रा और रानी लक्ष्मीबाई केंद्रीय कृषि विश्वविद्यालय के कुलपति डॉ.



रेखांकित किया। यह अधिवेशन विद्यार्थियों, प्रख्यात वैज्ञानिकों, वरिष्ठ अधिकारियों, उद्यमियों और किसानों के बीच सार्थक संवाद स्थापित करने तथा कृषि मूल्य शृंखला से जुड़े विभिन्न पक्षों के विचारों एवं अनुभवों के आदान-प्रदान का अवसर प्रदान कर रहा। अधिवेशन में कृषि शिक्षा, तकनीकी परिवर्तन, अनुसंधान, बाजारोन्मुख कृषि, उद्यमिता और किसान-केन्द्रित विकास जैसे विषयों पर विचार-विमर्श किया जा रहा है।

भारतीय बाजार पर जापानी निवेशकों का बढ़ा भरोसा

सिर्फ 3 महीने में तोड़ा पूरे साल का रिकॉर्ड

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। साल की पहली तिमाही यानी अप्रैल से जून के दौरान देश में हुए प्रत्यक्ष विदेशी निवेश (एफडीआई) के मामले में जापान सिंगापुर को पीछे छोड़ते हुए सबसे अधिक निवेश करने वाला देश बन गया है। जापान ने इस तीन महीने की अवधि में भारत में कुल 5.71 बिलियन डॉलर यानी लगभग 47 हजार करोड़ रुपये का भारी-भरकम निवेश किया है। यह आंकड़ा इस लिहाज से भी काफी खास है क्योंकि जापान ने पिछले वित्त वर्ष 2025-26 में पूरे साल के दौरान भारत में कुल 3.74 बिलियन डॉलर का निवेश किया था लेकिन इस बार उसने महज तीन महीनों में ही उसने पिछले पूरे साल के रिकॉर्ड को पीछे छोड़ दिया है।

अप्रैल से जून की तिमाही के दौरान विदेशी निवेश के मामले में सिंगापुर 5.22 बिलियन डॉलर के निवेश के साथ दूसरे स्थान पर रहा, जबकि मरीशस 2.4 बिलियन

के बड़े देशों और वैश्विक संस्थागत निवेशकों का भरोसा लगातार मजबूत हो रहा है। केंद्र सरकार की ओर से जारी किए गए आंकड़ों के अनुसार अप्रैल से जून की तिमाही



डॉलर के साथ तीसरे नंबर पर रहा। नीडरलैंड और अमेरिका ने क्रमशः 1.38 बिलियन डॉलर और 1.35 बिलियन डॉलर का योगदान दिया। इसके अलावा दक्षिण कोरिया, ब्रिटेन और इसी तरह के कई अन्य देशों से भी छोटे-छोटे टुकड़ों में निवेश हुआ है। निवेश के इन आंकड़ों से यह साफ हो जाता है कि भारतीय बाजार पर दुनिया भर

निवेश का महत्वाकांक्षी लक्ष्य रखा है। पिछले महीने केंद्रीय वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री पीयूष गोयल ने दोनों देशों के बीच व्यापार और निवेश को और बढ़ावा देने के लिए जापान का दौरा किया था। अपनी यात्रा के दौरान उन्होंने बताया था कि जापानी कंपनियां अब तक इस बड़े लक्ष्य में से 1 लाख करोड़ रुपये का निवेश भारत में पूरा कर चुकी हैं। एक्सपर्ट्स का कहना है कि जापानी निवेशक अब भारत को लेकर काफी एंक्टिव हो गए हैं। फिनेक्स ट्रेजरी एडवाइसर्स एलएलपी के एकजेक्युटिव डायरेक्टर अनिल भंसाली के अनुसार, वैश्विक स्तर पर बढ़ते जियो-पॉलिटिकल टेंशन, सुस्त विकास और बढ़ती मैन्युफैक्चरिंग लागत के कारण जापानी कंपनियां अब किसी एक देश पर निर्भर रहने के बजाय अपनी सप्लाय चेन को डाइवर्सिफाई करने की कोशिश कर रही हैं।

कस्टम मिलिंग घोटाले में गिरफ्तार कांग्रेस के पूर्व कोषाध्यक्ष रामगोपाल अग्रवाल 14 दिनों की न्यायिक हिरासत में

एजेंसी रायपुर। प्रवर्तन निदेशालय (ईडी) ने छत्तीसगढ़ के करीब 147 करोड़ रुपये के कथित कस्टम राइस मिलिंग घोटाले में रामगोपाल अग्रवाल को धन शोधन निवारण अधिनियम (पीएमएलए), 2002 की धारा 19 के तहत गिरफ्तार किया है। 5 दिनों की ईडी रिमांड खत्म होने पर उन्हें रायपुर में विशेष अदालत (पीएमएलए)में पेश किया गया, जहाँ से अदालत ने उन्हें 14 दिनों की न्यायिक हिरासत में जेल में भेज दिया है। ईडी ने रामगोपाल अग्रवाल को 09 अक्टूबर 2026 को कस्टम मिलिंग घोटाले के मामले में औपचारिक रूप से गिरफ्तार किया था। गिरफ्तारी के बाद विशेष अदालत ने उन्हें 5 दिनों (13 अक्टूबर तक) के लिए ईडी की कस्टडी रिमांड पर सौंपा था। इस मामले की मुख्य



के मामले में जेल में बंद है। करीब तीन साल तक फरार रहने के बाद उन्होंने जुलाई 2026 में सरेंडर किया था। ईडी ने रामगोपाल अग्रवाल की रायपुर के अनुपम नगर और कटोरा तालाब

स्थित दो फ्लैटों को 9.06 करोड़ रुपए के बराबर मूल्य की संपत्ति के रूप में अस्थायी रूप से अटैच किया है। ईडी के मुताबिक, कस्टम मिलिंग घोटाला राइस मिलरों से अवैध रूप से करीब 147 करोड़ रुपये की वसूली से जुड़ा है। जांच आयकर विभाग द्वारा भारतीय दंड संहिता की विभिन्न धाराओं के तहत दायर अभियोजन शिकायत के आधार पर शुरू हुई थी। इसके बाद रायपुर एसीबी-ईओडब्ल्यू ने भी भारतीय दंड संहिता और भ्रष्टाचार निवारण अधिनियम, 1988 की विभिन्न धाराओं के तहत एफआईआर दर्ज की थी। ईडी की जांच के अनुसार, खरोफ सीजन 2021-22 में कस्टम राइस मिलिंग के लिए विशेष प्रोत्साहन राशि 40 रुपये से बढ़ाकर 120 रुपये प्रति क्विंटल की गई थी। इसके बाद

छत्तीसगढ़ स्टेट राइस मिलर्स एसोसिएशन के पदाधिकारियों और मार्केटिंग के अधिकारियों से जुड़े एक सिंडिकेट ने राइस मिलरों से प्रोत्साहन राशि जारी करने के बदले 20 रुपये प्रति क्विंटल की दर से अवैध नकद वसूली शुरू की। ईडी के आरोप हैं कि जो राइस मिलर यह रकम देने से इनकार करते थे, उनके बिल जानबूझकर रोक दिए जाते थे। दिसंबर 2022 से जुलाई 2023 के बीच इस तरीके से करीब 147 करोड़ रुपये की अवैध वसूली की गई। एजेंसी ने इसे पीएमएलए के तहत अपराध से अर्जित आय माना है। जांच में ईडी ने दावा किया है कि रामगोपाल अग्रवाल ने राइस मिलरों से अवैध नकद वसूली की व्यवस्था बनाने, उसकी निगरानी करने और उसे नियंत्रित करने में महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका निभाई।

साथ पुलिसकर्मों शामिल हैं। लोकायुक्त के एसपी राजेश सहाय के अनुसार, प्रारंभिक आकलन में फिरोज खान को नौकरी के दौरान वेतन से करीब 75 लाख रुपए की आय होना अनुमानित किया गया है। अन्य स्रोतों से हुई आय को जोड़कर कुल आय एक करोड़ 93 लाख 84 हजार 440 रुपए की आंकी गई है। इसके मुकाबले जांच में अब तक 6 करोड़ 26 लाख 67 हजार 879 रुपए की

संपत्ति की जानकारी दी गई है। लोकायुक्त के अनुसार, संपत्ति का मूल्य ज्ञात आय की तुलना में करीब 223 प्रतिशत अधिक है। इसी आधार पर आय से अधिक संपत्ति के मामले में जांच की जा रही है। हालांकि, तलाशी और दस्तावेजों की पड़ताल पूरी होने के बाद संपत्तियों के मूल्य, आय के स्रोत और वित्तीय लेन-देन का विस्तृत आकलन किया जाएगा। प्रारंभिक जांच में इंदौर

के स्क्रीम नंबर 94 स्थित मनोरमा अपार्टमेंट में दो फ्लैट फिरोज खान की मां वहीदा खान के नाम पर होने की जानकारी सामने आई है। इसके अलावा श्रीनगर कॉलोनी स्थित श्रीदेवी अपार्टमेंट के एक फ्लैट को भी जांच में शामिल किया गया है। इसके अलावा फिरोज खान की मां और पत्नी के नाम पर साहित्य ट्रेडिंग नाम से एक फर्म संचालित होने की जानकारी मिली है।

एजेंसी इंदौर/देवास। मध्य प्रदेश लोकायुक्त पुलिस ने बुधवार सुबह पुलिस प्रशिक्षण महाविद्यालय (पोटीसी), इंदौर में पदस्थ प्रधान आरक्षक (इंड्रवर) फिरोज खान के खिलाफ आय से अधिक संपत्ति के मामले में कार्रवाई की। लोकायुक्त इंदौर और उज्जैन की संयुक्त टीमों ने सुबह करीब 6 बजे इंदौर और देवास स्थित 15 ठिकानों पर एक साथ

तलाशी शुरू की। शुरुआती जांच में करीब 6.26 करोड़ की संपत्ति सामने आने की जानकारी दी गई है। लोकायुक्त के मुताबिक, यह संपत्ति आरोपी की ज्ञात आय की तुलना में करीब 223 प्रतिशत अधिक आंकी गई है। कार्रवाई के दौरान मकान, फ्लैट, प्लॉट, कृषि भूमि, व्यावसायिक संपत्तियों और विभिन्न फर्मों के वित्तीय लेन-देन से जुड़े दस्तावेजों की जांच की जा रही है। लोकायुक्त

अधिकारियों के अनुसार, देवास में फिरोज खान के आदर्श नगर स्थित निवास सहित शहर के अलग-अलग इलाकों में तलाशी ली गई। वहीं, इंदौर के बाणगंगा, स्क्रीम नंबर 94 और श्रीनगर कॉलोनी सहित अन्य स्थानों पर टीमें पहुंचीं। ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों में स्थित कृषि भूमि और व्यावसायिक भूखंडों को भी जांच के दायरे में लिया गया है। कार्रवाई में लोकायुक्त इंदौर और उज्जैन के अधिकारियों के



हर रिश्ता बड़ी ही ईमानदारी से निभाया भगवान श्रीकृष्ण ने

भगवान श्रीकृष्ण ने हर रिश्ता बड़ी ही ईमानदारी से निभाया और हर रिश्तों को उन्होंने महत्व दिया। आओ जानते हैं कि इस संबंध में कुछ खास जानकारी।

मित्रता का रिश्ता

भगवान श्रीकृष्ण के हजारों सखा या कहें कि मित्र थे। श्रीकृष्ण के सखा सुदामा, श्रीदामा, मधुमंगल, सुबाहु, सुबल, भद्र, सुभद्र, मणिभद्र, भोज, तोककृष्ण, वसुथप, मधुकंड, विशाल, रसाल, मकरन्द, सदानन्द, चन्द्रहास, बकुल, शारद, बुद्धिप्रकाश, अर्जुन आदि थे। श्रीकृष्ण की सखियां भी हजारों थीं। राधा, ललिता आदि सहित कृष्ण की 8 सखियां थीं। ब्रह्मवैवर्त पुराण के अनुसार सखियों के नाम इस तरह हैं- चन्द्रावली, श्यामा, शैव्या, पद्मा, राधा, ललिता, विशाखा तथा भद्रा। कुछ जगह ये नाम इस प्रकार हैं- चित्रा, सुदेवी, ललिता, विशाखा, चम्पकलता, तुंगविद्या, इन्दुलेखा, रंगदेवी और सुदेवी। कुछ जगह पर ललिता, विशाखा, चम्पकलता, चित्रादेवी, तुंगविद्या, इन्दुलेखा, रंगदेवी और कृत्रिमा (मनेली)। इनमें से

गई सभी महिलाएं कृष्ण की सखियां थीं। द्रौपदी भी श्रीकृष्ण की सखी थीं। श्रीकृष्ण ने सभी के साथ अंत तक मित्रता का संबंध निभाया।

प्रेमी कृष्ण

कृष्ण को चाहने वाली अनेक गोपियां और प्रेमिकाएं थीं। कृष्ण-भक्त कवियों ने अपने काव्य में गोपी-कृष्ण की रासलीला को प्रमुख स्थान दिया है। पुराणों में गोपी-कृष्ण के प्रेम संबंधों को आध्यात्मिक और अति श्रांगारिक रूप दिया गया है। महाभारत में यह आध्यात्मिक रूप नहीं मिलता, लेकिन पुराणों में मिलता है। उनकी प्रेमिका राधा, रुक्मिणी और ललिता की ज्यादा चर्चा होती है।

पति कृष्ण

भगवान श्रीकृष्ण की 8 पत्नियां थीं- रुक्मिणी, जाम्बवंती, सत्यभामा, मित्रवंदा, सत्या, लक्ष्मणा, भद्रा और कालिंदी। इनसे श्रीकृष्ण को लगभग 80 पुत्र हुए थे।

भाई कृष्ण

कृष्ण की 3 बहनें थीं- एकांग्गा (यह यशोदा की पुत्री थीं), सुभद्रा और द्रौपदी (मानस भगिनी)। कृष्ण के भाइयों में नेमिनाथ, बलराम और गद थे।

श्रीकृष्ण के माता पिता

श्रीकृष्ण के माता पिता वसुदेव और देवकी थे, परंतु उनके पालक माता पिता नंदबाबा और माता यशोदा थीं। श्रीकृष्ण ने इन्हीं के साथ अपनी सभी सौतेली माता रोहिणी आदि सभी के सात बराबरी का रिश्ता रखा।

अन्य रिश्तों में श्रीकृष्ण

श्रीकृष्ण ने अपनी बुवाओं से भी खूब रिश्ता निभाया था। कुंती और सुतासुभा से भी रिश्ता निभाया। कुंती को वचन दिया था कि मैं तुम्हारे पुत्रों की रक्षा करूंगा और सुतासुभा को वचन दिया था कि मैं तुम्हारे पुत्र शिशुपाल के 100 अपराध क्षमा करूंगा। इसी प्रकार सुभद्रा का विवाह कृष्ण ने अपनी बुआ

पुत्र साम्ब का विवाह दुर्योधन की पुत्री लक्ष्मणा से किया था। श्रीकृष्ण के रिश्तों की बात करें तो वे बहुत ही उलझे हुए थे। श्रीकृष्ण ने अपने भांजे अभिमन्यु को शिक्षा दी थी और उन्होंने ही उसके पुत्र की गर्भ में रक्षा की थी।

शत्रुता का रिश्ता

इसी तरह श्रीकृष्ण ने अपनी शत्रुता का रिश्ता भी अच्छे से निभाया था। उन्होंने कंस, जरासंध, शिशुपाल, भीमासुर, कालय यवन, पौंड्रक आदि सभी शत्रुओं को सुधरने के भरपूर मौका दिया और अंत में उनका वध कर दिया।

रक्षक कृष्ण

भगवान श्रीकृष्ण ने किशोरावस्था में ही चाणूर और मुष्टिक जैसे खतरनाक मल्लों का वध किया था, साथ ही उन्होंने इंद्र के प्रकोप के चलते जब वृंदावन आदि ब्रज क्षेत्र में जलप्रलय हो चली थी, तब गोवर्धन पर्वत अपनी अंगुली पर उठाकर सभी ग्रामवासियों की रक्षा की थी।

शिष्य कृष्ण

भगवान श्रीकृष्ण के गुरु सांदिपनी थे। उनका आश्रम अवंतिका (उज्जैन) में था। कहते हैं कि उन्होंने जैन धर्म में 22वें तीर्थंकर नेमीनाथजी से भी ज्ञान ग्रहण किया था। श्रीकृष्ण गुरु दीक्षा में सांदिपनी के मृत पुत्र को यमराज से मुक्ति कराकर ले आए थे।



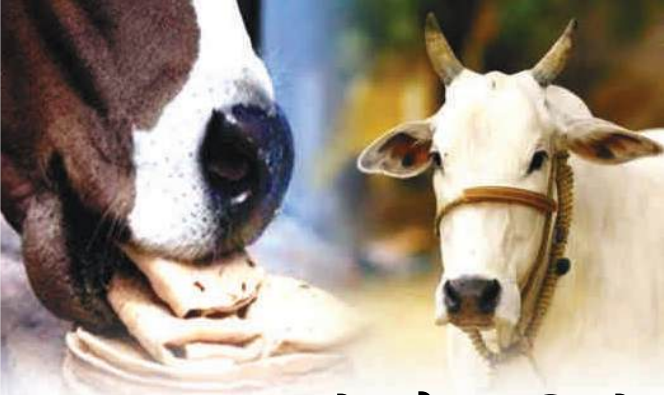
चंद्र की उत्पत्ति कैसे हुई? क्या कहते हैं पुराण? चंद्रमा की जन्म कथा

सुंदर सलोंने चंद्रमा को देवताओं के समान ही पूजनीय माना गया है। चंद्रमा के जन्म की कहानी पुराणों में अलग-अलग मिलती है। ज्योतिष और वेदों में चंद्र को मन का कारक कहा गया है। वैदिक साहित्य में सोम का स्थान भी प्रमुख देवताओं में मिलता है। अग्नि, इंद्र, सूर्य आदि देवों के समान ही सोम की स्तुति के मंत्रों की भी रचना ऋषियों द्वारा की गई है।

पुराणों के अनुसार चंद्र की उत्पत्ति

मत्स्य एवं अग्नि पुराण के अनुसार जब ब्रह्मा जी ने सृष्टि रचने का विचार किया तो सबसे पहले अपने मानसिक संकल्प से मानस पुत्रों की रचना की। उनमें से एक मानस पुत्र ऋषि अत्रि का विवाह ऋषि कर्दम की कन्या अनुसुइया से हुआ जिससे दुर्वासा, दत्तात्रेय व सोम तीन पुत्र हुए। सोम चंद्र का ही एक नाम है। पद्म पुराण में चंद्र के जन्म का अन्य वृत्तान्त दिया गया है। ब्रह्मा ने अपने मानस पुत्र अत्रि को सृष्टि का विस्तार करने की आज्ञा दी। महर्षि अत्रि ने अनुत्तर नाम का तप आरंभ किया। तप काल में एक दिन महर्षि के नेत्रों से जल की कुछ बूंदें टपक पड़ीं जो बहुत प्रकाशमय थीं। दिशाओं ने स्त्री रूप में आकर पुत्र प्राप्ति की कामना से उन बूंदों को ग्रहण कर लिया जो उनके उदर में गर्भ

रूप में स्थित हो गया। परंतु उस प्रकाशमान गर्भ को दिशाएं धारण न रख सकीं और त्याग दिया। उस त्याग हुए गर्भ को ब्रह्मा ने पुरुष रूप दिया जो चंद्रमा के नाम से प्रख्यात हुए। देवताओं, ऋषियों व गंधर्वों आदि ने उनकी स्तुति की। उनके ही तेज से पृथ्वी पर दिव्य औषधियां उत्पन्न हुईं। ब्रह्मा जी ने चंद्र को नक्षत्र, वनस्पतियों, ब्राह्मण व तप का स्वामी नियुक्त किया। स्कंद पुराण के अनुसार जब देवों तथा दैत्यों ने क्षीर सागर का मंथन किया था तो उस में से चौदह रत्न निकले थे। चंद्रमा उन्हीं चौदह रत्नों में से एक है जिसे लोक कल्याण हेतु, उसी मंथन से प्राप्त कालकूट विष्णु को पी जाने वाले भगवान शंकर ने अपने मस्तक पर धारण कर लिया। पर ग्रह के रूप में चंद्र की उपस्थिति मंथन से पूर्व भी सिद्ध होती है। स्कंद पुराण के ही माहेश्वर खंड में गर्गाचार्य ने समुद्र मंथन का मुहूर्त निकालते हुए देवों को कहा कि इस समय सभी ग्रह अनुकूल हैं। चंद्रमा से गुरु का शुभ योग है। तुम्हारे कार्य की सिद्धि के लिए चंद्र बल उत्तम है। यह गोमंत मुहूर्त तुम्हें विजय देने वाला है। अतः यह संभव है कि चंद्रमा के विभिन्न अंशों का जन्म विभिन्न कालों में हुआ हो। चंद्र का विवाह दक्ष प्रजापति की नक्षत्र रूपी 27 कन्याओं से हुआ जिनसे अनेक प्रतिभाशाली पुत्र हुए। इन्हीं 27 नक्षत्रों के भोग से एक चंद्र मास पूर्ण होता है।



क्या गाय, कुत्ते और पक्षियों को पानी पिलाने से खुल जाते हैं किस्मत के दरवाजे

हिन्दू धर्म में कुछ पशु और पक्षियों को बहुत ही शुभ माना जाता है। मान्यता के अनुसार इन्हें अन्न और जल देने से जीवन में सकारात्मक बदलाव आते हैं। प्रत्येक हिन्दू घर में जब भोजन बनता है तो पहली रोटी गाय के लिए और अंतिम रोटी कुत्ते के लिए होती है। भोजन करने के पूर्व अग्नि को उसका कुछ भाग अर्पित किया जाता है जिसे अग्निहोत्र कर्म कहते हैं। प्रत्येक हिन्दू को भोजन करते वक्त थाली में से 3 ग्रास (कोल) निकालकर अलग रखना होता है। यह तीन कोल ब्रह्मा, विष्णु और महेश के लिए या मन कथन के अनुसार गाय, कोए और कुत्ते के लिए भी रखा जा सकता है।

गाय – गाय को पते पर भोजन परोसकर जल देने से भाग्य जागृत होता है। गाय में सकारात्मक ऊर्जा का भंडार होता है, जो भाग्य को जागृत करने की क्षमता रखती है। गाय को अन्न और जल देने से सभी तरह के संकट दूर होकर घर में सुख, शांति और समृद्धि के द्वारा खुल जाते हैं। प्रतिदिन गाय को रोटी खिलाने गुरु और शुक्र बलवान होता और धन-समृद्धि बढ़ती है। कुत्ता – कुत्ता को पते पर भोजन परोसकर जल पिलाने से भैरव महाराज प्रसन्न होते हैं और हर तरह के आकस्मिक संकटों से वे भक्त की रक्षा करते हैं। कुत्ता आपकी राह, केतु के बुरे प्रभाव और यमदूत, भूत प्रेत आदि से रक्षा करता है। कुत्ते को

प्रतिदिन भोजन देने से जहां दुश्मनों का भय मिट जाता है वहीं व्यक्ति निडर हो जाता है। ज्योतिषी के अनुसार केतु का प्रतीक है कुत्ता। कुत्ता पालने या कुत्ते की सेवा करने से केतु का अशुभ प्रभाव समाप्त हो जाता है। पितृ पक्ष में कुत्तों को मीठी रोटी खिलानी चाहिए। कौवा – कौए के लिए छत या भूमि पर भोजन परोसकर सकारे में उसके लिए जल रखा जाता है। धार्मिक मान्यताओं के अनुसार कौआ को यमदूत, पितर और देवपुत्र भी माना गया है। कौए को भविष्य में घटने वाली घटनाओं का पहले से ही आभास हो जाता है। कहते हैं कि यदि कौआ आपका भोजन ग्रहण कर ले तो समझो आपके पितर आपसे प्रसन्न और तुम हैं और यदि नहीं करें तो समझो कि आपके पितर आपसे नाराज और अतृप्त हैं। चींटी – चींटियों के लिए पते पर भोजन परोसा जाता। उनके बिल हों, वहां चूरा कर भोजन डाला जाता है। इससे सभी तरह के संकट मिट जाते हैं और घर परिवार में सुख एवं समृद्धि आती है। देवता – देवबलि अर्थात् पते पर देवी देवतों और पितरों को भोजन परोसा जाता है। बाद में इसे उठाकर घर से बाहर उचित स्थान रख दिया जाता है। पक्षी – पक्षियों को जल अर्पित करने से पुण्य की प्राप्ति होती है और साथ ही हमारे जीवन के संकट मिट जाते हैं। नियमित जल पिलाने से भाग्य जागृत हो जाते हैं और किसी कार्य में आ रही रुकावट दूर होती है। हर कार्य आसानी से होने लगते हैं।



कुंडली की जांचे पन्ना पहनने के नुकसान भी है

पन्ना बुध ग्रह का रत्न है। बुध ग्रह वाणी, व्यापार, बहन, बुआ, मौसी आदि का कारक है। यह रत्न गहरे से हल्के हरे रंग का होता है। पन्ना मुख्यतः 5 रंगों में पाया जाता है। तोते के पंख के समान रंग वाला, पानी के रंग जैसा, सरस के पुष्प के रंगों वाला, मयूरपंख जैसा और हलके संदुल पुष्प के समान होता है। पन्ना रत्न किसे पहनना चाहिए और किसे नहीं यह जानना भी जरूरी है, क्योंकि कुंडली की जांच किए बगैर इसे पहनने के नुकसान भी है।

किसे पन्ना धारण करना चाहिए

- लग्न कन्या या मिथुन है तो पन्ना रत्न धारण किया जा सकता है, लेकिन यह भी देखना जरूरी है कि लग्न में कौनसा ग्रह है या लग्न के सामने सप्तम भाव में कौनसा ग्रह है।
- कुंडली को देखकर यदि किसी रोगी को पन्ना पहनाया जाता है तो उसके बल में वृद्धि होती है आरोग्य का सुख मिलता है।
- मिथुन लग्न वाले यदि पन्ना धारण करे तो पारिवारिक परेशानी कम होती है।
- कन्या लग्न यदि पन्ना धारण करे तो राज्य, व्यापार, पिता, नौकरी, शासकीय कार्यों में लाभ पा सकते हैं।
- यदि बुध की महादशा या अंतरदशा चल रही हो और बुध 8वें या 12वें भाव में नहीं हो तो पन्ना पहनने से लाभ मिलेगा।
- यदि बुध, मंगल, शनि, राहु या केतु के साथ स्थित हो या उस पर शत्रु ग्रहों की दृष्टि हो तो पन्ना पहना जा सकता है। इससे नौकरी व्यवसाय में रुकावट दूर होगी।
- लाल किताब अनुसार यदि किसी घर में कोई ग्रह सोया हुआ हो तो उस घर को और उस ग्रह के प्रभाव को जाग्रत करने के लिए उस घर का रत्न धारण करें। जैसे यदि तीसरे में बुध नहीं है तो तीसरे के लिए बुध का रत्न धारण करें। इससे बुध के अच्छे प्रभाव मिलना प्रारंभ होगा।
- यदि आपकी कुंडली में बुध मीन राशि का होकर बुरा प्रभाव दे रहा है तो पन्ना पहन सकते हैं।

पन्ना किसे धारण नहीं करना चाहिए

- लाल किताब के अनुसार बुध तीसरे या 12वें हो तो पन्ना नहीं पहनना चाहिए इससे नुकसान होगा।
- ज्योतिष के अनुसार 6, 8, 12 का बुध स्वामी हो तो पन्ना पहनने से अचानक नुकसान हो सकता है। इसलिए पहले किसी ज्योतिष को कुंडली दिखाएं फिर ही पहनें।
- यदि बुध की महादशा चल रही है और बुध 8वें या 12वें भाव में बैठा है तो भी पन्ना धारण करने से समस्या उत्पन्न हो सकती है।
- नकली, अशुद्ध, टूटा-फूटा, धब्बेदार, चमकदार, स्वर्ण रंग का या अन्य रंग का पन्ना धारण करने से धन, समृद्धि और संतान पक्ष का नाश हो जाता है।
- उचित धातु, नक्षत्र, दिन और ग्रहों की स्थिति देखे बगैर पन्ना धारण किया है तो वह भी नुकसानदायक सिद्ध हो सकता है।

पन्ना पहनने के फायदे

- पन्ना धारण करने से स्मरण शक्ति बढ़ती है। इससे बुद्धि तेज होने लगती है।
- हाजमा अच्छा करने के लिए भी इसे धारण करते हैं।
- नौकरी और व्यापार में उन्नति के लिए भी इसे धारण करने की सलाह दी जाती है।
- पन्ना धारण करने से वाणी प्रभावशाली हो जाती है।
- पन्ना धारण करने से अधूरी तमन्नाएं पूरी होने लगती हैं।
- घर में पन्ना रत्न उचित स्थान पर रखने से अन्न-धन आदि में वृद्धि होती है, सुयोग्य संतान का सुख मिलता है।
- पन्ना पहनने से यदि बुद्ध उत्तम प्रभाव देने लगता है तो जातक की बहन की जिंदगी में भी परेशानियां कम हो जाती है।



NEWS BOX

Lisandro Martinez slams Man United board after Atletico loss: Does he have a point

PUDUCHERRY. (Agency)

Manchester United's defeat to Atletico Madrid has opened up another debate at Old Trafford, this time over the people running the club rather than just those on the pitch. United centre-back Lisandro Martinez has publicly questioned the hierarchy's recruitment, but his comments have also drawn criticism from former United players who believe he risked unsettling the dressing room at a difficult time.

United lost 2-0 in Madrid on Tuesday, extending their winless run to five matches. Having finished third in the Premier League



last season, they returned to the Champions League but spent their summer transfer budget largely on midfield, leaving questions over support for Benjamin Sesko and competition for Luke Shaw.

Martinez addressed the issue in his post-match interview with Amazon Prime, calling for greater investment from football director Jason Wilcox. "Really poor. Really poor..." "We did a fantastic season last season and now we expect more from the top, more players to compete because many teams bring many players as well. Atletico have an amazing team and they deserve to win today," Martinez said. "I expect more [investment]. 100%. I expect more from our technical director [Jason Wilcox]. I have to be honest, as players we have to do more, but it is also important when you make a strong squad to be ready for this kind of night," he added. Martinez was not the only United player to express frustration. Amad Diallo posted "F**king disgrace" on social media after the defeat. He did not specify what or whom he was referring to, so the post cannot be taken as a confirmed criticism of the board.

Shikhar Dhawan threatens legal action over unauthorised World T20 Continent Cup listing



New Delhi. (Agency)

Former India opener Shikhar Dhawan has denied agreeing to play in the inaugural World T20 Continent Cup after finding his name listed among the participants without his authorisation. The left-handed batter has warned of legal action against the organisers, raising questions over how his name was included in the tournament announcement. Dhawan was announced as part of the Asia Warriors squad for the competition, which is scheduled to be held in Hong Kong in December. The team was also advertised to feature Pakistan's Iftikhar Ahmed and Sohail Tanvir. The former India opener took to social media to clarify his position, asking fans and media organisations not to rely on announcements about his participation that he had not approved. "I have come across my name as a participant in the World T20 Continent Cup. My name has been used by the organisers without my knowledge or permission, and my team will be taking the appropriate legal steps to address this," Dhawan wrote on X. "I request the media and my fans to not report or rely on any unauthorised announcements. Thank you for your continued love and support."

ORGANISERS CONFIRM DHAWAN'S WITHDRAWAL

Following Dhawan's statement, the tournament organisers confirmed that he would not be part of the Asia Warriors squad. They attributed his absence to "scheduling conflicts and certain technical considerations", but did not elaborate on the circumstances surrounding his initial inclusion or his denial of participation. The development has cast a shadow over the announcement of the tournament's squads, with Dhawan having been promoted as one of the headline names for the Asia Warriors.

Farewell or missed chance Sreejesh questions India's Asian Champions Trophy squad

India are set to play their third major tournament in around three months, with the Asian Champions Trophy following the World Cup and Asian Games. PR Sreejesh has questioned the workload on senior players and urged the team to use the competition to test its bench strength and prepare for LA 2028.

New Delhi. (Agency)

Former India goalkeeper PR Sreejesh has questioned India's decision to field its established players at the Asian Champions Trophy after their Asian Games gold medal triumph. He believes the tournament presents an opportunity to test the team's

bench strength and prepare younger players for the challenges ahead of the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics. The Asian Champions Trophy will be India's third major tournament in roughly three months, following the World Cup and the Asian Games. With only around two weeks between the World Cup and the Asian Games, followed by a gap of just three weeks before the Asian Champions Trophy, Sreejesh has questioned whether the squad needs another demanding campaign with its key players. "We've won Asian Games gold, yet we're back with our best players for the Asian Champions Trophy. Is this tournament really worth the risk of exhausting our key players when bigger challenges lie ahead?" Sreejesh wrote in a post on X. "Even Pakistan isn't participating! Why not rest our stars, test our bench strength, and give young players a real opportunity to prove themselves?" he added. He also questioned whether the team's approach was driven by long-term planning or the pursuit of another trophy, while raising concerns about the chief coach's position and the possibility of senior



players approaching the end of their international careers. "Do we have a genuine second line-up, or are we simply afraid to test it? Or is another trophy the perfect way for the chief coach to secure another two years in the hot seat? We are 8th in the world ranking. Are we building a

team for the future, or protecting positions in the present?" he added.

FOUR SENIORS AND THE FAREWELL QUESTION

Sreejesh's remarks about a possible farewell tournament come amid reports that Mandeep Singh, Amit Rohidas, Jarmanpreet Singh and Nilakanta Sharma could be playing their final matches for India during the Asian Champions Trophy as Hockey India looks to refresh the squad ahead of the Olympics. "Or, as the rumour goes, is this tournament a platform for some big names to say goodbye? If that's the real plan, then I genuinely appreciate it! Legends deserve a proper farewell!" Sreejesh wrote. However, reports have suggested that the four players were caught off guard by the news and had not been consulted. Their reported desire to continue representing India has added another layer to the questions surrounding the team's transition.

INDIA'S TRANSITION AHEAD OF LA 2028

India have made some room for fresh faces in the squad.

Beyond Indian cricket's glamour: Hitesh Walunj and the grind nobody sees

New Delhi. (Agency)

Hitesh Walunj was padded up and taking throwdowns near the sight screen at the Air Force Complex Ground in Palam, Delhi, as the day's play wound down on Tuesday. Out in the middle, Maharashtra were having a tricky final session against Services, losing five wickets for 66 runs in their second innings. The 33-year-old left-arm spinner had already done his bit with the ball, five wickets that had given Maharashtra a 106-run first-innings lead in their Ranji Trophy Elite opener. But the pitch was getting trickier with every session, and a 10 or 20 from him on the final day could matter. He was not going to wait for the game to come to him. The instinct to keep working comes naturally to Walunj. He knows a five-wicket haul in the opening match of a season is a good start, not a guarantee. He has been here before, on the fringes of a

Maharashtra side that has never been short of competition for places, with seasons in which wickets came in a rush and were followed by another long wait. At 33, he is still working towards the next opportunity. His is the story of a man who



chose cricket over the security of a regular job, and kept making that choice when nothing suggested the game would reward him.

ADREAM DEFERRED

Walunj started playing cricket at 14, but

the road to the Ranji Trophy was anything but straight. He did not come through Maharashtra's age-group system. His state debut came directly in the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy, the domestic T20 competition, in 2018-19, when he was 26.

The Ranji Trophy cap, the one that mattered most to him, took another five years. "I had to wait 16 years just to play Ranji Trophy cricket, which is a dream for everyone," Walunj tells IndiaToday.in in Palam. "I haven't played just one specific age group; I directly made my Syed Mushtaq Ali debut at the age of 26 in the 2018-19 season. After that, I had a three-year break, and then I made my Ranji Trophy debut at 30."

CHOOSING THE UNCERTAIN

The wait was not only about selection. It raised a bigger question: what would he do with his life if cricket did not work out? Walunj had completed his B.Com, and his parents, like many in a middle-class household.

Bumrah or bust: Is India's pace attack too dependent on one man?

New Delhi. (Agency)

When it comes to Jasprit Bumrah, the Indian cricket team almost has a cheat code at its disposal. On a flat track, with the ball flying around or against a set batter looking to take the attack to the opposition, Bumrah has repeatedly found a way to turn the game on its head. His variations, precision and ability to outthink batters have made him India's ultimate trump card across formats. But there is a catch. What happens when that trump card is missing? Bumrah's absence has often left a



gaping hole in India's bowling attack, with the team struggling to find the same control and cutting edge without its premier fast bowler. The recent ODI series against the West Indies offered another reminder of that vulnerability, as India's pacers struggled to contain the opposition. Gurnoor Brar, Auqib Nabi and the other seamers found it difficult to keep the scoring in check, exposing the challenge of defending totals without a bowler of Bumrah's calibre. The problem was equally apparent in the second T20I against the West Indies, when India failed to defend a mammoth total of 250. For all their firepower with the bat, India's bowlers could not deliver when it mattered most. And the numbers suggest that this is more than just a bad day at the office. In T20Is this year, Bumrah has picked up 23 wickets in 17 matches, making him India's leading wicket-taker.

UCL wrap: Atletico douse United, Bayern held by Vikings as Barcelona hit comeback win

COVENTRY. (Agency)

European football's heavyweights endured a difficult night in the UEFA Champions League on Tuesday, with Manchester United losing to Atletico Madrid, Bayern Munich dropping points in Norway and Inter Milan suffering a shock home defeat. Barcelona recovered from an early setback to beat Galatasaray, while Arsenal and Villarreal also picked up important victories. Atletico made an early statement against Manchester United, scoring inside the opening minute before Ademola Lookman sealed a 2-0 win late in the second half. United's task became harder when Leny Yoro was sent off,



leaving the visitors with little chance of mounting a comeback. Bayern Munich had a more eventful evening against Viking Stavanger. The Norwegian side went two goals ahead before Harry Kane led a Bayern fightback, but Michael Olise's dismissal shifted the momentum again.

Herman Johan Haugen scored late to earn Viking a 3-3 draw.

Inter, meanwhile, endured the biggest shock of the night. Club Brugge scored four times at San Siro, with Nicolo Tresoldi's hat-trick helping the Belgian side claim a 4-3 victory despite a late push from the hosts. The result stood out on a night when several established European sides were made to work hard for points. Barcelona recovered from going behind to beat Galatasaray 4-1 in Istanbul, while Arsenal scored three times in seven second-half minutes to defeat Lille 3-0. Villarreal also came from behind to beat Napoli, and RB Leipzig, Sporting CP and Sabah Baku collected wins elsewhere.

India vs West Indies T20I free passes sold for Rs 6,000, HCA member among 4 arrested

Hyderabad Police have arrested four people, including a Hyderabad Cricket Association member, for allegedly selling complimentary passes for the India-West Indies fourth T20I at inflated prices. The probe has also raised questions about the distribution of tickets marked "NOT FOR SALE".

CHENNAI. (Agency)

Hyderabad Police have arrested a member of the Hyderabad Cricket Association (HCA) and three others for allegedly black-marketing complimentary tickets for the fourth India-West Indies T20I. The police seized 11 match passes marked "NOT FOR SALE" ahead of Wednesday's match at the Rajiv Gandhi International Stadium in Uppal. The accused have been identified as HCA member Satish Chandra Srivastava, his son Akarshit Srivastava, Avinash Darak



and Mohit Somani. The case came to light after Goshamahahal Police received information about the alleged sale of tickets near SD Mall in Begum Bazar on October 12.

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A police team led by Assistant Sub-Inspector V Janardhan Naik apprehended

Darak and Somani at around 9 pm. Besides the cricket passes, officers seized eight passes for a Navratri Dandiya event, Rs 5,000 in cash, mobile phones and a two-wheeler.

TICKETS ALLEGEDLY SOLD FOR RS 6,000

According to the police, Darak and Somani allegedly disclosed during questioning that

they had obtained the complimentary tickets from Akarshit and were advertising them on WhatsApp and Instagram at inflated prices. Goshamahahal Inspector B Sravan Kumar said the tickets were allegedly being sold for Rs 3,500 to Rs 6,000 each, depending on the pavilion. Akarshit allegedly procured the passes from his father, an HCA member, before handing them to Darak for sale with Somani's assistance. The inspector also said the accused had allegedly sold around nine complimentary tickets. Police will write to the HCA to establish how many passes were issued to Satish Chandra Srivastava.

POLICE WARN FANS AGAINST BLACK-MARKETING

The four accused were arrested on October 13 and remanded to judicial custody. Police registered a case under Sections 112(1) and 318(2) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita and Section 21(gg) of the City Police Act. The investigation is ongoing.

Police have urged fans to purchase match tickets only through authorised channels and report suspected black-marketing.

Alia Bhatt

Reunites With F1 Driver Carlos Sainz In An Ad After Cannes 2026, Internet Can't Keep Calm

Actress Alia Bhatt and Formula 1 driver Carlos Sainz are once again sharing the screen, months after their L’Oréal Paris appearance at the 2026 Cannes Film Festival. The duo feature in a new advertisement for the beauty brand, which is currently airing on Italian television.

Alia Bhatt reunites with Carlos Sainz

Alia Bhatt and Carlos Sainz, both global ambassadors for L’Oréal Paris, are seen promoting the brand’s Elvive haircare range in the campaign. A clip from the advertisement has now surfaced online and caught the attention of fans, who are loving the unexpected Bollywood-F1



collaboration. In the clip doing the rounds on X, Alia and Carlos are seen featuring in the brand’s haircare campaign. The advertisement has since grabbed everyone’s attention.

Soon after the video was shared, excited fans of Alia were seen reacting to it. One fan wrote, “Best Collab ever!!” Another fan commented, “this is so cool I wanna see it all.” A third fan wrote, “My girl Alia with smooth operator I’m jealous of you girl!!!” Others were seen dropping red hearts and fire emojis.

The duo had previously grabbed attention with their appearance at the Cannes Film Festival earlier this year. As part of its Cannes campaign, L’Oréal Paris also brought together several of its global ambassadors, with Alia and Carlos featuring alongside fellow Formula 1 driver Charles Leclerc in a campaign reel.

Meanwhile, on the work front, Alia was last seen in YRF’s spy thriller Alpha, alongside Sharvari, Bobby Deol and Anil Kapoor. She will next headline Sanjay Leela Bhansali’s Love & War, which also stars Ranbir Kapoor and Vicky Kaushal. The film’s first-look posters were unveiled recently, generating considerable buzz among fans. The trailer is expected to be released soon. After facing multiple delays, Love & War is now slated to arrive in theatres in January 2027.



Rasika Dugal

Says There’s A Need To ‘Normalise Conversations Around Desire And Sexuality’: ‘It's Important'

Actress Rasika Dugal has spoken about the importance of creating safe spaces where people can openly seek information about sexuality and desire.

Speaking at the trailer launch event of her upcoming film “Little Thomas,” she said such topics are often considered uncomfortable to discuss, but having access to the right information is important to avoid

The ‘Mirzapur’ actress also stressed the importance of receiving accurate information from a trusted adult. She acknowledged that conversations around sexuality can be difficult for many people but said they should not be treated as taboo.

“You know, I think it’s very important to have that access to information from an adult in your life, and such conversations are unfortunately



misinformation. Rasika stated, “I think it’s very, very important and very necessary that there is a place that you can get information on sex, on sexuality, on your desires, on everything. That there should be a place or a person with whom you can go and talk about these things. So that you don’t fall from misinformation and also so that you don’t have to ask this question to anyone.”

uncomfortable and unfortunately difficult for many people but it shouldn’t be so,” Rasika said.

She added that society needs to become more comfortable discussing these subjects openly.

“I think there’s really a need to normalize conversations around desire and sexuality,” she said. Directed by Kaushal Oza, the film also stars Gulshan Devaiah and Hridansh Parekh in pivotal

roles. Anurag Kashyap-backed children’s film is slated to hit theatres on October 23.

Talking about the film, Gulshan had said in a statement, “It’s a heartwarming story of a simple family from Goa and it’s been very fulfilling to do this film. Being a part of the amazing works built by Kaushal Oza and sharing the screen with Rasika Duggal has been a very memorable experience for me.”

Vijay Varma’s All-Black Cut-Out Look Goes Viral; Netizens Have Mixed Reactions



Vijay Varma’s latest fashion outing has become the subject of an online roast. The actor, who is no stranger to experimental styling, was recently spotted at a Mumbai event in an elaborate all-black ensemble. Paparazzi videos from the appearance soon began circulating on social media, where his outfit drew a flood of jokes, comparisons and criticism.

Instead of playing it safe with a conventional black look, Vijay stepped out in an outfit built around cut-outs, contrasting textures and long strips of fabric. The styling immediately caught attention, though the reaction in the comments section was far from universally flattering.

What Did Vijay Varma Wear?

Vijay wore a fitted black top featuring an intricate criss-cross lattice pattern. The geometric construction created several sheer, skin-baring sections across the outfit. Long, narrow strips of black fabric also extended from the sleeves and lower portions of the top, giving the ensemble additional movement as the actor posed for photographers.

He paired the statement top with high-waisted black leather trousers. Their smooth and slightly glossy finish provided a contrast to the open-weave texture of the upper half while keeping the entire outfit within a monochrome palette.

Vijay did not add too many accessories to the already detailed ensemble. He completed his appearance with oversized black sunglasses, while his neatly styled hair and clean grooming kept the remainder of the look comparatively understated.

Netizens Compare Vijay Varma To Uorfi Javed

Once videos from the Mumbai event surfaced online, social media users began reacting to the outfit, with several comparing Vijay to Uorfi Javed, who is known for unconventional and quirky fashion choices. Another netizen simply wrote, “Cartoo”, while a different reaction read, “Perfect chapri look”.

Salman Khan's Nephew Arhaan Khan Shares Throwback Photo With Superstar Uncle



Salman Khan’s nephew Arhaan Khan took a trip down memory lane as he shared a series of throwback pictures from his childhood. He gave fans a glimpse into his growing-up years with his cousin Nirvaan Khan, Ayaan Agnihotri and uncle Salman Khan.

Arhaan, son of Malaika Arora and actor-filmmaker Arbaaz Khan, shared the pictures on his social media account in a carousel that appeared to capture some of his favourite childhood memories.

The post was captioned, “pov: you’re a pokémon inside a pokeball”, with the pictures reflecting his fascination with the popular Japanese franchise.

One of the pictures shows young Arhaan posing alongside his cousin Nirvaan. Another throwback captures the two cousins with their uncle Salman Khan on a football field.

Salman can be seen sitting on the grass with the boys, wearing a black football jersey bearing his name and the number 10. Arhaan and Nirvaan are seen wearing matching team jerseys, with their names and numbers printed on the back.

The carousel also includes a childhood picture of Arhaan and Nirvaan sitting together, with the cousins looking adorable in their younger days.

Another photograph shows a young Arhaan engrossed in a game on a Nintendo device, further explaining the Pokemon-themed caption.

Keeping the nostalgia going, Arhaan also shared a colourful hand-drawn Pokemon artwork featuring popular characters including Pikachu, Bulbasaur, Squirtle and Charmander.

The post prompted an affectionate reaction from his family with Malaika Arora, Arhaan’s mother, singling out the second picture and commented, “2 nd pic”. She also jokingly addressed another childhood memory, writing, “@iamarhaankhan wat have u done to my Casper?”

Seema Sajdeh, who is Nirvaan’s mother, also reacted to the nostalgic collection, commenting, “My boys.”

संक्षिप्त समाचार

लातेहार में महिला से दिनदहाड़े चैन-अंगूठी छीनी बाइक सवार दो बदमाशों ने वारदात को दिया अंजाम



लातेहार,एजेंसी। लातेहार शहर के मेन रोड स्थित शिवपुरी जाने वाली गली में बुधवार सुबह करीब 8:30 बजे महिला से सोने की चैन और अंगूठी छीन ली गई। बाइक सवार दो बदमाशों ने वारदात को अंजाम दिया। पीड़िता सुमन देवी शहर निवासी गिरधारी प्रसाद उर्फ रंजन की पत्नी हैं। वह सुबह पूजा करने घर से निकली थीं। इसी दौरान घर के पास दो युवकों ने उनसे बातचीत शुरू की। आरोप ने कि बदमाशों ने महिला पर नशीले स्प्रै का इस्तेमाल किया। इसके बाद वह असहज हो गई और घर से कुछ दूरी पर स्थित काली मंदिर में पूजा करने चली गईं। पूजा के बाद लौटने के दौरान दोनों युवक उन्हें शिवपुरी मोहल्ले की एक गली में ले गए और उनके गले से सोने की चैन व हाथ से अंगूठी छीन ली। सीसीटीवी कैमरे में कैद हुई वारदात छिनतई के बाद दोनों बदमाश बाइक से फरार हो गए। घटना के दौरान एक आरोपी ने हेलमेट पहन रखा था। वारदात के समय आसपास लोगों की आवाजों भी थी। इसके बावजूद किसी को घटना की भनक नहीं लगी। पूरी घटना पास लगे सीसीटीवी कैमरे में कैद हो गई है। घटना की जानकारी मिलने पर गिरधारी प्रसाद ने पुलिस को सूचना दी। थाना प्रभारी के निर्देश पर पुलिस पदाधिकारी मौके पर पहुंचे और मामले की जानकारी ली। पुलिस आसपास की दुकानों में लगे सीसीटीवी कैमरों के फुटेज खंगाल रही है, ताकि आरोपियों की पहचान की जा सके। दिनदहाड़े भीड़भाड़ वाले इलाके में हुई इस घटना से स्थानीय लोगों में चिंता है। आरोपियों की पहचान में जुटी पुलिस थाना प्रभारी अशोक कुमार पासवान ने बताया कि महिला से छिनतई की घटना सामने आई है। पुलिस मामले को जांच कर रही है। आसपास के सीसीटीवी फुटेज की मदद से आरोपियों की पहचान करने का प्रयास किया जा रहा है। पुलिस के अनुसार, पहचान होने के बाद आरोपियों के खिलाफ कार्रवाई की जाएगी। फिलहाल, दोनों बदमाशों का पता नहीं चल पाया है। घटना में नशीले स्प्रै के इस्तेमाल के आरोप की भी जांच की जा रही है।

गुमला में ट्रक ने स्कूटी सवार दो युवकों को रौंदा



गुमला,एजेंसी। गुमला जिले में मंगलवार देर रात सड़क हादसे में दो युवकों की मौत हो गई। हादसा नवडीहा पेट्रोल पंप के पास हुआ। अज्ञात ट्रक ने स्कूटी सवार राज लोहरा और दुर्गा ठाकुर को रौंद दिया। दोनों की मौके पर ही मौत हो गई। राज लोहरा घायरा के रहने वाले थे, जबकि दुर्गा ठांगर सिकवार के निवासी थे। ग्रामीणों के अनुसार, दोनों युवक घायरा से नवडीहा जा रहे थे। इसी दौरान पेट्रोल पंप के पास मोड़ पर तेज रफ्तार ट्रक ने स्कूटी को टक्कर मार दी। हादसे के बाद चालक वाहन लेकर फरार हो गया। पुलिस ने दोनों शवों को पोस्टमार्टम के लिए गुमला सदर अस्पताल भेज दिया है। फरार चालक और ट्रक की तलाश की जा रही है।

दोनों युवकों की शादी थी तय: हादसे के बाद दोनों परिवारों में मातम छा गया। ग्रामीणों के अनुसार, दोनों युवकों की शादी तय हो चुकी थी। दुर्गा ठाकुर का छेका कार्यक्रम 24 अक्टूबर को होना था। परिवार में शादी की तैयारियां चल रही थीं। हादसे ने खुशियों को मातम में बदल दिया। ग्रामीणों ने आशंका जताई है कि दुर्घटना में शामिल ट्रक बॉक्साइट खोने वाला वाहन था। उनका कहना है कि क्षेत्र में भारी वाहन तेज रफ्तार से चलते हैं, जिससे दुर्घटनाओं का खतरा बना रहता है। हालांकि, ट्रक की पहचान की आधिकारिक पुष्टि नहीं हुई है। बॉक्साइट ट्रकों की जांच की मांग ग्रामीणों ने उपायुक्त से बॉक्साइट ट्रकों की नियमित जांच कराने की मांग की है। उनका कहना है कि केवल दोपहिया वाहन चालकों की हेलमेट जांच से सड़क हादसों पर अंकुश नहीं लगेगा। भारी वाहनों के कागजात, चालकों के ड्राइविंग लाइसेंस और नशे की हालत में वाहन चालने की जांच भी नियमित होनी चाहिए।

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झारखंड में सुबह कुहासा, दिन रहेगा साफ

पलामू समेत 4 जिलों में बारिश के आसार, 15-16 अक्टूबर को भी मौसम में बड़े बदलाव नहीं



दौरान अधिकतम तापमान करीब 29 डिग्री सेल्सियस और न्यूनतम तापमान 19 से 20 डिग्री सेल्सियस के बीच रह सकता है।

हालांकि, सुबह और शाम के तापमान में गिरावट के कारण हल्की ठंडक का एहसास बढ़ सकता है। सुबह घर से निकलने वाले लोगों को मौसम के इस बदलाव को ध्यान में रखने की जरूरत होगी।

पलामू, गढ़वा समेत चार जिलों में बारिश के आसार: राज्य के कुछ हिस्सों में हल्की से मध्यम बारिश और मेघ गर्जन की संभावना जताई गई है। पलामू, गढ़वा, चतरा और लातेहार जिले के कुछ इलाकों में मौसम बदल सकता है। इन क्षेत्रों में आसमान में बादल छाने के साथ गरज के साथ बारिश होने की संभावना है। ऐसे में स्थानीय लोगों को मौसम की स्थिति पर नजर रखने की जरूरत है। विशेषकर खुले स्थानों पर रहने वाले लोगों को मेघ गर्जन के दौरान सावधानी बरतनी चाहिए। दूसरी ओर, संथाल परगना के पाकुड़ और बरहड़वा क्षेत्र में सुबह के समय कुहासा छाने का पूर्वानुमान है। इस तरह राज्य के अलग-अलग हिस्सों में मौसम की स्थिति अलग-अलग रह

सकती है। जहां रांची में दिन के समय मौसम साफ रहने की संभावना है, वहीं पलामू प्रमंडल के कुछ जिलों में बारिश और मेघ गर्जन देखने को मिल सकता है।

सुबह-शाम लगने लगेगी हल्की ठंड: मानसून की विदाई के साथ झारखंड में मौसम में धीरे-धीरे बदलाव देखने को मिल सकता है। आने वाले दिनों में सुबह और शाम के समय हल्की ठंड महसूस होने की संभावना है, जबकि दोपहर में तापमान अपेक्षाकृत अधिक रह सकता है। दिन और रात के तापमान में अंतर बढ़ने से सुबह घर से निकलने वालों को हल्की ठंडक महसूस हो सकती है। फिलहाल रांची में अधिकतम तापमान 29 डिग्री और न्यूनतम तापमान 19 से 20 डिग्री सेल्सियस के आसपास रहने का अनुमान है। मौसम में बड़े बदलाव के संकेत नहीं हैं, लेकिन राज्य के कुछ जिलों में बारिश और मेघ गर्जन की संभावना बनी हुई है। ऐसे में लोगों को अपने क्षेत्र के मौसम पूर्वानुमान पर ध्यान देने की जरूरत है।

कोडरमा में पति ने पत्नी पर चाकू से हमला किया

घरेलू विवाद में गर्दन पर वार कर गंभीर रूप से घायल किया, हजारीबाग रेफर

कोडरमा,एजेंसी। कोडरमा जिले के जयनगर थाना क्षेत्र के इरगोबाद गांव में बुधवार सुबह एक पति ने अपनी पत्नी पर चाकू से हमला कर दिया। घरेलू विवाद में 35 वर्षीय पूनम देवी गंभीर रूप से घायल हो गईं। आरोपी पति संतोष पासवान है। जानकारी के अनुसार, बुधवार सुबह करीब 10 बजे पूनम देवी और उनके पति संतोष पासवान के बीच बहस हुई। विवाद बढ़ने पर संतोष ने घर में रखे चाकू से पत्नी की गर्दन पर कई वार किए। गर्दन पर गहरा घाव लगने से पूनम देवी खून से लथपथ होकर गिर पड़ीं। परिजन और ग्रामीण मौके पर पहुंचे। घायल महिला को जल्दी से कोडरमा सदर अस्पताल पहुंचाया गया। सदर अस्पताल के डॉक्टरों ने तुरंत पहला इलाज शुरू किया। गंभीर चोट और ज्यादा खून बहने के कारण हालत नाजुक थी। प्राथमिक उपचार के बाद उन्हें हजारीबाग मेडिकल कॉलेज रेफर कर दिया। इधर, दिनदहाड़े हुई इस सनसनीखेज वारदात के बाद गांव में दहशत और तनाव का माहौल है। घटना की सूचना जयनगर थाना पुलिस को दे दी गई



है। पुलिस मामले की छानबीन में जुट गई है तथा आरोपी पति के खिलाफ अग्रिम कानूनी कार्रवाई की जा रही है। थाना प्रभारी सीधव कुमार ने बताया कि घायल महिला के पति को फिलहाल हिरासत में ले लिया गया है। आरोपित के परिजनों के अनुसार वह मानसिक रूप से बीमार है। हालांकि उन्होंने कहा कि घटना के पीछे के स्पष्ट कारणों

धनबाद में जंगली सूअर के हमले में दो घायल

एक की हालत गंभीर, धारजोड़ी गांव के पास जंगल में हुआ हमला; एसएनएमएमसीएच में भर्ती

धनबाद,एजेंसी। धनबाद के ईस्ट बसुरिया ओपी क्षेत्र के धारजोड़ी गांव के पास जंगल में जंगली सूअर के हमले में दो लोग घायल हो गए। घायलों की पहचान गांव के रहने वाले हेमलाल किस्कु और उनके बहनोई परमेश्वर टुडू के रूप में हुई है।

घटना के बाद दोनों को इलाज के लिए धनबाद के शहीद निर्मल महतो मेडिकल कॉलेज एवं अस्पताल (एसएनएमएमसीएच) में भर्ती कराया गया। हेमलाल किस्कु की स्थिति गंभीर बनी हुई है।

हमला कर उठाकर पटक दिया: जानकारी के अनुसार, बुधवार की सुबह हेमलाल किस्कु और उनके बहनोई परमेश्वर टुडू शौच के लिए गांव के पास स्थित जंगल की ओर गए थे। इसी दौरान अचानक एक बड़ा जंगली सूअर वहां पहुंच गया। सूअर ने हेमलाल किस्कु पर हमला कर उन्हें उठाकर



पटक दिया। इसके बाद पास में खड़े परमेश्वर टुडू को भी धक्का देकर गिरा दिया। दोनों के जमीन पर गिरने के बाद जंगली सूअर ने उन पर हमला करना शुरू कर दिया।

घायल करने के बाद जंगल में भाग गया सूअर: हमले में हेमलाल किस्कु के सिर, हाथ और पैर में गंभीर चोटें आईं। वहीं, परमेश्वर टुडू भी घायल हो गए। दोनों ने बचाव के लिए जोर-जोर से शोर मचाया। उनकी आवाज

सुनकर आसपास के ग्रामीण मौके पर पहुंचे।

ग्रामीणों को आता देख जंगली सूअर दोनों को छोड़कर जंगल की ओर भाग गया। इसके बाद ग्रामीणों की मदद से दोनों घायलों को आनन-फानन में धनबाद के एसएनएमएमसीएच पहुंचाया गया, जहां उनका इलाज चल रहा है। हेमलाल किस्कु की हालत गंभीर बताई जा रही है। घटना के बाद गांव के लोगों में डर का माहौल है।

युवती को ब्लैकमेल करने वाला युवक पकड़ाया

जमशेदपुर जुबिली पार्क के पास युवती ने आरोपी को पकड़ा, पुलिस ने हिरासत में लिया

जमशेदपुर (पूर्वी सिंहभूम),एजेंसी। जमशेदपुर के बिष्टुपुर थाना क्षेत्र में जुबिली पार्क के पास बुधवार को एक युवक और युवती के बीच विवाद हो गया। दोनों के बीच बहस बढ़ने पर मौके पर हंगामा होने लगा। आसपास मौजूद लोगों ने इसकी सूचना पुलिस को दी। सूचना मिलने के बाद पुलिस मौके पर पहुंची। पुलिस ने युवक को हिरासत में ले लिया। युवती जुगसलाई की रहने वाली है। पुलिस अब पूरे मामले की जांच कर रही है।



युवती ने लगाया मोबाइल चोरी का आरोप: युवती ने पुलिस को बताया कि आरोपी युवक उसके घर से मोबाइल फोन चुरा ले गया था। युवती के अनुसार, मोबाइल में मौजूद सामग्री के आधार पर युवक ने आपत्तिजनक तस्वीरें बनाने की धमकी दी। इसके बाद वह उसे ब्लैकमेल करने लगा। युवती ने आरोपी पर धमकी देकर परेशान करने का आरोप लगाया है। फिलहाल, ये आरोप युवती की ओर से लगाए गए हैं। पुलिस जांच के बाद ही मामले की स्थिति स्पष्ट होगी।

काफी समय से युवक की तलाश कर रही थी युवती: युवती के मुताबिक, वह काफी समय से आरोपी युवक की तलाश कर रही थी। बुधवार को वह जुबिली पार्क के पास दिखाई

दिया। युवती ने उसे पहचान लिया और पकड़ लिया। इसके बाद दोनों के बीच कहसुनी शुरू हो गई। विवाद बढ़ने पर आसपास के लोगों की भीड़ जुट गई। स्थिति को देखते हुए लोगों ने पुलिस को सूचना दी। पुलिस ने मौके पर पहुंचकर युवक को हिरासत में लिया। इसके बाद मामले की जांच शुरू की गई।

पुलिस कर रही आरोपों की जांच: पुलिस अब मोबाइल चोरी और ब्लैकमेलिंग के आरोपों की जांच कर रही है। मामले में युवक से पूछताछ की जा रही है। पुलिस यह पता लगाने का प्रयास कर रही है कि मोबाइल चोरी हुआ था या नहीं। साथ ही, आपत्तिजनक तस्वीरें बनाने और धमकी देने के आरोपों की भी जांच की जा रही है। फिलहाल, मामले में सभी आरोपों की स्वतंत्र पुष्टि नहीं हुई है।

धनबाद में अपराधी और पुलिस के बीच मुठभेड़

लूट के पैसे के विवाद में की थी साथी की हत्या, हथियार बरामदगी के दौरान पैर में लगी गोली

धनबाद,एजेंसी। हत्या के एक मामले की जांच के दौरान धनबाद में पुलिस और आरोपी के बीच मुठभेड़ हो गई। इसमें आरोपी शंकर डे उर्फ पंकु डे के पैर में गोली लगी। पुलिस ने उसे इलाज के लिए अस्पताल में भर्ती कराया है। आरोपी राम प्रताप प्रसाद की हत्या के मामले में फरार चल रहा था। पुलिस के अनुसार, उसे मैथन के पास से गिरफ्तार किया गया था। पूछताछ के दौरान उसने राम प्रताप की हत्या में संलिप्तता स्वीकार की। इसके बाद पुलिस उसे हत्या में इस्तेमाल हथियार बरामद करने के लिए टुंडी के मनियाडीह ले गई थी। पुलिस का कहना है कि इसी दौरान आरोपी ने एक सब-इंस्पेक्टर की पिस्टल छीन ली और भागने की कोशिश करते हुए फायरिंग कर दी। इसके बाद पुलिस ने जवाबी कार्रवाई की, जिसमें गोली आरोपी के पैर में लगी। घटना के बाद पुलिस ने उसे तत्काल अस्पताल पहुंचाया, जहां उसका इलाज चल रहा है। पुलिस पूरे घटनाक्रम की जांच कर रही है।



अनुसार, अगस्त महीने में गोंदूही ओपी क्षेत्र से राम प्रताप प्रसाद के लापता होने की शिकायत दर्ज कराई गई थी। उनकी पत्नी ने पुलिस को बताया था कि राम प्रताप पिछले दो दिनों से गायब हैं। शिकायत में शंकर नाम के व्यक्ति पर संदेह जताया गया था। इसके

बाद पुलिस ने मामले की जांच शुरू की और संदिग्ध की तलाश में जुट गई।

इसी दौरान पुलिस को सूचना मिली कि आरोपी मैथन के पास मौजूद है। सूचना के आधार पर पुलिस टीम ने कार्रवाई करते हुए उसे गिरफ्तार कर लिया। पूछताछ में राम

प्रताप की हत्या से जुड़े कई तथ्य सामने आने की बात पुलिस ने कही है। इसके बाद पुलिस आरोपी को लेकर मनियाडीह पहुंची, ताकि हत्या में इस्तेमाल हथियार बरामद किया जा सके। इसी कार्रवाई के दौरान मुठभेड़ की घटना हुई।

लूट की रकम के बंटवारे को लेकर हुआ था विवाद: पुलिस के मुताबिक, जून महीने में राम प्रताप प्रसाद और शंकर डे ने मिलकर गोंदूहीह ओपी क्षेत्र में लूट की एक घटना को अंजाम दिया था। इस वारदात के बाद लूट की रकम के बंटवारे को लेकर दोनों के बीच विवाद हो गया। पुलिस का

आरोप है कि इसी विवाद के कारण शंकर ने राम प्रताप की गोली मारकर हत्या कर दी। हत्या के बाद राम प्रताप के लापता होने की शिकायत दर्ज कराई गई थी। बाद में मनियाडीह क्षेत्र से एक अज्ञात शव बरामद हुआ था, जिसकी पहचान राम प्रताप प्रसाद के रूप में की गई।

इसके बाद पुलिस ने हत्या के मामले की जांच तेज कर दी थी। जांच के दौरान मिले सुरागों और आरोपी की तलाश के आधार पर पुलिस मैथन तक पहुंची। हालांकि, मामले से जुड़े सभी तथ्यों और घटनाक्रम की पुष्टि के लिए पुलिस आगे की जांच कर रही है।

हथियार बरामदगी और अन्य मामलों की जांच जारी

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Missing head of Khajuraho idol will be restored soon: ASI chief



New Delhi, Agency:

The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has found the missing head of an 11th-century Vishnu idol at Khajuraho, whose restoration became the subject of a recent controversy involving the Supreme Court, and plans to reattach it after expert examination. ASI has also introduced a three-year deadline for archaeological excavations to curb delays in research and cut approval times for most conservation projects to 15-20 days, director general Yadubir Singh Rawat told Media in an exclusive interview. He also revealed plans for a preliminary excavation at Ujjain's Vaishya Tekri, where a Buddhist stupa could be larger than Sanchi's, although its actual scale and significance remain to be established.

Controversy over the beheaded Vishnu idol at Khajuraho's Javari temple reached the Supreme Court last year when advocate Rakesh Dalal sought restoration, replacement or reconstruction of the seven-foot statue. While dismissing the petition, then CJI BR Gavai had said, "Go and ask the deity itself to do something now." Though Gavai later said he respects all religions and that his statement was taken out of context, a lawyer had tried to throw a shoe at him inside the courtroom.

Bill to tweak FCRA similar to UPA-era law: JPC chief

New Delhi, Agency: BJP MP Sanjay Jaiswal, who heads the joint parliamentary committee examining Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2026, Tuesday said major provisions of the proposed legislation had the same clauses that were incorporated in the law enacted by UPA govt in 2010. He said this after a meeting of the committee, which interacted with Hindu, Christian and other groups and listened to their views on the proposed legislation facing stiff opposition from certain sections and opposition parties.

Jaiswal said the 2010 Act had given power to the home secretary and the principal secretary of the state to confiscate properties of an NGO receiving foreign funding under FCRA if there were irregularities while the new bill proposed to give the same power to a designated authority. "The law brought by the UPA govt had decided that if irregularities were found under FCRA, all the assets would be handed over to the home secretary or principal secretary concerned of the state. However, today, there is a designated authority in place of that arrangement," he added. He said those who gave their views to the committee Tuesday included representatives of Syro Malabar Church, Ramakrishna Math and ISKCON among others.

"Everyone presented their views. We listened carefully to what everyone had to say.

US secretary of state Rubio to travel to India next week energy, strategic partnership and investment in focus

New Delhi, Agency: US secretary of state Marco Rubio will visit Mumbai and Jamnagar from October 17 to 22 as part of a trip to India and Uzbekistan, with talks in India set to focus on strengthening bilateral strategic ties and expanding energy cooperation.

According to a media note issued by the US department of state, Rubio will travel to Samarkand in Uzbekistan before arriving in India for his second official visit to the country this year. During his India visit, Rubio is set to meet senior government officials to



strengthen the US-India strategic partnership, exchange views on regional and global developments,

and discuss prospects for enhanced energy cooperation. He will also meet business leaders to explore

opportunities for commercial investment and economic cooperation between the two countries.

Before travelling to India, Rubio will participate in the C5+1 Ministerial in Uzbekistan, where he is expected to highlight strategic cooperation between Washington and the five Central Asian countries: Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and the Kyrgyz Republic.

Rubio will also hold bilateral meetings with senior officials from the participating countries. The

Uzbekistan leg of his trip will include a US commercial delegation comprising more than 200 business leaders, aimed at strengthening commercial ties between the United States and Central Asia.

The visit comes as New Delhi and Washington resume high-level engagement. US Ambassador to India Sergio Gor said on Monday that Prime Minister Narendra Modi and US president Donald Trump had spoken the previous week, adding that further developments in bilateral ties were expected.

Speaking at an event in Kolkata marking the 250th anniversary of American independence, Gor highlighted cooperation between the two countries in defence, information technology and healthcare.

He pointed to recent military exercises involving Indian and American forces, as well as the presence of US F-35 aircraft in Rajasthan for the first time. Gor also cited cross-border investments and India's role as a supplier of generic pharmaceuticals to the US. Rubio last visited India from May 23 to 26.

L Murugan offers to resign, sparks Union Cabinet reshuffle buzz

New Delhi, Agency: Union minister L Murugan on Tuesday offered to resign from the Cabinet and Rajya Sabha, saying he wanted to return to politics in his home state, Tamil Nadu, after being part of govt for over five years. This rekindled the buzz that PM Modi could be preparing to reshuffle his council of ministers amid a steady exit of its members and some being in the queue.

Murugan has three and a half years left of his RS term, and his exit will allow BJP to pick a new face from Madhya Pradesh, where he was elected from in 2024.

In his five-page letter, Murugan expressed gratitude to the PM for all the opportunities he got and his govt's work for Tamil Nadu. He



said, "I therefore request you to relieve me of my responsibilities as Minister of State and permit me to relinquish my membership of the Rajya Sabha so that I may dedicate myself full-time to strengthening the party in Tamil Nadu."

What stoked curiosity in political circles is that he chose to post the letter offering his resignation on social media, apparently with the consent of the BJP leadership. This suggested a clear signal from the

party brass, leaving many within the governing alliance wondering if it was a prelude to more resignations.

Rajya Sabha vacancy may open up possibilities for Puri: L Murugan's exit comes on heels of BJP not renominating ministers Hardeep Puri and B L Verma for another term in RS. Ravneet Bittu and George Kurian have already resigned earlier under similar circumstances. Two other ministers, Pankaj Chaudhary and Harsh Malhotra, have been made chiefs of BJP units in UP and Delhi, making their departure only a matter of time. Interestingly, an imminent RS vacancy from MP opens up the possibility for Puri, the lone Sikh face in the govt, to return to Rajya Sabha.

Omar, Mehbooba, Mirwaiz oppose bid to enforce uniform Friday sermons

Srinagar, Agency: The J&K Waqf Board's move to introduce uniform Friday sermons across Jammu & Kashmir has drawn fierce criticism in the region from key political figures, including CM Omar Abdullah.

"This is an unacceptable attempt by BJP to interfere in the religious affairs of Muslims and will not be accepted under any circumstances. The BJP-appointed chairperson must immediately halt this misplaced attempt to please her masters," Omar said.

Waqf Board chairperson Dr Darakhshan Andrabi belongs to BJP. PDP president Mehbooba Mufti called for the transfer of Waqf administration in J&K to the elected government. "This is the BJP's agenda to harass Muslims. They want to interfere in our reli-



gious affairs. Just like the Uniform Civil Code, they also want to impose uniformity in this matter. These are our mosques, built with our people's money. Our imams and maulvis know what to say and when," she said.

On Saturday, Andrabi chaired a meeting of muftis, imams and other religious scholars proposing a committee to identify and finalise topics for Friday sermons in advance and communicate them to mosque imams associated with Waqf-managed institutions across J&K and other mosques.

India reaffirms Ladakh status as China says it doesn't recognise the UT

New Delhi, Agency: Diplomatic tensions flared again between India and China after Beijing strongly opposed India's decision to officially map and standardise 28 places in Ladakh, including some in Aksai China, and reaffirmed that it does not recognise the Union Territory (UT) of Ladakh. In a swift rebuttal, New Delhi reiterated no amount of Chinese denial can change the established fact that the Ladakh UT is an integral and inalienable part of India.

According to the ministry of home affairs (MHA), which announced the standardisation in a press release on October 2, identifying the places/geographical features formally on the Survey of India map was aimed at facilitating their accurate recognition and better awareness among the public at large. MEA spokesperson Randhir



Jaiswal reiterated the same, saying the MHA statement was self-explanatory.

"The announcement mentions that the twenty-eight (28) places/features located in the UT of Ladakh have been identified with standard place and feature names on the official map of Survey of India, and it has been done in consultation with the Union Territory of Ladakh and local stakeholders," he said.

The Chinese foreign ministry described the Indian move as illegal saying it doesn't change the fact that the western

sector of the China-India boundary belongs to China. "China has never recognized the so-called Union Territory of Ladakh unilaterally and illegally established by India, and firmly opposes the so-called standardized names publicised by India," said spokesperson Mao Ning.

However, China itself has renamed places in Arunachal Pradesh on at least half a dozen occasions in the past 10 years, including twice in 2026, to reinforce its claim over the Indian state.

The fresh cartographic tussle comes in the middle

of the ongoing normalisation of the bilateral relationship after a military standoff in eastern Ladakh. The Chinese response was a throwback to its statement in 2019 - a day after India revoked the special status of J&K in 2019 - accusing New Delhi of undermining China's territorial sovereignty by unilaterally changing its domestic law and establishing Ladakh UT. "Such practice is unacceptable and will not come into force," it had then said, warning India to exercise prudence in words and deeds on the boundary question. It was perhaps no coincidence that the military conflict in eastern Ladakh started 8 months later.

Beijing maintains that it has always opposed India's inclusion of "Chinese territory in the western sector of the China-India boundary into its administrative jurisdiction".

Mumbai, Agency: Finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman Tuesday said the govt was open and keen to "hear" discussions around the long-term capital gains (LTCG) tax as it was "healthy" to have the debate.

The minister, however, declined to be specific on the matter as preparations for the Union Budget in Feb are already underway.

The FM's comments raised investors' hopes of a reduction in LTCG tax and securities transaction tax (STT), a long-standing demand among



foreign funds who have been big sellers in the Indian market in the last two years. As a result, after a steady start, stock prices jumped with the sensex finally settling 1.5% or 1,109 points up at 73,034 points while Nifty closed 1.6% or 359 points up at 22,722 points.

RBI steps to check rupee volatility: FM: While responding to an

observation that investors, especially foreign funds, were keen on removal of capital gains tax and streamlining of taxation before they started investing in India, Sitharaman said, "Two years ago, we had bought all the asset classes similarly and people thought that I was increasing the tax, I was bringing all of them at par, so that an investor is not speculating as to which one gives them greater leverage. So, these are the things on which there is a lot of debate. It's healthy to

have this debate and I will be keen to hear them." At a Bloomberg event, FM acknowledged that investors, both within and outside, were commenting on LTCG and the question of treating all asset classes similarly has been a widely discussed topic.

So far this year, foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) have bet sold Indian stocks worth a little over Rs 3 lakh crore, NSDL data showed. In 2025, the corresponding figure was a net outflow of nearly Rs 1.7 lakh crore and just Rs 427 crore in 2024.

'Arrogance remains': Himanta takes swipe at Rahul over DKS 'collar-pull' row, recalls 2015 humiliation

New Delhi, Agency: Assam chief minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Tuesday posted a video showing the Rahul Gandhi apparently pulling Karnataka chief minister DK Shivakumar backwards by the collar during an opposition march in New Delhi.

Sarma described the episode as "public humiliation" and asked whether Shivakumar would accept the treatment.

Sharing the footage on X, Sarma recalled his own fallout with the Congress leadership before joining the BJP.

"In 2015, I refused to swallow humiliation, as a proud Assamese. God was kind to me," he wrote. Questioning whether the Karnataka chief minister would respond similarly, Sarma said, "The chief minister of Karnataka is not just an individual. He is a constitutional office, and the face of a State with a glorious history, a rich culture and deep pride." "Will he bow to this public humiliation?" he asked, adding, "Reinvention" can't



hide arrogance. Change the mask all you like; the face beneath stays the same."

The video, recorded during Monday's opposition march towards the Supreme Court, shows Shivakumar moving towards the front of the procession, where Rahul Gandhi was walking with Congress MP Priyanka Gandhi Vadra and AISA chief Neha Bora. As Shivakumar appeared to move ahead from Rahul Gandhi's right, the Lok Sabha Leader of Opposition appeared to pull him back by the collar of his kurta. Security personnel then moved Shivakumar further back amid the crowd.

The footage drew criticism from several BJP leaders, who questioned Rahul Gandhi's conduct towards a sitting chief minister.

Navratri Day 5: Worship of Maa Skandamata Celebrates the Power of Motherhood, Compassion and Courage

The fifth day of Navratri reminds devotees that true strength is not limited to power and authority; it is also found in nurturing others, protecting the vulnerable and guiding the next generation

The fifth day of Sharadiya Navratri holds a special place in Hindu tradition as devotees worship Maa Skandamata, the fifth form of Goddess Durga. In 2026, this sacred occasion falls on Thursday, October 15. The day combines devotion, family values and spiritual reflection, reminding people that motherhood, compassion and courage are among the most powerful forces in human life.

The name Skandamata comes from Skanda, another name for Lord Kartikeya, the son of Goddess Parvati and Lord Shiva. Maa Skandamata is worshipped as the mother of Skanda, who is associated with courage, discipline and the protection of righteousness. Her image traditionally depicts her holding her son in her lap, expressing the inseparable relationship between maternal affection and strength.

Unlike images that focus primarily on the warrior aspect of the Divine Mother, the form of Skandamata highlights the nurturing dimension of divine power. Her message is equally relevant to families, educators, community leaders and anyone responsible for guiding younger generations.

The spiritual significance of Maa Skandamata

According to Hindu tradition, Goddess Durga manifests in different forms to represent the many dimensions of Shakti, the divine feminine energy. Skandamata represents the protective and compassionate power of a mother who nurtures her child while preparing him to face the responsibilities of the world.

Her traditional depiction shows her seated on a lotus, with her son Skanda in her lap. She is therefore also associated

with the name Padmasana Devi, referring to her lotus seat. The lotus is widely understood as a symbol of purity, spiritual growth and the ability to remain balanced despite the difficulties surrounding life.

The image carries a message beyond religious worship. A child does not become confident and responsible merely through instructions or discipline. Children also need affection, security, encouragement and the freedom to learn from mistakes. The symbolism of Skandamata reminds society that care and courage must develop together.

Devotees pray for the well-being of their families, the health and happiness of their children, and the wisdom to make responsible decisions. Many believe that

sincere worship of the goddess brings peace, prosperity and spiritual progress. Such beliefs form an important part of the festival's devotional character.

Puja, offerings and the yellow colour

On the fifth day, households and temples organ-

ise special prayers dedicated to Maa Skandamata. Devotees commonly begin by cleaning

ship, arranging flowers, lighting a lamp and offering prayers with devotion.

Regional customs vary, and families generally follow the rituals familiar to their traditions.

Yellow is commonly associated with the fifth day of Navratri in the 2026 colour calendar. The colour can symbolise optimism, knowledge, happiness and the warmth of sunlight.



Devotees may wear yellow clothing or decorate their prayer spaces with yellow flowers.

Beyond Rituals: How Maa Skandamata's Teachings Can Strengthen Modern Family Life

The fifth day of Navratri offers a timely reminder that emotional security, responsible parenting and respect for women are essential foundations of a healthy society



Navratri is one of India's most widely celebrated festivals, bringing together faith, cultural traditions, music and community participation. As devotees observe the fifth day in honour of Maa Skandamata, the mother of Lord Kartikeya, the festival offers an opportunity to reflect on a subject that extends beyond religious boundaries: the importance of nurturing the next generation.

In Hindu tradition, Skandamata represents maternal affection, protection and spiritual guidance. Her image, with her son seated in her lap, conveys a relationship built on care and responsibility. This symbolism has particular relevance in contemporary society, where families are navigating changing lifestyles, demanding work schedules, digital dis-

tractions and increasing expectations from children.

The festival reminds people that a strong family is not simply one that provides material comforts. It is also one in which members feel heard, valued and supported.

Parenting in a rapidly changing world

Modern families face circumstances that differ considerably from those experienced by previous generations. Urbanisation, migration for employment, changing household structures and the growing influence of digital technology have transformed daily life. Many parents struggle to balance professional responsibilities with the emotional needs of their children.

Children, meanwhile, face academic competition, social pressure and constant exposure to online content. Social media can help them learn and communicate, but excessive use may also interfere with sleep, concentration and face-to-face relationships.

In this environment, the symbolism of Skandamata encourages parents to combine affection with guidance. Children need boundaries, but they also need opportunities to ask questions, express disagreement and discuss their worries without fear of humiliation.

A child who makes a mistake should be guided towards understanding its consequences rather than being defined by that mistake.

Constructive discipline helps children develop responsibility while preserving trust between parents and children.

The lesson is not that parents must avoid correction. Instead, correction should help children learn, improve and become independent.

Emotional security is as important as achievement

Academic performance is often treated as the principal measure of a child's success. Good marks and professional qualifications can certainly open doors, but they do not automatically guarantee emotional maturity, confidence or the ability to manage disappointment.

From the Power of Shakti to the Strength of Women in Modern India

The worship of Maa Skandamata offers a moment to celebrate women's contributions while reflecting on the continuing need for education, safety, equality and economic independence

The fifth day of Navratri celebrates Maa Skandamata, a form of Goddess Durga associated with motherhood, compassion and protective strength. Her worship holds deep spiritual significance for devotees, but the occasion also provides an opportunity to consider how the values represented by the Divine Mother can be reflected in the lives of women across India.

Women have long played central roles in Indian families, agriculture, education, business, public service and cultural life. Their contributions sustain households, strengthen communities and support the national economy. Yet many women continue to face barriers that limit their choices, security and opportunities.

The message of Shakti, or divine feminine power, invites society to move beyond symbolic respect and work towards conditions in

which women can live with dignity, exercise their rights and pursue their ambitions.

Understanding the symbolism of Shakti

In Hindu traditions, Shakti represents the dynamic energy through which the universe is sustained and transformed. Goddess Durga embodies courage and the struggle against destructive forces, while Skandamata highlights the nurturing and protective dimensions of that strength.

Together, these representations challenge the idea that power must always appear aggressive or dominant. Care, patience, wisdom and the ability to protect others are also forms of strength.

Maa Skandamata's image holding her son conveys the importance of nurturing life while guiding the next generation. This symbolism can be understood broadly as a reminder that societies flourish



ish when people receive opportunities to learn, grow and contribute.

However, motherhood should not be treated as the only measure of a woman's identity or worth. Women may be mothers, professionals, entrepreneurs, artists, scientists, farmers, public representatives or students. They may also choose different paths according to their circumstances and aspirations.

Respect for women means

recognising this diversity rather than expecting every woman to fulfil the same social role.

Education creates opportunities

Education remains one of the most important foundations of women's empowerment. It expands access to employment, improves awareness of rights and health, and helps individuals participate more fully in decisions affecting their lives.

Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam's Birth Anniversary: Inspiring Students to Dream, Discover and Build a Better India

Remembering the People's President whose journey from Rameswaram to Rashtrapati Bhavan continues to inspire young minds to embrace science, education, discipline and service to the nation.



Every year, October 15 provides an opportunity to remember Dr. Avul Pakir Jainulabdeen Abdul Kalam, one of India's most admired scientists, educators and former Presidents. Born on October 15, 1931, in Rameswaram, Tamil Nadu, Kalam rose from a modest background to become a leading figure in India's space and defence programmes. His life demonstrated how curiosity, perseverance and a commitment to learning can transform individual ambitions into national achievements.

In India, the date is widely associated with World Students' Day and is also observed as National Students' Day in recognition of Kalam's deep connection with young people. His birth anniversary is more than a commemorative occasion: it is a reminder that education must prepare students not only to earn a livelihood but also to think independently, solve problems and contribute to society.

From a small town to national prominence

Kalam grew up in Rameswaram in a family with limited financial resources. His early experiences taught him the importance of hard work, humility and responsibility. His fascination with flight and science encouraged him to pursue education despite the challenges he faced.

After studying physics at St. Joseph's College in Tiruchirappalli, he pursued aeronautical engineering at the Madras Institute of Technology. His academic journey laid the foundation for a career devoted to scientific research and technological development.

Kalam began his professional career at the Defence Research and Development Organisation before joining the Indian Space Research Organisation. At ISRO, he played a significant role in the development of India's first indigenous Satellite Launch Vehicle, SLV-III, which successfully placed the Rohini satellite in orbit in 1980.

He later became closely associated with India's guided missile development programme and earned the

popular title of the 'Missile Man of India'. His scientific contributions helped strengthen India's capabilities in space technology and defence.

In 2002, Kalam became the 11th President of India, serving until 2007. His approachable manner, simple lifestyle and willingness to engage with students earned him the affectionate title of the People's President.

A President who preferred the classroom

For Kalam, education was not merely a system of examinations, certificates and degrees. He believed that students needed the freedom to ask questions, experiment, imagine possibilities and learn from failure.

Even while holding the country's highest constitutional office, he regularly interacted with students and educators. He encouraged young people to develop scientific curiosity, moral values and confidence in their ability to improve society.

His relationship with students was not limited to speeches. He often returned to educational institutions because he considered teaching one of the most meaningful ways to serve the country. His death on July 27, 2015, occurred while he was delivering a lecture at the Indian Institute of Management Shillong, reinforcing the enduring connection between his life and education.

Kalam's example challenges educational institutions to create environments in which students are encouraged to think rather than simply memorise. Teachers can help achieve this by connecting lessons to real-world problems, promoting discussion and allowing students to learn through practical activities.

Education for an innovative India

India's young population represents an enormous opportunity. Students entering schools, colleges, technical institutions and universities will shape the country's future in science, healthcare, agriculture, industry, public administration and entrepreneurship.