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Analysts weigh how Democrats' midterm wins could shift Trump's Latin America policy

Some believe pressure on Cuba will not ease. Two days after the election, Rubio announced further sanctions against the island.

MEXICO CITY.(Agency).

President Donald Trump's impact on Latin America in the last two years has been enormous, from immigration and deportations to boat strikes that have killed hundreds to the capture of Venezuelan leader Nicolás Maduro.Now analysts are trying to get a read on whether the sweeping wins by Democrats in the midterm elections will signal changes ahead for the region in Trump's final two years in office.Initial signals from the White House have been contradictory. Trump has given mixed signals on immigration policy, at one point describing his past policy as "too tough," but then suggesting a hard line on immigration would continue. He appointed Stephen Miller, the primary architect of his immigration agenda, as his new chief of staff.

A U.S. House effort to impeach Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth fell short Tuesday. The key figure shaping priorities for the hemisphere, Secretary of State Marco Rubio, remains a key member of Trump's Cabinet.

Here is a look at the key areas that might be impacted by the political shifts in the U.S.

Migration: Deportations with adjustments

The first postelection message on X from the Secretary of Homeland Security, Markwayne Mullin, was unequivocal: "Deportations will continue."But two Texas cities — Houston and Austin — already have announced plans to limit police cooperation with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents, a trend that could extend to state-level law enforcement once Gov.-elect Gina Hinojosa, a vocal critic of ICE's practices, takes office in January 2027.Former Mexican Ambassador Martha Bárcena expressed hope that increased collaboration among mayors, members of Congress, governors and their Mexican counterparts will help to "limit and curb the cruelty of ICE and discrimination against the Hispanic population."



Security: More pressure on cartels

Mexico could be the place where pressure intensifies the most, as it offers the United States the best opportunity for tangible, short-term results, specifically more arrests and extraditions, while the Justice Department continues to investigate cartels, Mexican analyst David Saucedo said.On Monday, the heads of Mexico's security apparatus and the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration posted messages about their meeting last week to strengthen collaboration against the cartels.Further south, the U.S. military, including the Army and the Navy, is expected to maintain its focus on joint operations under the "Shield of the Americas" initiative with Latin American partners to combat criminal gangs. Saucedo noted that this approach does not require significant Congressional funding. Additionally, crime remains a top priority for most Latin American countries, most of them led by Trump allies who won elections based on promises to crack down on criminals.Boat strikes in the Caribbean and the Pacific, which have killed at least 240 people, are likely to face increased scrutiny, as Democrats already have called for an investigation into the legality of these actions.Venezuela and Cuba remain Trump administration targetsSome analysts believe that Trump will maintain his aspirations to assert U.S. dominance in the region, although his capacity to act could be limited.

Spain's first general strike in 14 years brings clashing social and political desires to the fore

BARCELONA.(Agency).

Millions of Spain's workers are striking Wednesday to demand that the government remedy the nation's housing crisis less than three weeks before a national election that could catapult the far right to power.

Spain's first general strike in 14 years is expected to cause delays to the widely used public transport system and lead to the slowdown or shuttering of businesses, factories and shops across the eurozone's fourth largest economy.Between workers, activists, politicians and ordinary Spaniards, the groups have very different interests in Wednesday's walkout.Workers and activists want more government action on housingThe average rent for Spain has almost doubled in the last 10 years, eating into household budgets and angering voters.Public anger over housing reached a boiling point following the nationally televised eviction of an 87-year-old woman from her home in Madrid last month. The subsequent death of Maricarmen, as the woman became known, caused even more indignation and solidified her as a symbol of Spaniards who feel they pay too much on rent and can't even dream of homeownership.

World leaders begin talks at UN climate conference amid concerns that actions are inadequate, slow

world.(Agency).

World leaders will begin formal discussions Wednesday at the United Nations climate change conference in Turkey, hoping to agree on concrete actions to curb global warming after a year of deadly floods, heat waves and other climate-related disasters. But what can and will be accomplished at the Conference of the Parties, called COP31, remains to be seen. Past talks have been criticized for making promises that later fell flat. While delegates at the 2023 conference in Dubai agreed to transition away from fossil fuels such as coal, oil and gas — the leading contributor to climate change — subsequent conferences in Azerbaijan and Brazil ended with little agreement on reductions.

Trump-backed Republicans defeat impeachment bid against US Defence Secretary Hegseth over Iran war

WASHINGTON.(Agency)

The House on Tuesday turned aside a resolution to impeach Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth, halting an effort to remove the Pentagon chief for his conduct in ce and his handling of the war in Iran.The vote came as Republicans grapple with the fallout from sweeping midterm losses that some in the party have blamed on the war in Iran and the resulting surge in gas prices. But after President Donald Trump signaled strong support for Hegseth, GOP lawmakers largely stood by the secretary Tuesday, blocking the eort in a near party-line vote.The efort was led by Kentucky Republican Rep. Thomas Massie and backed by Democrats. The vote Tuesday may only delay an impeachment push against Hegseth, with Democrats set to take control of the House and Senate in January.House Democratic leader Hakeem Jeffries, who is expected to become the next speaker when Democrats take charge in January, stood firmly behind the push, saying Hegseth has "abused his power" and "undermined America's national security."

Chinese woman accused of spying on Nvidia boss entered Taiwan on Hong Kong passport

TAIPEI.(Agency)

The woman accused of spying for China during an affair with Nvidia chief Jensen Huang used a Hong Kong passport to enter Taiwan, the island's immigration agency said Wednesday, as authorities investigate the incident.

Jensen Huang has admitted to having an affair, reportedly with Alice Huang, a Chinese former executive at Singapore-based Megaspeed who US officials believe was working for Chinese intelligence. Beijing has rejected the spying allegations.Nvidia's board announced Sunday that it had opened a probe into Jensen Huang, the company's chief executive and co-founder, who is no relation to Alice Huang."Our government's relevant agencies are fully informed of the relevant records and information," National Immigration Agency Director-General Lin Horng-en told reporters, confirming that Alice Huang used a Hong Kong passport to enter Taiwan."We were awar of all her relevant entry and exit records."It is generally easier for Hong Kong passport holders to enter Taiwan than those with mainland Chinese passports, who must also apply for special permission to travel there.



The additional restrictions are partly due to the complex relations between China and Taiwan, which Beijing claims and has vowed to bring under its control.Taiwan's Interior Minister Liu Shyh-fang said Alice Huang "did indeed enter the country, but she is currently overseas"."If we had known she was a spy, we certainly would not have let her enter Taiwan," Liu told lawmakers in parliament.We will review our procedures, specifically our pre-screening, interim spot checks and interviews, and post-visit measures," she said."As far as we understand, this Ms Huang has had her permit revoked, meaning it is impossible for her to enter Taiwan again.On Tuesday, Liu said Taiwan's "national security units are actively investigating the matter".Alice Huang, also known as Huang Le, was seen at a dinner in May 2025 hosted by Jensen Huang at a Chinese restaurant in Taipei during Computex, the island's top tech expo.

Pope says age, ill health cannot 'extinguish' his zeal

BUENOS AIRES.(Agency)

Pope Leo XIV vowed not to let illness or old age affect his zeal Tuesday, urging Argentines to "go forth and be saints!" and warning the young not to obsess over looks, money or popularity.The 71-year-old leader of the Catholic Church is on an ambitious 12-day Latin America tour less than a month after he underwent surgery for lung cancer.

"Neither age nor physical limitations can extinguish our zeal," he said in a rousing speech to Catholic clergy in the northern city of Cordoba."Our strength may run out, but God's power never will!" he said.The US-born pope had refused to reschedule the trip to Uruguay, Argentina and Peru, despite having the lower part of his right lung removed to extract a cancerous tumor.

With apparently boundless energy, he returned to Buenos Aires Tuesday for a candlelit youth vigil that drew 1.3 million people and featured a show with tango dancers and Argentine singers.

Leo warned against being obsessed with looks or lying on social media to win popularity or approval from others."Idols arise and demand our worship: success at any cost, money, an obsession with appearance, popularity or the unrestrained pursuit of pleasure," he said.They must "stand firm" in the face of pleasures "that ultimately enslave us, such as pornography" and drugs, he said.The message hit home with a crowd that has largely grown up with social media.Jose Morando, a 19-year-old architecture student, told AFP that there was a "great deal of obsession" with image, with people "criticized for their bodies."

'Make noise!'

The South America trip is being seen as a double homecoming of sorts -- taking Leo back to Peru, where he spent almost two decades as a missionary.

Israel has detained dozens of Syrians. Families are desperate for answers

AIN THAKAR, Syria.(Agency).

Ali al-Abdullah spent more than five months in Israeli detention centers last year after being taken from a village in southwestern Syria. He said he was beaten and placed in solitary confinement, but that no charges were ever brought against him.

Kinan Baker was detained by Israeli forces last year from a nearby Syrian village in a middle-of-the-night raid of his home. His family has not heard from him since and does not know where he is or why he is being held.Al-Abdullah and Baker are among dozens of Syrians apprehended by Israel since its forces seized a U.N.-mandated bufer zone following the ouster of Bashar Assad nearly two years ago. Many were physically and verbally abused during raids and arrests and inside Israeli prisons, according to human rights groups, two former detainees and two relatives of current detainees.Israel's seizure of the buffer zone in December 2024 was met with resentment across Syria – especially among families living within or adjacent to the 235-square-kilometer (91-square-mile) area. The euphoria they felt following Assad's ouster quickly evaporated as Israel introduced checkpoints and patrols in their villages and embarked on a flurry of detentions.

Families of detainees say they feel hopeless and powerless, and that their pleas to the Syrian government and the U.N. for information about their loved ones have fallen on deaf ears."We can only hold on to hope in God, and pray that he reunites us with our son," said Huda Baker, the mother of Kinan.The Israeli military said its presence in and around the bufer zone is needed to defend its northern border from Hezbollah, a Lebanese militant group backed by Iran that fought closely alongside Assad during Syria's 13-year civil war.Israeli "troops question and detain individuals when there is reasonable suspicion of their involvement in terrorist activity," the military said. It rejected allegations of abusing detainees and refused to address specific cases because detainees and their families would not provide their Syrian government ID numbers.

Israel has launched strikes and raids after seizing bufer zone

Israel captured the Golan Heights from Syria during the 1967 Mideast war and later annexed it — a move not recognized by most of the international community.

3 dead after vehicle crashes into people in North Hollywood

LOS ANGELES.(Agency)

A minivan crashed into people outside a metro station in North Hollywood during rush hour Tuesday, killing three and critically injuring the driver and at least two others, authorities said.

The vehicle ended up under a food vendor's tent after crashing at a busy intersection just before 6 p.m.The driver, who is in his 60s, was taken out of the vehicle and was able to talk but appeared in shock, Los Angeles Police Captain Warner Castillo said. icials have not determined the cause or ruled out anything.

"We don't know if it was done intentionally, if it was done by accident," Castillo said at a news conference.The minivan was on the sidewalk Tuesday night with its driver's side door left opened and its air bag deployed. Fire engines and emergency crews worked nearby as a helicopter flew overhead.Luis Luna-Guzman was working at a burger vendor nearby when he heard a loud boom and saw people on the ground and others running towards the crash.

One woman was laying near the bike racks, her face, arms and legs bloody, he said. Her eyes were closed as she moaned in pain, he said.



"I told her, 'don't move, help is coming,'" he said.He also said he saw a woman's body nearby, while another woman was lying, unmoving on the stairs that lead to the station.

Mayor Karen Bass said the victims included street vendors and pedestrians.

"I'm heartbroken for the families of everyone impacted," she said in a post on X.

How Nvidia CEO Jensen Huang's extramarital affair could cause collateral damage in Washington

WASHINGTON.(Agency)

Extramarital affairs are usually private matters. Jensen Huang's has global implications.The 63-year-old is the leading face of the artificial intelligence revolution with his black leather jackets and fluff of grey hair. He runs the company Nvidia, which produces highly coveted computer chips. That's landed him on a late-night-phone-call basis with President Donald Trump, a promoter of the industry.But Huang was also liaising with a Chinese businesswoman who has allegedly fed intelligence — as well as advanced chips — to China. The woman, Alice Huang, is a former executive at the Singapore-based cloud computing company Megaspeed.It's a saga of personal betrayal, corporate espionage and high-tech development, and the fallout is spreading across Washington. There are bipartisan calls for investigations on Capitol Hill. The U.S. Department of Justice has opened its own probe. Nvidia, one of the most valuable companies in the world, is conducting an internal review.Some expect the technology to reshape human civilization by imbuing computers with the vast powers of creation and analysis, and Trump has repeated that "whoever wins AI, wins." Nvidia is the backbone of America's plans for dominating the field.When asked about Huang's affair, Trump said this week that he had spoken to the tech executive as the scandal grew."I think he'll be ingood shape," Trump said, adding that "he said he had absolutely no idea that the person in question was a spy."As for when the president first learned about the concerns involving Alice Huang, Trump brushed off the question."They could have been mentioned," he said. "Certainly it didn't make much of an impact on me."r poorer nations. from rich ones.



Authorities are investigating Megaspeed and Alice Huang

With the AI race between the U.S. and China often framed as a fierce and consequential rivalry, the Justice Department has persistently warned of the espionage threat posed by Beijing.

AI-powered facial recognition cameras, 5,000 personnel to secure Delhi trade fair

Delhi.(Agency)

At Bharat Mandapam, an AI-eyed security network awaits thousands of visitors when the India International Trade Fair (IITF) opens on November 13. Delhi Police will deploy AI-powered cameras with facial recognition technology to scan the crowds and flag suspicious individuals, adding a high-tech layer to an elaborate security blanket around the venue.Around 5,000 police personnel and paramilitary forces will be deployed, while nearly 1,000 CCTV cameras will monitor activities across the premises. Special teams comprising plainclothes personnel will move around the venue to keep a close watch on the crowd. Traffic personnel will be stationed outside Bharat Mandapam to regulate vehicular movement.Additional DCP (New Delhi) Manjeet Sheoran said that the safety and security of visitors remained the foremost concern. The arrangements, he said, would allow people to enjoy the fair and shop without apprehension, with security personnel deployed throughout the event to respond swiftly to any emergency.As in previous editions, a dedicated police station will be set up inside the venue to ensure prompt action on complaints and any untoward incidents. Visitors will also have six help desks at their disposal to assist with directions and address grievances.Backing the cameras, five control rooms will monitor the fairgrounds and adjoining areas, with reports of disturbances or suspicious activity immediately relayed to the concerned teams for a quick response.The fairgrounds can accommodate around 1.25 lakh visitors at a time, and these measures will help police closely track visitors' movements to prevent overcrowding.Entry to each hall will be regulated according to its capacity, with fresh entry temporarily stopped as it nears the limit and resumed only after the crowd thins out, police said.

Delhi traders ride the Diwali wave amid shadow of stir

Delhi.(Agency)

Despite widespread apprehension about the impact of the recent series of protests in the national capital on local businesses, markets around the city are projected to register a whooping `1.5 lakh crore worth of business by the end of the ongoing festive season.A traders' body has claimed that business reached `35,000 crore by the afternoon on Diwali in the city, with total sales likely to hit `1.5 lakh crore across three upcoming festivals, including Guru Nanak Jayanti, which falls on November 24 this year.Praveen Khandelwal, Secretary General of the Confederation of All India Traders (CAIT) and Member of Parliament from Chandni Chowk, stated that festive business across the city is expected to touch around `1.5 lakh crore this year, representing an estimated growth of approximately 15–18% over the last year's record turnover.The preliminary estimate is based on feedback from leading trade associations and markets across various states. It also factors in consumer demand, festive shopping trends, rural & semi-urban growth, rising demand for local products and the wide-ranging economic activity generated across different sectors.

A string of major festivals—from Dussehra and Diwali to Chhath Puja and Guru Nanak Jayanti—sparks massive commercial activity across the country. Dhanteras this year also brought a surge in business, with India's total festive trade estimated to have crossed `1.25 lakh crore, reflecting robust consumer confidence, growing purchasing power and renewed momentum in the domestic retail economy.

According to an estimate, the All India Jewellers and Goldsmith Federation (AIJGF), jewellery markets across the country have witnessed an exceptional rush of customers over the past several days.

Gold and silver sales alone are estimated to have exceeded Rs 66,000 crore nationwide, while Delhi's bullion markets recorded business worth more than `10,000 crore. Despite the elevated prices of precious metals, consumers have continued to demonstrate a strong interest in gold and silver purchases.

Delhi imposes Rs 11 crore in fines, most for pollution under control certificate violations

Delhi.(Agency)

At around 8 crore, penalties for Pollution Under Control Certificates (PUCCs) violations accounted for a majority of fines imposed in Delhi in the first nine days since the Winter Action Plan came into effect in the Capital on November 1. While fines amounting to at least Rs 11 crore have been imposed during this period, violations related to the entry of vehicles below BS-VI emission standards and construction sites accounted for more than Rs 1.5 crore each, according to the data accessed from government sources. Private cars accounted for the highest number of challans among vehicles violating the non-BS-VI emission-related curbs.



Most PUCC violations by two-wheelers

For PUCC violations, the consolidated data shows that the Delhi Transport department and the Delhi Police issued 8,288 challans, amounting to Rs 8,28,80,000, as of November 9. Two-wheelers accounted for a majority of these vehicles followed by cars and heavy goods vehicles (HGVs), according to the government sources.Sources said many two-wheeler owners were found operating vehicles with expired pollution certificates.

Under Section 190(2) of the Motor Vehicles Act and Rule 115(7) of the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, driving a vehicle without a valid PUCC draws a fine of Rs 1,000 for the first offence, which can go up to Rs 10,000 for subsequent offences.Repeat offenders may also face additional penalties, including the suspension of their driving licences and cancellation of vehicle registrations, officials said.

Most challans to private cars for non-BS-VI curbs

As part of the restrictions on vehicles below BS-VI emission standards, 18,304 vehicles were turned back at Delhi's borders, while 1,451 were challaned and 119 impounded.The penalties imposed in these cases amounted to Rs 1,16,28,000. Private cars accounted for the highest number of challans among vehicles violating the BS-VI entry restrictions, with 724 challans amounting to Rs 66.14 lakh. Trucks accounted for 179 challans, while buses were issued just six challans.Around 80 teams from the Transport department and the Delhi Traffic Police have been deployed at the Capital's borders and 37 pollution hotspots have been identified to keep a check on vehicles violating the norms.

Over 4,000 construction sites inspected

Meanwhile, teams with officials from the Delhi Pollution Control Committee (DPCC) and the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) inspected 4,004 construction sites and found 392 violating pollution-control norms.Of these, 81 sites were ordered to shut down, while 312 were served show-cause notices.As part of the Delhi government's Winter Action Plan, outdoor construction activities and dust-generating demolition work have been prohibited until January 31, except for essential public infrastructure projects.

Dubai-bound oil tanker carrying 6 Indians hit in Persian Gulf, 4 crew injured

Delhi.(Agency)

A Liberia-flagged oil tanker carrying six Indian seafarers was hit by a projectile while sailing through the Persian Gulf towards Dubai, leaving four crew members injured, including one Indian national, Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal said on Wednesday.The incident involving the very large crude carrier (VLCC) MT Fujairah Energy took place on Tuesday, while the vessel was travelling from Al Ruwais to Dubai.In a post on X, Sonowal said four crew members sustained injuries in the attack. One of them was an Indian national who suffered minor injuries and was safely taken ashore for further medical examination.The remaining 18 crew members, including the five other Indian



seafarers aboard the tanker, were safe and accounted for, the minister said.Sonowal added that the government was closely monitoring the situation and maintaining contact with the ship management company to ensure the safety of the crew, along with necessary medical assistance and other support.The latest attack adds to growing concerns over the safety of commercial vessels and their crews navigating the Persian Gulf and the Strait of Hormuz, amid the ongoing Iran-US conflict.Last month, another vessel carrying Indian sailors came under attack when the Panama-flagged tanker MT Louise 1 was struck by limpet mines.

India's Oldest Industry Body FICCI Warns Air Pollution Costs $95 Billion Annually

The Supreme Court directed Delhi and three neighbouring states to detail action against polluting vehicles. The order signals urgent scrutiny of vehicular emissions as stubble-burning incidents decline.

Delhi.(Agency)

India's oldest and largest industry body, the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI), has issued one of its strongest warnings yet on the country's worsening air pollution crisis, painting a grim picture of a public health emergency that is costing millions of lives, shortening lifespans and imposing a massive burden on the economy. In its report, 'Clean Air, Healthy India', FICCI argues that the country can no longer treat air pollution as merely an environmental issue and must instead place it at the heart of India's healthcare agenda. Experts say India is grappling air pollution-related emergency, and the government seems to be in policy paralysis. The Air Quality Index is breaking records, and out of the 100 most polluted cities of the world, 99 are from India. Nearly a billion Indians are breathing toxic air.The report's findings are stark. More than two million deaths in India in 2023 were attributable to air pollution. Exposure to



polluted air is estimated to cut the average Indian's life expectancy by about 3.5 years. More than 660 million Indians live in areas where fine particulate pollution exceeds national safety standards. It is alarming that an industry body is throwing up these numbers while many of New Delhi's air pollution monitors went silent on Diwali night. Rarely does FICCI, which represents more than 2.5 lakh companies across India, issue such alarming assessments. The report amounts to an unmistakable warning that the country's struggle with dirty air has reached a level that demands urgent action from governments at every level.The industry body argues that existing responses remain fragmented and largely reactive. While measures such as the National Clean Air Programme, Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP), Bharat Stage emission norms and clean cooking initiatives have yielded some benefits, FICCI says these alone are insufficient to deal with a challenge that crosses city and state boundaries. The report calls for a comprehensive "air shed" approach, recognising that pollution moves across regions and cannot be tackled city by city.According to the study, Delhi itself contributes only a fraction of the particulate pollution that residents breathe. Local sources account for approximately 36 per cent of Delhi's PM2.5 pollution during winter and about 26 per cent during summer. The rest comes from sources outside city limits, underscoring the futility of limiting solutions to municipal boundaries.

The report describes air pollution as a whole-body health risk rather than merely a respiratory problem. Fine particulate matter known as PM2.5 can penetrate deep into the lungs, enter the bloodstream and affect nearly every organ system. Long-term exposure is linked not only to asthma and chronic lung disease but also to heart .

Half-an-hour ride for Rs 500: In a first, an electric cruise launched on Yamuna

Delhi.(Agency)

For Rs 500, residents of Delhi can now take a 45-minute electric cruise ride on the Yamuna. This comes after the Delhi government on Tuesday launched a river safari service at Sonia Vihar in a bid to promote tourism and reconnect people with the river, officials said.Union Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways Sarbananda Sonowal and Chief Minister Rekha Gupta inaugurated the 'Namo Yamuna River Cruise Service', developed jointly by the government and the Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI). According to officials, the pilot project will offer recreational boating and short-distance ferry services along a stretch of the river between Sonia Vihar and Jagatpur.Officials said that the government has introduced an electric cruise with a seating capacity of 30 passengers. A second vessel of the same capacity is expected to be launched by February-March 2027. The proposed entry fee to the premises is Rs 50, while a complete cruise journey will cost Rs 500. The ride will take approximately 35 to 45 minutes, with passengers returning to their starting point after completing the trip, officials said.Calling the launch a significant moment for the Capital, Gupta said the initiative was not merely a cruise or boat service but an effort to reconnect people with the Yamuna, which she described as an integral part of Delhi's identity, culture and religious traditions."Namo Yamuna River Safari reflects our faith, love and devotion towards Maa Yamuna," she said, adding that residents would now be able to experience the river's natural surroundings without travelling to cities such as Prayagraj for boat and cruise rides.Gupta also urged people to visit the destination with their families and bring their children to experience the river and its surroundings. She said the project would give a new identity to Delhi's tourism sector and strengthen the Capital's image.Taking a swipe at previous governments, Gupta said politics in the past had revolved around allegations, counter-allegations and excuses rather than development. Her government, she said, was



working to address long-pending problems and improve public facilities.Referring to the Chhath festival, she said the government had organised celebrations on the banks of the Yamuna in its first year in office, and expressed confidence that the festivities would be organised on a larger scale this year.

Musical fountain, food court among facilities

Tourism Minister Kapil Mishra said the project would offer visitors a new recreational experience, with facilities including a musical fountain, food court, gaming activities, a creative zone, ecological and walking trails as well as a children's play area.

Shut out of PG syllabus review, says Delhi University history faculty, writes to Vice-Chancellor

Also objects to changes recommended by an Expert Committee. Row follows wider concerns over changes to syllabi of various courses at DU under NEP 2020.

Delhi.(Agency)

The Department of History of Delhi University has questioned the functioning of an Expert Committee constituted by the Vice-Chancellor to review its Post Graduate third-semester syllabus, claiming that the head of the department, who is a member of the panel, was being kept out of final decisions. It has also disputed some of the changes recommended by the Expert Committee, including that a paper taught for over a decade be dropped as it was "ideologically loaded".According to the minutes of a Department Council meeting held on September 10 and accessed by The Indian Express, HoD Anirudh Deshpande told the faculty of the History Department that he was "not being made a party to final decisions" regarding the syllabus review. The council subsequently "expressed dismay at the composition of the Expert Committee" and asked Deshpande to convey its concerns to Vice-Chancellor Yogesh Singh.On October 9, Deshpande wrote to the V-C on behalf of the department, placing on record concerns raised by the faculty over the composition, functioning and recommendations of the Expert Committee.The History Department's objections come against the backdrop of wider concerns over changes to syllabi of various courses at DU under the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. The Indian Express reported in August that several history papers taught at the university for decades, including 'The Delhi Sultanate: Structures of Authority in Medieval North India (13th-14th Centuries)', did not feature in the revised PG syllabus.



The October 9 letter pointed to the number of PG papers still awaiting notification. "Almost half of our DSE (Discipline Specific Elective) papers in the Semester III syllabus are yet to be notified," the letter said. These include papers on the history of caste, gender, labour and the Northeast.The letter sought an early meeting with the V-C for discussion on issues "affecting the working of the department". The Indian Express reached out to V-C Singh over calls and messages but did not receive a response.

Complaint filed against Karnataka Home minister Priyank Kharge over post linking RSS to arms seizure

VIJAYAWADA. (Agency).

A complaint has been filed against Karnataka Home Minister Priyank Kharge over an alleged social media post linking the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) to the seizure of live cartridges in Bihar and Haryana, with police saying no FIR has been registered so far.The complaint was submitted by Tejas A Gowda at the Banashankari police station on Tuesday. He accused Kharge of circulating false information and attempting to disturb social harmony through a post on social media platform X.According to a PTI report, in his written complaint, Gowda alleged that Kharge had attempted to associate the RSS with the seizure of around 44,250 live cartridges in Bihar and Haryana, creating an impression that the organisation was connected to alleged criminal activities.The complainant further alleged that the Home Minister knowingly circulated information despite being aware that it was false, and claimed that the post could disturb communal harmony by spreading misinformation.

Describing the matter as a serious concern, Gowda said a person holding the constitutional office of Home Minister was responsible for maintaining law and order and protecting public.

No shielding from accountability, scope of probe must be expanded: Congress on Ram temple donation theft

New Delhi(Agency).

The Congress on Wednesday demanded that the financial records of the Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust be made public and the investigation into the alleged theft of donations and offerings at the Ram temple in Ayodhya be expanded to cover all those responsible for its construction and management.The party also called for a probe under the supervision of the Supreme Court, asserting that accountability should not be confined to the eight employees arrested in the case and that anyone found guilty should face action under the law.In a post on X, Congress general secretary in-charge of communications Jairam Ramesh alleged that people affiliated with the BJP, RSS and Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) had controlled the management of the trust, temple construction, collection of donations and offerings, and their subsequent deposit in banks."Chanda Chori, Aastha Dhokha," Ramesh said, alleging that those who controlled these activities could not evade responsibility for the alleged theft.

He said allegations of irregularities and misappropriation had been raised as early as 2021 by Mahipal Singh, a former accounts in-charge associated with the RSS who had been sent to the temple for service. According to Ramesh, Singh had informed trust office-bearers Champat Rai and Gopal Rao after discovering the alleged theft, but was removed instead of action being taken against those responsible.

Bursting firecrackers on Diwali no big deal, pollution will subside: Yogi Adityanath

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath expressed happiness over the pomp and enthusiasm with which people burst firecrackers to celebrate Diwali, saying he was in Ayodhya and himself participated in fireworks.

New Delhi (Agency).

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath praised the bursting of firecrackers during Dhanteras and Diwali, saying that it was heartening to see the scenes. His remarks come amid concerns of rising pollution across the country, especially Delhi-NCR. The CM, however, said that those who pollute an entire system through their corrupt deeds are not questioned, but if people enjoy one day with firecrackers, then immediately the matter of pollution emerges."Those who polluted the entire system through their corrupt deeds are not questioned. But if the public bursts firecrackers and celebrates with fireworks for one day, people start talking about pollution," he added.Adityanath urged people not to worry about pollution, stressing that even if there was pollution, it would eventually subside.Expressing happiness over the pomp and enthusiasm with which people burst firecrackers and fireworks to celebrate Diwali, he said that the BJP-led government under him did not encourage any restrictions and instead encouraged everyone to celebrate the festival freely.



He recalled his own Diwali celebrations in Ayodhya, saying he himself participated in the fireworks.Taking another dig at those raising pollution concerns during festivals, the UP CM said people seemed to remember pollution only when others were celebrating festivals and expressing happiness.

The air quality in several cities across the country has been worsening leading up to Diwali on November 8. Thick smog blanketed the capital and its adjoining regions such as Noida and Gurugram, with AQI levels in more than half of monitoring stations exceeding 400 in the severe category.On November 9 morning, the AQI in Delhi inched towards severe category, much worse than last year.

Owaisi's Babri reminder to Muslim SP MPs on Akhilesh Yadav's Ayodhya visit plan

AIMIM chief Asaduddin Owaisi asked Muslim Samajwadi Party leaders to question their party chief Akhilesh Yadav over his proposed December 12 Ayodhya visit.

Lucknow(Agency)

AIMIM chief Assaduddin Owaisi called on the Muslim leaders of the SamajwadI Party to question the proposed visit of Akhilesh Yadav to Ayodhya on December 12. He said that the Samajwadi Party MPs and MLAs should think about the fact that their fathers had gone to jail during the unrest after the Babri Masjid demolition before supporting their party chief's Ayodhya visit."Sholay ka dialogue toh nahin bolsakte ki 'tera kya hoga'. (Cannot narrate a dialogue of Sholay like 'what will happen to you now?'," Owaisi mockingly said.

The AIMIM chief further used Mirza Ghalib's couplet to strengthen his point. "Kaaba kis munh se jaoge, Ghalib. Sharam tumko magar nahi aati. (With what face will you go to the



Kaaba, Ghalib? You, however, feel no shame)," he said.MIM chief Asaduddin Owaisi, criticising Samajwadi Party National President Akhilesh Yadav's reported statement on Muslims, alleged that the SP has always played with the sentiments of the community.Owaisi and Yadav verbally clashed during Dussehra last month as well. While visiting jailed SP leader Mohammad Azam Khan in Rampur, Yadav was asked about the AIMIM chief to which he replied, "Even Ravana disguised himself for a day and abducted Sita, but here the disguise has been in place for years."Owaisi hit back, saying that the Samajwadi chief thinks every individual with a beard and a cap is like Ravana.Akhilesh Yadav's proposed Ayodhya visit has invited severe backlash from the BJP, which has called out the Samajwadi chief for his appeasement politics.UP BJP President Pankaj Chaudhary suggested that Yadav visit the shrine in Ayodhya on December 6 instead and apologise for the killing of 'kar sevaks' in 1990 during the Samajwadi rule in the northern state.

Jharkhand: CM Hemant Soren orders CBI probe into Nisha Bhagat suicide case

RANCHI(Agency).

Amidst growing public outrage and mounting political pressure, Chief Minister Hemant Soren late in the evening on Tuesday directed CBI investigation into Nisha Bhagat suicide case. Soren on his social media post X announced this, paving way for the case to be handed over to the central investigative agency."The CBI will now investigate the Nisha Bhagat case. Orders have been issued," stated the social media post by Soren on X.Since Nisha Bhagat's death, the state government and police administration have faced mounting pressure to ensure an impartial investigation. The Opposition has repeatedly raised the issue, while several tribal organisations have questioned the role of the local police and demanded a probe by a central agency.

In view of the growing demands, Chief Minister Hemant Soren has directed officials to initiate the process of recommending a CBI investigation into the case.Nisha's father, Handu Bhagat, welcomed the Chief Minister's decision, saying he had taken a timely and prudent step by recommending a CBI inquiry. He said the move had raised hopes of a fair investigation and expressed confidence that the truth would emerge once the Centre formally approves the probe.Notably, in a 'Facebook Live' session, Nisha had accused the Hemant Soren-led government and land brokers of harassing her. Following this, she allegedly died by suicide on November 6.

In the nearly 11-minute video, which was available on her Facebook profile, Bhagat is seen crying and alleging that speaking out against the "Hemant Soren government and its land brokers meant inviting death".In the video, Bhagat spoke emotionally about her alleged fight against land mafias and voiced frustration over the administration's response to her complaints.

India should be a global food basket: Chirag Paswan bats for food processing

New Delhi(Agency).

Union Minister for Food Processing Industries Chirag Paswan on Wednesday called for a stronger focus on food processing, saying India must move beyond bulk agricultural production and focus on adding value to farm produce.Speaking at the Kisan Tak Bharat Agriculture Conference 2026, during a special session titled 'The New Key to Agricultural Progress', Paswan said food processing had not received the attention it deserved despite its potential to improve farmers' earnings,



reduce food wastage and generate employment."Every dining table in the world should have one Indian food item," he said, laying out his vision of taking Indian agricultural products to global households.For years, India's agricultural growth has largely been measured by the volume of produce, but the next big challenge is to ensure that this production translates into better value for farmers.Paswan pointed to the absence of adequate storage facilities as one of the reasons large quantities of agricultural produce, particularly perishable items, go to waste."We can all see food items going to waste because our farmers don't have godowns to store them," he said, stressing the need to increase the country's crop storage capacity.

Chhattisgarh's Raipur, Bilaspur, and Bilha to be conferred Swacch Survekshan Awards by President Murmu

RAIPUR(Agency).

Chhattisgarh's Raipur, Bilaspur, and Bilha have been selected to be awarded the Swachh Survekshan Awards 2025-26 by President Droupadi Murmu at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi on Wednesday, In a



major recognition to the state's urban sanitation efforts,Highlighting the frontline workforce behind the achievement, the Union Ministry has invited delegations comprising sanitation workers (Safai Mitras), inspectors, supervisors, and municipal engineers.From each winning city, four delegates with dedicated representation from frontline sanitary staff will step onto the dais to receive the honour.Both Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai and Deputy Chief Minister Arun Sao noted that the national accolade stands as a testament to the dedication of thousands of sanitation workers who maintain city hygiene daily.

Congratulating the citizens, civic administrations, and public representatives, CM Sai noted that securing national honours across three distinct urban centres will establish a benchmark for the remaining local bodies in Chhattisgarh, encouraging sustainable operational practices and higher citizen engagement statewide.

From farming to dairy revolution: Mohan Yadav's big pitch for Madhya Pradesh

New Delhi(Agency).

Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav has outlined an ambitious vision to expand the dairy sector, boost milk production and improve farmers' incomes through animal husbandry, as his government seeks to strengthen the state's position in India's White Revolution.Speaking at the India Today Group's Kisan Tak Bharat Agriculture Conference 2026, during a session titled 'White Revolution in MP Now', Yadav underscored the importance of integrating animal husbandry with agriculture to raise farm incomes, generate employment and drive rural prosperity.Emphasising the close link between agriculture and dairy farming, the Chief Minister said animal husbandry was essential to increasing farmers' earnings. "Our country is primarily an agricultural nation. I, too, come from a farming family. And we all know that farming means farming, and farming means animal husbandry. So, naturally, to increase agricultural income, to increase the farmer's



income from farming, we must do animal husbandry as a matter of course," he said at the two-day flagship event taking place at the Bharat Mandapam in Delhi.Yadav said Madhya Pradesh had made rapid strides in promoting animal husbandry, adding that the government wanted to revive and strengthen the country's traditional association with cattle rearing and dairy production.Referring to the state's 'Farmers' Welfare Year', he said the government was working towards balanced growth across sectors, with agriculture and allied activities playing a crucial role in tackling unemployment and bringing prosperity."We need to tackle unemployment, promote agriculture and bring prosperity to the state and the country, so we must move forward on all fronts equally," he said.

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Yadav's remarks come as Madhya Pradesh seeks to build on its position as the country's third-largest milk producer and emerge as the leading state in milk production.In October, Union Home Minister Amit Shah said the Madhya Pradesh government had set a target of increasing daily milk procurement from 12 lakh kg to 52 lakh kg.

We cannot keep flying on others' wings

India has become one of the world's largest and fastest-growing aviation markets. Yet it imports each and every one of the commercial passenger aircraft it needs. Indian airlines have placed orders for nearly 2,000 aircraft—a figure that surpasses the outstanding orders of any other nation—all destined to be built by American giant Boeing or its European rival Airbus. We are a nation that sends spacecraft to Mars, operates nuclear submarines and exports complex software, yet when it comes to the commercial passenger jet—the very symbol of industrial sovereignty—we remain entirely dependent on others.

To understand the scale of this challenge, one must look at the historical trajectories of the nations that built the global aviation order. The first scheduled commercial passenger flight took place in 1914, flying from St Petersburg to Tampa in Florida. Five years later, the first daily scheduled commercial passenger flight was launched between London and Paris. However, it was the modern jet engine, designed and first patented by Frank Whittle in 1930, that revolutionised aviation. The post-war era saw the advent of commercial jets. British Overseas Aircraft Corporation flew the first-ever commercial jet-powered airliner in 1949 and introduced the first commercial jet service in 1952.By the mid-1950s, US companies began designing and building their own jet airliners. The breakthrough came with General Electric's development of the first American jet engine, I-A, which was born from a covert project to counter the German Me 262. This provided the foudational technology and the guaranteed market for early jet engines like J31 and J33, which in turn powered the first generation of American jet fighters. This military-industrial convergence allowed companies like Boeing and Douglas to take immense risks. The Boeing 707, aircraft that truly inaugurated the jet age for the masses, was a direct descendant of the KC-135 Stratotanker, a military aerial refuelling aircraft. This model created an industry that has consistently pushed the boundaries of technology and efficiency, from the first swept-wing jets to the composite-intensive 787 Dreamliner.The Soviets took a different, yet equally State-centric, path. The design bureaus (Tupolev, Ilyushin, Yakovlev, and Mikoyan-Gurevich) were tasked with achieving strategic parity and, where possible, superiority over the West. Tupolev Tu-104, derived from the Tu-16 bomber, became one of the first successful jet airliners, and the Ilyushin Il-62 provided long-range service. In the postwar era, Britain, France and Germany too had capable aircraft industries, but lacked the scale to challenge the American behemoths. Then came the creation of Airbus in 1970, a consortium of French and German companies later joined by Spain and the UK. It was a project designed to ensure that Europe would not be solely dependent on the US for its civil aviation needs. European governments provided repayable loans for the A300, the first twin-engine wide-body jet. China is a new entrant to this club. For decades, China's aviation industry was limited to producing derivatives of Soviet designs. The turning point was the launch of the Commercial Aircraft Corporation of China (COMAC) in 2008.

America is big enough for all of us

Michigan's El-Sayed, the first Muslim to be elected to US Senate, pushed back against divisive politics

DR Abdul El-Sayed had a simple, distinctive slogan throughout his campaign for the US Senate against former Congressman Mike Rogers: "Money Out of Politics, Money in Your Pocket, Medicare for All." In his victory speech, El-Sayed asserted his domestic priorities as well as his opposition to foreign wars and their tragic consequences: "We want our taxes spent here [in Michigan], for schools here, and healthcare here, and infrastructure here. We don't want our money sent to do apartheid or genocide or war."His message addressed the economic needs of all citizens, while recognising the diversity of Michigan's population. Thus, not surprisingly, El-Sayed achieved a solid, globally historic victory, winning with a vote share of 52.5% (his opponent got 45.5%), while becoming the first Muslim to be elected to the US Senate. El-Sayed's victory was part of the Democratic Party's Blue Wave takeover of both chambers of Congress and a repudiation of US President Donald Trump's divisive politics, economic policies and his war on Iran.A disturbing element of this contest was the Republicans' Islamophobic rhetoric that could be regarded as unconstitutional hate speech targeting El-Sayed. The message from Republicans combined Rogers' "dog whistle" falsities about El-Sayed's supposed links with "terrorism" and direct attacks by Trump and Vice President JD Vance on his Muslim name and faith. Trump often called El-Sayed a "jihadist," asserting that if elected, the candidate would have to be screened using metal detectors. And repeatedly, Trump mockingly brought up (and sometimes mangled) his name, calling him "Mohammad" or "Abdul Ramadan." For Vance, El-Sayed's call for reform and equity made him an un-American outsider with "little gratitude for the country that gave him everything."Underpinning these anti-Muslim attacks was the ideology of a racist/fascist Christian nationalism, openly articulated by Republican Senator Bernie Moreno in his repudiation of the Democratic candidate in Michigan: "Our rights come from God Almighty" and "Jesus came here for our salvation." And El-Sayed "should be nowhere near Washington, DC." The message that echoed from the Republican and generally conservative ecosphere was clear: "We cannot vote for a Muslim. He is not one of us. He hates America."How did El-Sayed and his surrogates respond to this vitriol? He campaigned tirelessly, meeting individuals and groups across diverse parts of Michigan. He never accepted corporate PAC money (unlike his primary opponent), so he was not beholden to any special interests. His supporters and surrogates also reminded voters of his distinguished record: as a University of Michigan student, athlete, Rhodes scholar, medical doctor and a successful public health official in Detroit.While pushing back against the divisive politics unleashed by his rivals, El-Sayed made diversity the cornerstone of his message. In his acceptance speech, he laid out his vision of an inclusive America, pointing to a contrast with Republicans: "They attack the very idea of America — an America that looks a little different, prays a little different."



They repudiate "who does not look like them, prays like them, loves like them."He responded to Islamophobic attacks with sharp retorts that blended equanimity with humour. During a town hall meeting (a video of which went viral), El-Sayed rebuked an audience member who questioned his loyalty to the nation: "You assume that because I am Muslim, that somehow I would have some allegiance to something that is not our Constitution? For me, that Constitution is the guiding light." Here, while being proud of his Muslim faith, he endorsed freedom of religion and secularism.

Finally, in his victory acceptance speech, he offered a humorous riposte to Trump: "You struggle with my name. When I am sworn in by JD Vance, you can just call me Senator."Finally, El-Sayed's victory in Michigan is also a testament to the unifying support of many civil society groups, drawing citizens across race, religion, class, gender and sexual orientation. Michigan is a purple state with a mix of Democrats and Republicans, often switching sides between the two parties. It also has one of the nation's largest Arab-American communities in Dearborn, besides various Christian denominations and other religions.The groups that joined El-Sayed's campaign included "Michigan Jews for Democracy," who "come from a wide range of the political spectrum"; a volunteer grassroots coalition, "Women for Abdul"; another volunteer-led group, "LGBTQIA+ Michiganders," and others — all of whom wanted to elect him Michigan's next Senator.

Groups such as Saath, a youth-led South Asian political organisation, also joined a Diwali-themed rally to support El-Sayed's candidacy among South Asians, including Indian Americans. While Republicans tried to divide Muslim and African-American communities during the primary, El-Sayed received widespread support from Black faith and civil rights communities as well as Black constituencies — all of whom recognised their shared struggles against racism.To sum up, what I offer here is a story of the triumph of unity and tolerance, and a cautionary tale about how authoritarian populist regimes rule by fear, lies and division. In fact, they consolidate their power by manufacturing a demonic enemy or scapegoat to be excluded from full citizenship and human rights.El-Sayed's candidacy has exposed the vulnerability of Muslim (and other) minority populations, not only in the US but also in right-wing divisive politics everywhere: in India, China, Turkiye and several European regions/nations and political parties. However, despite political differences, we witnessed in post-midterm America on Wednesday a widespread expression of harmony and even love for fellow citizens and humans. I am proud to be a "Michigander."

Government dodges political bullet with Agniveer extension, job issue remains

The cannonball of defence service reforms remains undeterred. The original vision of upskilling disciplined, militarily-trained personnel after short-service careers for deployment in nation-building roles remains relevant.

The Union government has snuffed out a spark just when it was threatening to become a political fireball ahead of the Uttar Pradesh Assembly elections early next year. By rewriting the Agnipath scheme weeks before the first batch of Agniveers recruited under it were to be released after four years of service, and allowing them to serve two more years, the Centre has averted the possibility of having thousands of 22-to-25-year-olds clamouring for jobs at a time unemployment is emerging as a major electoral plank in India's most populous state.

On November 21, the first batch of Agniveers was scheduled to be discharged from the Navy. This was expected to be followed by releases from the Air Force in December and the Army in January. In all, three-fourths of about 24,400 first-year recruits were expected to be released under the scheme's initial framework, designed to reduce the average age of the forces and rationalise the pension burden on the exchequer; the rest one-fourth were to be retained in regular service on merit.Though the defence ministry adopted an 'all-India, all-class' hiring model for the scheme and has not published state-wise recruitment figures, indirect evidence shows young men and women from Uttar Pradesh formed the largest cohort. Their voices would have added substantial weight to about a third of those aged 15-29 in the state who are estimated to be not in education, employment or training.It also helps NDA-ruled states like Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra which had proposed job quotas for Agniveers in various uniformed services at the Union home ministry's suggestion. Given that one of the three criteria for granting extension, apart from fitness and service record, is willingness to continue, it remains to be seen how many Agniveers opt out of the central service and apply for state jobs. The strain such quotas would put on state resources was indicated when Maharashtra opted to offer a 10 percent quota in certain uniformed Group-C services, not 20 percent like in neighbouring Madhya Pradesh.Though the move dodges a political bullet for now, the cannonball of defence service reforms remains undeterred. The original vision of upskilling disciplined, militarily-trained personnel after short-service careers for deployment in nation-building roles remains relevant. But there again, the question of jobs would need to answered at the end of training.



Building safe campuses for all

India's ascriptive society was traditionally sorted on the basis of exclusion in education. Today it operates in more subtle ways. The death by suicide of Sahil Wakode at IIT Bombay highlighted systemic gaps that need to be addressed for all categories of students

The Constitution of India considers the practice of untouchability a criminal offence. Laws such as the Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955 and the SC and ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 were enacted not only to punish those practising untouchability, but to also deter those abetting it. As the socio-economic environment evolved, such practice underwent many changes. Today, it's indirect and systemic in urban areas. Some scholars have identified more than 60 ways of practising untouchability—from segregating individuals over food choices to discriminating subtly in educational institutions and workplaces. In rural India, a combination of overt and subtle discrimination persists, where the person perpetrating it and the one facing it understand the thin line separating the two, but cannot prove its working.Instances of discrimination are far more apparent in government offices and public educational institutions. This essentially has to do with the ownership of resources. Most cases reported are associated with economic spaces. Therefore, the social construct is essentially determined by the economic engagements between communities.Systemic discrimination and the practice of exclusion in educational institutions operate in a manifest manner—right from the admission process at the undergraduate level. Most colleges accredited by 'B' rating and onwards can easily fill the full reservation quota, considering that the cutoffs need not be very high. But entry into the best colleges complicates things owing to students with private schooling and coaching bringing the cutoff up or securing seats early.

Employability after postgraduate courses has given way to the preferene for private universities that are inaccessible to students from the margins. Doctoral programmes with diminishing scholarships have begun to keep them out, leading to teaching opportunities in public institutions becoming inaccessible. Among those already in service, caste-based exclusion remains extremely evident. When B R Ambedkar called for annihilation of caste, education was supposed to be the key in facilitating it.

The debate around the unfortunate death by suicide of Sahil Wakode at IIT Bombay has again raised concerns about the treatment of socially-disadvantaged communities. The claims by IIT-B and allegations made by the parents and organisations supporting them bring to the fore the worst case of structural discrimination.The ascriptive society that India inherits is mostly based on exclusion in education. Individuals belonging to the lowest strata at one point were brutally penalised for acquiring education, it being an important medium of social mobility. However, a new stratification in education seems to have been generated. One can understand it in terms of the courses that members of SC and ST communities opt for.The question of merit is a farce in a system based to a large extent on caste ascription. The fact that students like Sahil make it to an institution of excellence like IIT-B is itself evidence that there is no dearth of talent, because unlike unreserved category students, he cracked the same exam with almost equal grades. Therefore, the argument of privileging someone coming from a disadvantaged community does not stand. One must consider that the seats reserved for SC groups are far less than the seats for other communities. Fortunately, today, a few students having better educational backgrounds are able to make it to the merit list of top institutions because expenditure on education among SC families remains high on average. Their aspiration, however, can be satisfied only at public institutions. After Sahil's suicide, the debate over reserved-unreserved seems 'manufactured'. The case has occurred at a premier institution precisely because the government funds it to kep up standards. Therefore, the aspiration to succeed here is not just among those coming from disadvantaged backgrounds, but also those from the general category. Sahil's case is certainly a major concern to the entire students' community, as oppressive institutional engagements claim many lives. As statistics is brought to the table to argue that students are not able to cope up with the pressures irrespective of caste, or that more students from the general category have committed suicides, have to be looked at in a very rational manner. One aspect missing in the debate is institutional reforms. The Karnataka government's Rohith Vemula Bill can offer some options. It is also important to know about the functioning of SC-ST committees, equal opportunities cells and inclusivity among the chairs of such committees. Socially-active individuals with known credibility must have seats on such panels. Enough students from marginalised communities have lost their lives across higher education institutions. Reforms, therefore, are essential to stop structural or systemic discrimination on the lines of the 1989 Act. If the brutal Nirbhaya case could prompt new laws, why can't Sahil's case, too? It is important that institutions of higher learning are treated as spaces for free thinking and equal opportunities, where traditionally disadvantaged communities feel welcomed and secure.



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दउरा मऊरा पर उठा लिहले।

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घटवा में छठवा मना लिहले।

उगते सूरज के मन गोहराईके
दुधवा से अरघिया चढ़ा दिहले।

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नदिया के ओरवा पगवा बढ़ा दिहले।

मेला के ठेला में छठ के बरतिया
भारती करी आरती मनसा पूरा लिहले।

পিতৃ পৰ্বৰ অনুষ্ঠান: গয়া ফাল্গু নদীতে ব্যাপক উপস্থিতি সাৰী

বহিৰ: আজ পিতৃ পৰ্ব ২০২৫-এৰ দ্বিতীয় দিনে গয়াৰ পবিত্ৰ ফাল্গু নদীৰ তীৰে ভক্তি ও ঐতিহ্যৰে এক গভীৰ প্ৰদৰ্শনী অনুষ্ঠিত হয়। প্ৰায় ৫০,০০০ এৰও বেশি ভক্ত পিণ্ড দান ও তৰ্পণ অনুষ্ঠানে অংশ নিতে এখানে জড়ো হন। মন্ত্ৰপাঠৰে ছন্দ, ধূপৰে সুবাস এবং পুণ্যাৰ্থীদৰে শ্ৰদ্ধাগ্ৰাহী প্ৰাৰ্থনাৰ সঙ্গে পুৰো পৰিবেশ মুখৰিত ছিল। আবগেঘন পৰিবেশে পুত্ৰৰা তাদৰে মাতাৰ জন্য পিণ্ডদান কৰলনে, কন্যাৰা কাঁদতে কাঁদতে তাদৰে পিতামাতাৰ প্ৰতি বিদায় জানালনে, আৰ এক শান্তি তাৰ প্ৰয়াত মাযৰে তৰ্পণ অৰ্পণ কৰে উপস্থিতি সবাৰ মনকে স্পৰ্শ কৰে দিছে।

এই অনুষ্ঠান, যা হিন্দু ঐতিহ্যৰে গভীৰ অংশ, জীবিত ও প্ৰয়াতৰে মধ্যে পবিত্ৰ সম্পৰ্ককে প্ৰতীক, যা প্ৰজন্মৰে আত্মাৰ শান্তি ও মুকুলি আশ্বাস দিয়ে বলে বিশ্বাস কৰা হয়।

দীঘ যাত্ৰা ও দাহক তাপ সত্ত্বেও ভক্তৰা তাদৰে অটল নিষ্ঠা প্ৰদৰ্শন কৰলনে। বিশেষভাবে নিৰ্মিত পদ্মপুষ্পে জল, তিল ও পিণ্ডদান কৰে নদীতে পবিত্ৰ স্নান কৰলনে।

পুৰোহিতৰো ভাবগাম্ভীৰ্যপূৰ্ণ নিয়মে সমস্ত অনুষ্ঠান পৰিচালনা কৰে পূজাপৰে আধ্যাত্মিক পৰিবেশ আৰও বৃদ্ধি কৰলনে। গয়া, যা গদাধৰ-এৰ ভূমি হিসেবে পৰিচিত, পিতৃ পৰ্বৰে সময়ে বিশেষ তাৎপৰ্য ধাৰণ কৰে। এ সময় দেশৰে কোণাকুণি থকে এবং বিদেশে থকেও হাজাৰো পুণ্যাৰ্থী এখানে আসে। স্থানীয় কৰ্তৃপক্ষ জানিয়েছে, এই বছৰৰে উপস্থিতি প্ৰত্যাশাৰ অনকে ওপৰে গিয়েছে, যা প্ৰাচীন ঐতিহ্যৰে প্ৰতি অটুট শ্ৰদ্ধাৰ পৰিচায়ক।

একজন ভক্ত বলনে, "এই ৰীতিনীতি কেবলমাত্ৰ একটি ঐতিহ্য নয়, এটি পিতৃপুৰুষৰে প্ৰতি কৃতজ্ঞতা প্ৰকাশ এবং আমাদৰে পবিত্ৰ কৰ্তব্য পালনৰে মাধ্যম।"

সন্ধ্যাৰ দিকে যখন আকাশ ধীৰে ধীৰে অন্ধকাৰাচ্ছন্ন হতে লাগল, ফাল্গুৰ পাড় প্ৰদীপৰে আলো নদীতে ভাসতে লাগল, যা চিৰন্তন স্মৃতিৰি প্ৰতীক হিসেবে ঝলমল কৰছিল।

अंतरराष्ट्रीय बाजार में कच्चे तेल की कीमतों में भारी गिरावट

अमेरिकी राष्ट्रपति के बयान से गिरी कीमतें, ब्रेंट 92 डॉलर के नीचे

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देखी गई थी। हालांकि, पश्चिम एशिया में भू-राजनीतिक जोखिम अभी पूरी तरह खत्म नहीं हुए हैं। होर्मुज जलडमरूमध्य के आसपास तेल टैंकरों पर हमलों की खबरें आपूर्ति को लेकर जोखिम बरकरार रखती हैं, और बातचीत विफल होने या संघर्ष बढ़ने पर तेल की कीमतें फिर से बढ़ सकती हैं। भारत के लिए यह गिरावट बेहद फायदेमंद है, क्योंकि यह अपनी अधिकांश कच्चे तेल की जरूरतों को आयात से पूरा करता है। अंतरराष्ट्रीय कीमतों में कमी से देश का तेल आयात बिल घटेगा, जिससे व्यापार और चालू खाते के घाटे को नियंत्रित करने में मदद मिलेगी।

एडवेंचर बाइक होंडा अफ्रीका ट्विन का 2027 मॉडल प्रदर्शित

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होंडा ने ईआईसीएमए 2026 में अपनी लोकप्रिय एडवेंचर बाइक अफ्रीका ट्विन का 2027 मॉडल प्रदर्शित किया। नए मॉडल का ट्विन-सिलेंडर इंजन अब 1,084 सीसी के बजाय 1,131 सीसी क्षमता का है। यह इंजन 118.9 हॉर्सपावर की ताकत और 119 न्यूटन मीटर का टॉर्क पैदा करता है। इंजन क्षमता और पावर में बढ़ोतरी का उद्देश्य लंबी दूरी की यात्रा तथा कठिन रास्तों पर मोटरसाइकिल के प्रदर्शन को बेहतर बनाना है।

नई अफ्रीका ट्विन के साथ कंपनी ने एंड्यूरो स्पोर्ट्स नाम का एक नया ऑफ-रोड केंद्रित संस्करण भी पेश किया है। इसे खास तौर पर उन राइडर्स को ध्यान में रखकर तैयार किया गया है, जो सामान्य सड़कों के अलावा कच्चे और पथरीले रास्तों पर भी मोटरसाइकिल चलाना पसंद करते हैं। इस संस्करण में मैन्युअल रूप से एडजस्ट किया जा सकने वाला शोआ सस्पेंशन दिया गया है। आगे की तरफ 240 मिलीमीटर और पीछे 230 मिलीमीटर का सस्पेंशन ट्रैवल मिलता है। इसके साथ 260 मिलीमीटर का ग्राउंड क्लीयरेंस दिया गया है। इन खूबियों के कारण बाइक को ऊबड़-खाबड़ रास्तों पर बेहतर तरीके से चलाने में मदद मिलने की उम्मीद है। अधिक ग्राउंड क्लीयरेंस से बड़े पत्थरों और रास्ते की अन्य बाधाओं से निचले हिस्से के टकराने की आशंका कम हो सकती है। वहीं, लंबे सस्पेंशन ट्रैवल से झटकों को संभालने की क्षमता बढ़ती है। होंडा वर्ष 2022 तक भारतीय बाजार में अफ्रीका ट्विन की बिक्री करती रही थी। इसके बाद से इसकी वापसी को लेकर ग्राहकों में रुचि बनी हुई है।

हिंदुस्तान यूनिलीवर ने बढ़ाए सर्फ एक्सेल, रिन और व्हील के दाम

साबुनों की कीमतों में 1 रुपये से लेकर 10 रुपये तक की बढ़ोतरी

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देश की सबसे बड़ी एफएमसीजी कंपनियों में से एक हिंदुस्तान यूनिलीवर लिमिटेड (एचयूएल) ने अपने कई लोकप्रिय घरेलू उत्पादों की कीमतों में वृद्धि की घोषणा की है, जिससे घर का बजट प्रभावित होने की आशंका है। कंपनी ने सर्फ एक्सेल, रिन और व्हील जैसे लोकप्रिय डिटर्जेंट ब्रांड्स के साथ-साथ मोती गुलाब जैसे साबुनों की कीमतों में 1 रुपये से लेकर 10 रुपये तक की बढ़ोतरी की है।

इस मूल्य वृद्धि के बाद अब कपड़े धोना और अन्य घरेलू सफाई उत्पाद खरीदना पहले से महंगा हो जाएगा। उदाहरण के तौर पर, सर्फ एक्सेल क्विक वॉश का 1 किलोग्राम पैक अब 235 रुपये के बजाय 245 रुपये में मिलेगा, जबकि इसके 500 ग्राम वाले पैक की कीमत भी 123 रुपये से बढ़कर 128 रुपये हो गई है। रिन और व्हील डिटर्जेंट पाउडर के 1 किलोग्राम पैक में भी 3 रुपये का इजाफा हुआ है। इसी तरह, मोती गुलाब साबुन का 150 ग्राम पैक अब 74 रुपये से बढ़कर 82 रुपये का हो गया है, जो लगभग 11 प्रतिशत की बढ़ोतरी है। एचयूएल ने बढ़ती कच्चे माल की लागत और उत्पादन खर्चों के दबाव को इस मूल्य वृद्धि का मुख्य कारण बताया है। कंपनी का मानना है कि मुनाफा बनाए रखने के लिए ऐसी सीमित बढ़ोतरी आवश्यक है।

कच्चे तेल में गिरावट से बॉन्ड यील्ड लुढ़की, आरबीआई को मिलेगी राहत

वैश्विक भू-राजनीतिक चिंताओं में कमी और तेल कीमतों में गिरावट के चलते आया बदलाव

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भू-राजनीतिक चिंताओं में कमी और कच्चे तेल की कीमतों में तेज गिरावट के चलते भारतीय बॉन्ड बाजार में रौनक लौट आई। बेंचमार्क 10 वर्षीय सरकारी बॉन्ड की यील्ड लगभग 4 आधार अंक गिरकर 7.15 फीसदी पर बंद हुई, जबकि शुक्रवार को यह 7.19 फीसदी पर थी। डीलरों के मुताबिक, यह तेजी मुख्य रूप से ब्रेंट क्रूड की कीमतों में आई भारी गिरावट के कारण देखी गई। कच्चे तेल की कीमतों में इस नरमी ने भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक (आरबीआई) की मौद्रिक नीति समिति (एमपीसी) के लिए आगामी बैठक में ब्याज दरों को यथास्थिति पर बनाए रखने की संभावना बढ़ा दी है। विश्लेषकों का मानना है कि दिसंबर की मौद्रिक नीति को लेकर बाजार की उम्मीदें बदल गई हैं। अब 50 आधार अंकों की बढ़ोतरी के बजाय 25 आधार अंकों की बढ़ोतरी या यथास्थिति बनाए रखने की प्रबल संभावना है। कुल मिलाकर, तेल की कीमतों में नरमी, भू-राजनीतिक जोखिम प्रीमियम में कमी और मौद्रिक नीति को लेकर बदली उम्मीदें बाजार के रुझान को धीरे-धीरे सकारात्मक दिशा में ले जा रही हैं। पिछले हफ्ते भी बेंचमार्क यील्ड में 23 आधार अंक की गिरावट आई थी, जो लगभग सात वर्षों में सबसे बड़ी साप्ताहिक गिरावट थी। यह अमेरिकी मध्यावधि चुनावों के बाद अमेरिका-ईरान संघर्ष के समाधान की उम्मीदों से जुड़ी थी। हालांकि, सकारात्मक बाजार रुझानों के बीच भारतीय रुपये में सोमवार को मामूली गिरावट दर्ज की गई। डॉलर के मुकाबले 94.83 पर खुलने के बाद, रुपया दिन के दौरान कमजोर होकर 94.14 तक आ गया, और अंततः 94.93 पर बंद हुआ, जबकि पिछली बार यह 93.91 पर बंद हुआ था।



हिमाचल में एनपीके उर्वरक की आपूर्ति बहाल, किसानों को मिली राहत

2,700 टन एनपीके 12-32-16 पहुंचा, इफको ने की पुष्टि, बढ़ी कीमतों से किसान परेशान

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हिमाचल प्रदेश में गेहूं की बुवाई से पहले किसानों को बड़ी राहत मिली है। भारतीय किसान उर्वरक सहकारी लिमिटेड (इफको) ने राज्य को लगभग 2,700 मीट्रिक टन एनपीके (12-32-16) उर्वरक की आपूर्ति फिर से शुरू कर दी है, जिससे कृषि कार्यों में तेजी आने की उम्मीद है। इफको के एक प्रवक्ता ने पुष्टि की कि यह महत्वपूर्ण खेप राज्य पहुंच चुकी है और इसे किसानों के बीच वितरित भी कर दिया गया है। एनपीके 12-32-16 एक उच्च फॉस्फोरस वाला मिश्रित उर्वरक है जो पौधों के शुरुआती विकास, जड़ों की वृद्धि और फूल आने में महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका निभाता है। इफको के एक अधिकारी ने बताया कि गुजरात से आई इस पहली खेप के बाद, इतनी ही मात्रा की एक और आपूर्ति का अनुरोध किया गया है, जिसके जल्द पहुंचने की उम्मीद है। उर्वरक वितरण श्रृंखला को



मजबूत करने और यूरिया की उपलब्धता बढ़ाने के प्रयास भी जारी हैं, हालांकि यूरिया आवंटन पर अभी अंतिम निर्णय नहीं हुआ है। हालांकि, इस सकारात्मक खबर के साथ एक चिंता भी जुड़ी है।

ज्योति लैब्स बायबैक की कीमत बढ़ी, शेयरों की संख्या घटी

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ज्योति लैब्स लिमिटेड ने अपने शेयर बायबैक प्रस्ताव में संशोधन किया है।

कंपनी ने बायबैक की प्रति शेयर कीमत को 215 रुपए से बढ़ाकर 240 रुपए कर दिया है। हालांकि, बायबैक किए जाने वाले शेयरों की अधिकतम संख्या 68.37 लाख से घटाकर 61.25 लाख कर दी गई है।

कंपनी की बायबैक कमेटी ने 9 नवंबर को इन बदलावों को मंजूरी दी।

संशोधित शर्तों के तहत, ज्योति लैब्स अब 1 रुपए फेस वैल्यू वाले 61.25 लाख तक फुली पेड-अप इक्विटी शेयरों का बायबैक करेगी, जो कंपनी की कुल पेड-अप इक्विटी शेयर कैपिटल के 1.67 फीसदी के बराबर है।

यह बायबैक टेंडर ऑफर रूट के जरिए आनुपातिक आधार पर किया जाएगा। पुराने प्रस्ताव में कुल 147 करोड़ रुपए तक के बायबैक की घोषणा की गई थी, लेकिन संशोधित प्रस्ताव में कुल बायबैक राशि का कोई विवरण नहीं दिया गया है। शेयर बायबैक में कंपनी अपने शेयरहोल्डर्स से शेयर वापस खरीदती है।

अभ्युदय सहकारी बैंक के निदेशक मंडल को भंग रखने की अवधि बढ़ी

बैंक का प्रशासन 2027 तक आरबीआई के नियुक्त प्रशासक के अधीन रहेगा

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भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक (आरबीआई) ने मुंबई स्थित अभ्युदय सहकारी बैंक के निदेशक मंडल को भंग रखने की अवधि एक और साल के लिए बढ़ा दी है। यह विस्तार 24 नवंबर, 2026 से प्रभावी होगा, जिससे बैंक का प्रशासन 2027 तक आरबीआई के नियुक्त प्रशासक के अधीन रहेगा। केंद्रीय बैंक ने खराब प्रशासनिक मानकों के चलते यह कदम उठाया है। आरबीआई ने जारी बयान में कहा कि समीक्षा के बाद वह इस नतीजे पर पहुंचा है कि सार्वजनिक हित में बैंक के निदेशक मंडल को भंग रखने की अवधि बढ़ाना जरूरी है। गौरतलब है कि बैंक में खराब प्रशासनिक मानकों से जुड़ी गंभीर चिंताओं के कारण आरबीआई ने नवंबर, 2023 में उसके निदेशक मंडल को हटाकर प्रशासक नियुक्त किया था। यह तीसरी बार है जब निदेशक मंडल की बहाली को टाला गया है। भारतीय स्टेट बैंक (एसबीआई) के पूर्व मुख्य महाप्रबंधक सत्य प्रकाश पाठक प्रशासक के रूप में बने रहेंगे, जिन्हें मौजूदा सलाहकार समिति के सदस्य वेंकटेश हेगड़े, देवेंद्र कुमार और सुहास गोखले सहयोग देंगे।

डीजीटीआर ने चार देशों से एल्यूमीनियम उत्पादों की डंपिंग की जांच शुरू की

वाणिज्य मंत्रालय की इकाई ने घरेलू उत्पादकों को राहत देने के लिए स्वतः संज्ञान लिया

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वाणिज्य मंत्रालय की जांच इकाई, व्यापार उपचार महानिदेशालय (डीजीटीआर) ने चीन, मलेशिया, वियतनाम और थाईलैंड से आयातित एल्यूमीनियम उत्पादों की कथित डंपिंग के खिलाफ स्वतः संज्ञान लेते हुए जांच शुरू कर दी है। इस पहल का मुख्य उद्देश्य घरेलू सूक्ष्म, लघु एवं मझोले उद्यमों को इन सस्ते आयातों से होने वाले नुकसान से बचाना है। आमतौर पर ऐसी जांच घरेलू उत्पादकों के आवेदन पर शुरू होती है, लेकिन उद्योगों के पास अक्सर आवश्यक जानकारी और विशेषज्ञता की कमी होती है। इसी वजह से डीजीटीआर ने स्वयं इस मामले को उठाया है। एल्यूमीनियम एक्सट्रूजन मैन्युफैक्चरर्स एसोसिएशन ऑफ इंडिया (एलेमाई), जो 228 निर्माताओं का प्रतिनिधित्व करता है, के अभ्यावेदनों के आधार पर महानिदेशालय ने पाया कि डंपिंग के कारण आयात में उल्लेखनीय वृद्धि हुई है और इससे घरेलू उद्योग को नुकसान हो रहा है। जांच के दायरे में खिड़कियों, दरवाजों, सौर ऊर्जा संयंत्रों की संरचनाओं, फर्नीचर और साइकिल के पुर्जों जैसे औद्योगिक एवं इंजीनियरिंग क्षेत्रों में उपयोग होने वाले विभिन्न एल्यूमीनियम उत्पाद शामिल हैं। डीजीटीआर डंपिंग के अस्तित्व, उसकी मात्रा और घरेलू उद्योग पर उसके प्रभाव का पता लगाएगा। यदि डंपिंग साबित होती है, तो महानिदेशालय घरेलू उद्योग को हुए नुकसान की भरपाई के लिए डंपिंग-रोधी शुल्क लगाने की सिफारिश करेगा। इस पर अंतिम निर्णय वित्त मंत्रालय लेगा। विश्व व्यापार संगठन के नियमों के तहत, देश अपने घरेलू उद्योगों को अनुचित प्रतिस्पर्धा से बचाने के लिए ऐसे शुल्क लगा सकते हैं। भारत पहले भी चीन सहित विभिन्न देशों से आने वाले कई उत्पादों पर डंपिंग-रोधी शुल्क लगा चुका है।

दिवाली पर ग्राहकों ने क्विक कॉमर्स प्लेटफॉर्म्स पर की ताबड़तोड़ खरीदारी

मिठाइयों, दीयों और सोने के सिक्कों की घर बैठे डिलीवरी



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इस दिवाली पारंपरिक बाजारों की भीड़ से बचकर लोगों ने घर बैठे त्योहार की खरीदारी को प्राथमिकता दी। क्विक कॉमर्स प्लेटफॉर्म्स ने इस साल दिवाली पर शानदार कारोबार दर्ज किया, जो ग्राहकों की अंतिम समय की जरूरतों को पूरा करने में सफल रहे। स्विगी इंस्टामार्ट और जेप्टो जैसे प्लेटफॉर्म्स पर मिठाइयों से लेकर सजावट के सामान तक की खूब बिक्री हुई, जिससे ऑनलाइन डिलीवरी का महत्व रोजमर्रा की जरूरतों से कहीं आगे निकल गया है।

जेप्टो के आंकड़ों के अनुसार, इस दिवाली फेस्टिव हैम्पर के ऑर्डरों में पिछले साल के मुकाबले तीन गुना वृद्धि हुई। ग्राहकों ने लगभग 4.68 लाख दीयों का ऑर्डर दिया, जबकि फूलों और मालाओं की मांग ढाई गुना बढ़ी। मिठाइयों में लड्डू ने ऑर्डर संख्या में बढ़त बनाई, वहीं कुल मात्रा के लिहाज से सोन पापड़ी सबसे आगे रही। स्विगी इंस्टामार्ट पर भी खरीदारी में अच्छी तेजी दिखी, जहां पार्टी की तैयारी के सामान में सालाना आधार पर 162 फीसदी और स्नैक्स की मांग में 42 फीसदी की बढ़ोतरी दर्ज की गई। मिठाइयों में काजू कतली ग्राहकों की पहली पसंद बनी रही। दिलचस्प बात यह है कि दिवाली की शाम डाइट कोक इंस्टामार्ट पर सबसे ज्यादा बिकने वाला गैर-किराने का उत्पाद रहा।

टेनेको क्लीन एयर इंडिया करेगा रणनीतिक विस्तार

कंपनी रेलवे, वैमानिकी और रक्षा जैसे औद्योगिक क्षेत्रों में तलाश रही है अवसर

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वाहन कलपुर्जे बनाने वाली अग्रणी कंपनी टेनेको क्लीन एयर इंडिया अब ऑटोमोबाइल क्षेत्र से आगे अपने कारोबार का विस्तार करने की योजना बना रही है। कंपनी इसके लिए अधिग्रहण के अवसरों की तलाश में है ताकि रेलवे, वैमानिकी और रक्षा जैसे औद्योगिक क्षेत्रों में अपनी पैठ बना सके।

टेनेको क्लीन एयर इंडिया अपने कारोबार में विविधता लाने और उसे बढ़ाने के लिए अधिग्रहण पर ध्यान केंद्रित कर रही है। कंपनी के एक अधिकारी ने बताया कि वे संबंधित क्षेत्रों के साथ-साथ अन्य नए क्षेत्रों में भी विविधीकरण के अवसर तलाश रहे हैं। इसके साथ ही टेनेको ऐसे वाहन उत्पादों का दायरा भी बढ़ाएगी जो किसी एक पावरट्रेन पर निर्भर न हों, बल्कि आंतरिक दहन इंजन (आईसीई, हाइब्रिड और इलेक्ट्रिक वाहन, तीनों में उपयोग किए जा सकें।

चंद्रा ने यह भी बताया कि कंपनी की ऑर्डर बुक बढ़कर 16,500 करोड़ रुपये हो गई है, जो पिछली तिमाही में लगभग 12,000 करोड़ रुपये थी। यह कंपनी की मजबूत स्थिति और विकास क्षमता को दर्शाता है।



रोमांच से भरपूर करियर

एडवेंचर स्पोर्ट्स के प्रति लोगों में बढ़ते क्रेज की वजह से एडवेंचर स्पोर्ट्स इंस्ट्रक्टर इन दिनों डिमांड में हैं। अगर आप भी मौज-मस्ती भरे इस फील्ड में करियर बनाना चाहते हैं, तो जानिए कैसे मिल सकती है एंट्री...

सौरभ का सपना पेंटर बनने का था, जबकि पेरेंट्स चाहते थे कि वह इंजीनियर बने, इसलिए उन्होंने बीटेक किया। लेकिन आज के दौर में सिर्फ डिग्री हासिल कर लेना ही काफी नहीं है। नौकरी तभी मिलेगी, जब आप इंडस्ट्री के पैमाने पर खरा उतरेंगे। कई जगह इंटरव्यू देने के बावजूद सौरभ को जॉब नहीं मिल सकी है। दूसरी ओर उनके दोस्त सुमित ने फोटोग्राफी के अपने पैशन को फॉलो किया और आज उसमें काफी अच्छा कर रहे हैं। अब अगर आप भी ट्रेडिशनल फील्ड्स की जगह, अपने च्वाइस के हिसाब से करियर बनाना चाहते हैं, तो आगे बढ़ें। आज उन युवाओं की संख्या बढ़ रही है, जो रिस्क लेकर चैलेंजिंग और लीक से हटकर करियर विकल्प चुन रहे हैं। मसलन, एडवेंचर स्पोर्ट्स। यहां मौज-मस्ती के साथ भरपूर चैलेंज भी है। एडवेंचर टूरिज्म में बूम आने से एडवेंचर स्पोर्ट्स प्रोफेशनल्स की डिमांड बढ़ गई है। नेशनल ज्योग्राफी, डिस्कवरी, एनिमल प्लेनेट जैसे चैनल्स के अलावा, ट्रैवल पोर्टल्स लोगों को एडवेंचर्स हॉलीडे प्लान करने का मौका दे रहे हैं। इस तरह टूरिस्ट्स बढ़ने का मतलब है, जॉब की संख्या बढ़ना। अगर आपको नेचर को एक्सप्लोर करना पसंद है, तो अपनी हॉबी को एक एक्साइटिंग करियर अपॉर्च्युनिटी में तब्दील कर सकते हैं।

स्पेशलाइज्ड फील्ड

अगर आप एडवेंचर स्पोर्ट्स में दिलचस्पी रखते हैं, तो बतौर इंस्ट्रक्टर करियर का आगाज कर सकते हैं। इसमें तीन कैटेगरीज हैं। किसी में भी स्पेशलाइजेशन करना फायदेमंद हो सकता है –

एयर स्पोर्ट्स – आप बंजी जंपिंग, बेस जंपिंग, पैराग्लाइडिंग, आउटडोर क्लाइंबिंग, स्की जंपिंग, स्काई डाइविंग, सर्फिंग आदि में करियर बना सकते हैं।

लैंड स्पोर्ट्स – आप माउंटेन बाइकिंग, स्पीड बाइकिंग, ट्रैकिंग, रॉक क्लाइंबिंग, स्केट बोर्डिंग, फ्रीस्टाइल स्कीइंग, एडवेंचर रेसिंग में आगे बढ़ सकते हैं।

वॉटर स्पोर्ट्स – इसके तहत आप जेट स्कीइंग, क्लिफ डाइविंग, स्कूबा डाइविंग, पॉवरबोटिंग, कायाकिंग, स्पीड सेलिंग, विंड सर्फिंग, वॉटर रॉफ्टिंग आदि कर सकते हैं।

वर्क प्रोफाइल

एडवेंचर स्पोर्ट्स इंस्ट्रक्टर के पास ज्योग्राफिकल एरिया और वहां होने वाली एक्टिविटीज की जानकारी होनी चाहिए। इन्हें गोल्स बनाने से लेकर स्पोर्टिंग एक्टिविटीज के लिए प्लान करना या डिजास्टर मैनेजमेंट की जिम्मेदारी भी निभानी होती है। स्पोर्टिंग एक्टिविटी की रूट प्लानिंग, नैविगेशन और डिटेल्स तैयार करना भी इनका ही काम होता है। इसके लिए कैंपिंग साइट्स और ट्रेनिंग सेंटर्स का एडमिनिस्ट्रेशन इन्हें देखना होता है।

एलिजिबिलिटी

इस फील्ड के लिए किसी विशेष शैक्षिक योग्यता की दरकार नहीं है। आपको सिर्फ हायर सेकंडरी पास करना होगा। लेकिन ग्रेजुएशन करने वालों को प्रिफरेंस मिलती है। इसके अलावा, इंग्लिश या किसी एक फॉरेन लैंग्वेज को जानना आपके लिए जरूरी होगा। जो लोग वॉटर बेस्ड स्पोर्ट्स में जाना चाहते हैं, उनके लिए स्वीमिंग सीखना जरूरी है। इंडिया में कई इंस्टीट्यूट्स एडवेंचर स्पोर्ट्स में डिग्री या डिप्लोमा कोर्स संचालित करते हैं।

करियर ऑप्शंस

एडवेंचर स्पोर्ट्स में आप कई तरह के प्रोफाइल पर काम कर सकते हैं। आप एडवेंचर स्पोर्ट्स इंस्ट्रक्टर के अलावा वाइल्ड लाइफ ऐंड ट्रैवल फोटोग्राफर, एडवेंचर स्पोर्ट्स एथलीट, एडवेंचर स्पोर्ट्स फोटोग्राफर, एडवेंचर टूरिज्म फैसिलिटेटर, वाइल्ड लाइफ ऐंड फॉरेस्ट टूरिज्म, नेचुरलिस्ट, कंजर्वेशनलिस्ट, एडवेंचर कैंप कंट्रोलर, एक्स्ट्रीम स्पोर्ट्स एथलीट, वॉटर ऐंड एरो स्पोर्ट्स स्पेशलिस्ट, एडवेंचर टूर गाइड, ट्रेकिंग ऐंड माउंटेन गाइड आदि के तौर पर करियर बना सकते हैं। कई ट्रैवल ऐंड टूरिज्म एजेंसीज में लायजन ऑफिसर्स की भी बहुत मांग होती है।

कहां है स्कोप

टूरिज्म सेक्टर में यंग टेक्निकल प्रोफेशनल्स के आने से कई तरह के बदलाव आए हैं। लोगों में छुट्टियों को एक नए रोमांचक अंदाज में बिताने का ट्रेंड बढ़ा है। जाहिर है, एडवेंचर स्पोर्ट्स प्रोफेशनल्स की डिमांड भी बढ़ी है। आप स्पोर्ट्स सेंटर्स, एथलेटिक क्लब्स, ट्रैवल ऐंड टूरिज्म एजेंसीज, कॉमर्शियल री-क्रिएशन सेंटर, हॉलीडे रिजॉर्ट, एजुकेशनल इंस्टीट्यूट्स के अलावा खुद का एडवेंचर स्पोर्ट्स सेंटर खोल सकते हैं या फ्रीलांसर के तौर पर भी करियर की शुरुआत कर सकते हैं।

सैलरी पैकेज

वैसे तो एडवेंचर स्पोर्ट्स के प्रोफेशनल्स को उनकी स्पेशलाइजेशन के आधार पर सैलरी मिलती है, लेकिन एक कोच या इंस्ट्रक्टर को शुरुआत में करीब 20 हजार रुपये प्रतिमाह मिलते हैं, जबकि एक्सपीरियंस के साथ इनकी सैलरी 40 हजार के आसपास हो जाती है।





ऑफिस में पहनें सोबर परिधान

आज के युग में घर पर रहने वाली नारी भी सजग है कि उसे ढंग से तैयार रहना है और बाहर जाते समय वह विशेष तौर पर सचेत रहती है। ऑफिस जाने वाली महिलाओं को तो कुछ विशेष ही सोचना पड़ता है कि वे क्या पहनें जिससे उनकी लुक सोबर दिखाई दे क्योंकि उसे तो प्रतिदिन उन्हीं लोगों के साथ उठना-बैठना है। वे नहीं चाहतीं कि वे हंसी का पात्र बनें। प्रतिदिन की इस दुविधा कि कल क्या पहनूं से बचने के लिए रात्रि में सोने से पहले ही सोच लें तो कम परेशानियों का सामना करना पड़ेगा।

1 दफ्तर के वातावरण को नजर में रखते हुए अपने कपड़ों का चयन करें जिससे आपके पद की गरिमा भी बनी रह सके।
2 कामकाजी महिलाओं के लिए उचित परिधान साड़ी और सलवार- कमीज ही हैं। अविवाहित लड़कियां जींस, पैंट और टॉप भी पहन सकती हैं, वातावरण के अनुसार।
3 परिधान वही पहनें जिससे आपके व्यक्तित्व में निखार आए, केवल फैशन के लिए परिधान का चयन न करें।
4 कपड़े आकर्षक पहनें। इसका अर्थ यह नहीं कि अधिक महंगे कपड़े ही आकर्षक होते हैं। रंगों और फिटिंग पर पूरा ध्यान दें। अच्छी फिटिंग का कपड़ा आपके व्यक्तित्व को और निखारता है चाहे वह अधिक महंगा न हो।
5 ड्राइक्लीनिंग वाले परिधानों को रोजमर्रा में कम से कम पहनें क्योंकि ऐसे कपड़े बहुत महंगे पड़ते हैं और जरा-सा दाग लगने पर ड्राइक्लीनर के पास भेजने पड़ते हैं।
6 कामकाजी महिलाओं को घर पर आराम से धुलने वाले वस्त्रों को ही पहनना चाहिए।
7 जो भी परिधान पहनें आरामदायक होना चाहिए। उसे पहन कर असुविधा नहीं होनी चाहिए।
8 मौसम के अनुसार ही कपड़ों, गहनों और सौंदर्य प्रसाधन सामग्री का चयन करें। ग्रीष्म ऋतु में सूती और हल्के रंगों के वस्त्र अच्छे लगते हैं। शीत ऋतु में सिल्क, स्पन और गाढ़े रंगों के वस्त्र शोभा देते हैं। वर्षा ऋतु में अधिक पतले और चिपकने वाले वस्त्र न पहनें।
9 कामकाजी महिलाओं के वस्त्र अधिक खुले और अधिक तंग अच्छे नहीं लगते। कपड़ों की सिलाई ऐसी हो कि आप अपने शरीर को सुविधानुसार आसानी से मोड़ सकें। अधिक तंग वस्त्र रक्त संचालन में भी बाधा उत्पन्न करते हैं।
10 छुट्टी वाले दिन अपने कपड़ों को जांच-परख कर प्रैस करवा कर अलमारी में लगाएं ताकि काम पर जाते समय परेशानी न उठानी पड़ जाए।
11 साड़ी पहनने पर पल्लू को अच्छी तरह से पिन अप कर लें ताकि आने-जाने और काम के समय पल्लू बार-बार संभालना न पड़े।
12 कमीज और ब्लाऊज के गले अधिक नीचे तक न पहनें। सलवार-कमीज पहनते समय चुन्नी सही ढंग से बांध लें।

एजुकेशन लोन सपने करें साकार

हायर स्टडी लगातार महंगी होती जा रही है। हर स्टूडेंट का यह सपना होता है किसी अच्छे कॉलेज में पढ़ें या अब्रॉड जाकर स्टडी करे, लेकिन जब इस तरह की स्टडी के खर्चों पर नजर जाती है तो यह हिम्मत जवाब देने लगती है। ऐसे में एजुकेशन लोन बड़ा सहारा बन कर आता है। हालांकि यह आसानी से नहीं मिलता और सही एमाउंट का लोन मिल जाए, इसके लिए थोड़ी मशक्कत करनी पड़ती है।



लोन की शर्तें

एजुकेशन लोन किसी ऐसे किसी भी स्टूडेंट को मिल सकता है जो 16 से 35 वर्ष का हो, भारतीय नागरिक हो और किसी इंस्टीट्यूट में उसका एडमिशन कन्फर्म हो चुका हो। इसके अलावा, बैंक कुछ और शर्तें भी लगा सकते हैं, जैसे-इंस्टीट्यूट बैंक की रिकग्नाइज्ड लिस्ट में हो, स्टूडेंट का एकेडमिक रिकॉर्ड अच्छा हो, उसके एजुकेशन के दौरान कोई गैप न हो और उसके पैरेंट्स या गार्जियन की इनकम का एक नियमित स्रोत हो। बैंकों की रिकग्नाइज्ड लिस्ट में वे इंस्टीट्यूट ही होते हैं जो यूजीसी या एआईसीटीई से मान्यता प्राप्त होते हैं।



कवर होने वाले खर्च

एजुकेशन लोन आमतौर पर ट्यूशन फीस, एक्जामिनेशन फीस, हॉस्टल फीस और कैंटीन फीस के लिए मिलता है। कुछ बैंक टेक्स्ट बुक इंस्ट्रूमेंट और इक्विपमेंट के खर्चों को भी लोन में शामिल कर लेते हैं और अब्रॉड स्टडी के मामले में कुछ बैंक एक तरफ के हवाई टिकट खर्च को भी इसमें शामिल करते हैं। एजुकेशन लोन उन कोर्सेज के लिए दिया जाता है जो 12 महीने से ज्यादा के होते हैं। आमतौर पर बैंक पार्ट-टाइम, कॉरेस्पॉन्डेंस या ऑनलाइन प्रोग्राम के लिए लोन नहीं देते। अगर किसी का बैंक से अच्छा रिलेशन है तो वह इसे हासिल कर सकता है। कुछ?बैंक कई पार्ट-टाइम कोर्स के लिए भी लोन देते हैं।

लोन की वापसी

यह हर बैंक के अपने नियम-कायदे पर निर्भर करता है। कुछ बैंक स्टडी पूरी होते ही तत्काल लोन चुकाने की शर्त रखते हैं यानी इसके बाद आपकी ईएमआई तुरंत शुरू हो जाती है। इसी तरह, कुछ बैंक पढ़ाई के बाद कुछ साल का गैप देते हैं ताकि इस दौरान आपको नौकरी मिल जाए और आप आसानी से ईएमआई दे सकें।

जरूरी दस्तावेज

एजुकेशन लोन लेने के लिए स्टूडेंट की आइडेंडिटी, एज, एकेडमिक रिकॉर्ड और एड्रेस प्रूफ लिया जाता है। उसके गार्जियन या पैरेंट्स (जो को-एप्लीकेंट्स होते हैं) के साथ उसके रिलेशन, उनके इनकम और एड्रेस का प्रूफ लिया जाता है। इसके अलावा, इंस्टीट्यूट्स के एडमिशन लेटर की कॉपी भी ली जाती है। अब्रॉड स्टडी के लिए जाने वाले स्टूडेंट को वीजा अप्रूवल, जीआरई, जीमैट आदि के टेस्ट स्कोर और यात्रा संबंधी दस्तावेज की कॉपी जमा करनी पड़ती है। किसी बैंक से एजुकेशन लोन लेने के लिए उसमें एकाउंट रखना जरूरी नहीं होता, लेकिन अगर आपका एकाउंट है तो लोन मिलने में आसानी हो सकती है।

गारंटर की जरूरत

आमतौर पर बैंक भारत में स्टडी करने पर 5 से 15 लाख रुपये और अब्रॉड स्टडी करने पर 20 से 25 लाख रुपये तक का लोन देते हैं। चार लाख रुपये से कम लोन पर गारंटर की जरूरत नहीं होती। इसी तरह, 4 से 7.5 लाख रुपये तक के लोन गारंटर की मदद से ही मिल जाते हैं, लेकिन इससे ज्यादा की राशि के लोन लेने पर बैंक प्रॉपर्टी के कागजात आदि जमानत के रूप में मांगते हैं।

लोन पर ब्याज दर

एजुकेशन लोन पर ब्याज दर आमतौर पर 11 से 14 फीसदी के बीच होती है, लेकिन कुछ बैंक इससे ज्यादा भी ब्याज लेते हैं। कई बैंक गर्ल्स स्टूडेंट के लिए रियायती ब्याज दर रखते हैं। भारतीय स्टेट बैंक एजुकेशन लोन पर सालाना 11.75 से 13.75 परसेंट ब्याज लेता है। इसके अलावा, एसबीआई ने गर्ल्स के लिए स्पेशल एजुकेशन लोन दरें तय कर रखी हैं। निजी क्षेत्र के एचडीएफसी बैंक ने तो एजुकेशन लोन केलिए क्रेडिला नाम की एक अलग सहायक कंपनी ही बना दी है। क्रेडिला एक लाख रुपये से लेकर 20 लाख रुपये तक का एजुकेशन लोन देती है।

ध्यान रहे

- कई बैंक गर्ल्स को लोन कम ब्याज दर पर देते हैं। जैसे एसबीआई में गर्स्न के लिए लोन पर आधा फीसदी कम ब्याकज लिया जाता है।
- फिलहाल बैंक 11.75 से 14.75 फीसदी तक की दर से एजुकेशन लोन दे रहे हैं।
- कई बैंक लोन अमाउंट के 2 परसेंट तक का प्रोसेसिंग फीस भी लेते हैं। - इनकम टैक्स एक्ट 1961 के सेक्शन 80-ई के तहत सभी तरह के स्टू डेंट लोन के ब्याज भुगतान पर टैक्स रीबेट मिलता है।
- बैंक से कोई बात न छुपाएं। आपके पास यदि कोई डॉक्यूमेंट नहीं है तो उसकी असल वजह साफ-साफ बता दें।
- कोई डॉक्यूमेंट मिस न हो] इसके लिए प्रभावी तरीका यह है कि एक चेकलिस्ट बना लें। - एजुकेशन लोन के लिए को-अप्लीकेशन जरूरी होता है, यह को अप्लीकेंट मां-बाप, पति या पत्नील, भाई-बहन हो सकते हैं।

लोन के लिए गोल्डेन टिप्स

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-कई बैंक लोन अमाउंट के 2 परसेंट तक का प्रोसेसिंग फीस भी लेते हैं।
-सभी तरह के स्टूडेंट लोन के ब्याज भुगतान पर टैक्स रिबेट मिलता है।
-कोई डॉक्यूमेंट मिस न हो, इसके लिए एक चेकलिस्ट बना लें।

WTC match-ups, ICC event calendar for 2028-35 on agenda in next board meeting

New Delhi.(Agency)

The World Test Championship match-ups for the 2027-29 and 2029-31 cycles will be proposed while major men's events for 2028-35 are set to be submitted for approval during the International Cricket Council's board meetings which began here on Wednesday.In all, eight ICC Committees will meet across the four-day programme.

Running from Wednesday till November 15, the final set of meetings of 2026 will bring together ICC Board and Committee representatives from around the world.."ICC World Test Championship match-ups will be proposed for the 2027-29 and 2029-31 cycles, while windows for all established ICC major men's events for 2028-35 will be submitted for approval," stated a press release from the world body.Discussions will also include the first feedback from the Franchise League Review Group and Governance Review Committee, which were both established at the ICC Annual Conference in July this year.

"The Franchise League Review Group has set out to consider ways to enhance the current ICC sanctioning framework of regulations that further protect and strengthen the ecosystem to address new challenges arising from the increasing number of franchise leagues," the ICC said.

India snub hit hard, but Suryakumar Yadav is rediscovering love, passion for cricket

New Delhi.(Agency)

Being dropped from the team you once led is never easy. Finding the motivation to pick yourself up and fight your way back can be even harder. For Suryakumar Yadav, the blow was particularly painful. He had captained India to a successful T20 World Cup title defence, only to find himself out of the



national setup a few months later.A prolonged lean patch with the bat eventually cost him his place in the side. The BCCI decided to move on from the former skipper ahead of the England tour, with Shreyas Iyer taking over the leadership responsibilities.The fall from being at the helm of a World Cup-winning side to watching from the sidelines took its toll. But Suryakumar is now beginning to find his feet again, rediscovering the love and passion that first drew him towards the game.

Speaking to the media at a T20 Mumbai League Celebrating the Champions event, as quoted by PTI, the former India captain admitted that the period following India's World Cup triumph had been particularly challenging."Post the T20 World Cup win it has been a little difficult. I don't want to run away from that fact. If you are not honest with yourself, it is very difficult to lead a happy life," Suryakumar said during a T20 Mumbai League Celebrating the Champions event here.

However, life away from the cricket field brought him a new source of happiness.

Hardik Pandya to Punjab Kings, Arshdeep to Mumbai Indians in blockbuster IPL trade deal

Hardik Pandya and Arshdeep Singh have completed a blockbuster IPL trade, swapping Mumbai Indians and Punjab Kings ahead of the new season. What are the other big trade deals in IPL history

Jalandhar.(Agency)

Hardik Pandya and Arshdeep Singh have swapped teams in what is being described as the biggest trade deal in Indian Premier League history. Hardik, the captain of Mumbai Indians, is shifting base to Punjab Kings, while Arshdeep Singh, Punjab Kings' main fast bowler, is moving to Mumbai Indians.The Indian cricket board oficially announced the blockbuster trade early on November 11, confirming that Hardik and Arshdeep had swapped franchises. Both players were valued at Rs 18 crore, making it a direct swap between Mumbai Indians and Punjab Kings, with no additional cash component involved.The valuation marks a change for both players from the previous season. While Arshdeep was retained by Punjab Kings for Rs 18 crore, Hardik was retained by Mumbai Indians for Rs 16.35 crore. The deal completely changes the dynamics of the two sides, with Mumbai now boasting one of the most potent frontline pace attacks in the IPL, while Punjab add to their destructive middle order, led by Shreyas Iyer.The trade deal ends Hardik Pandya's second stint at Mumbai Indians, where he spent three seasons. Hardik's fairytale comeback from Gujarat Titans turned into an absolute disaster, as he simply could not win over the fans.MI supporters did not take the news of Rohit Sharma stepping down from



bottom two in two of the three seasons under Hardik.The player was linked to Chennai Super Kings, Kolkata Knight Riders and Gujarat Titans during this trade window. It was reported that Hardik wanted to return to GT as captain, but the franchise turned the move down. Although they were allegedly happy to have him back as a player, they wanted him to play under the leadership of Shubman Gill.

ARSHDEEP SINGH'S FATHER SPILLS THE BEANS

A day before the trade deal was officially confirmed by the Indian cricket board, Arshdeep Singh's father spilled the beans in an interview with journalist Vimal Kumar.

He said that when he first heard about the possibility of the move, it came as a shock to him as well, given that Punjab Kings was Arshdeep's home. However, he added that he was more than happy with his son moving to Mumbai Indians, where he would get to play alongside his international teammate Jasprit Bumrah.

HARDIK-ARSHDEEP'S IPL NUMBERS

Both Hardik Pandya and Arshdeep Singh are proven performers in the IPL. Hardik has won five IPL titles, four with MI during his first stint and one as captain of Gujarat Titans.

Father used to hum songs, son Aaryavir Sehwag chants Sita Ram on his way to hundred

New Delhi.(Agency)

Virender Sehwag's son Aaryavir has revealed that he chanted the names of Sita and Ram on his way to his first hundred for India in Youth ODIs. Aaryavir, who is opening the batting for India in the U19 Asia Cup 2026, played a sensational knock of 160 runs to guide India to a convincing win against the UAE.It was an important victory for India, who had suffered a big setback against Pakistan earlier in the tournament and needed to return to winning ways in the tricky conditions of Al Amerat.Sent in to bat after losing the toss, Aaryavir had to dig in at the crease and see off the new ball. He gradually picked up the pace, turning a patient start into a commanding innings of 160 runs, the highest individual score in the tournament this season.Speaking after his match-winning knock, Aaryavir revealed how conversations with his father have shaped his approach to batting. He said that while Virender Sehwag used to hum songs at the crease, he has developed his own way of shutting out distractions by chanting 'Sita Ram' while batting.



SEHWAG INSPIRED BATTING ROUTINE

Aaryavir said his father often speaks to him about the mental side of batting and the importance of staying in the present rather than worrying about the outcome of an innings.

Virender, one of India's most destructive opening batters, had his own way of dealing with pressure. Aaryavir, meanwhile, has found comfort in repeating the names of Sita and Ram in his mind whenever he is at the crease.When I talk to my father about the mental aspect of batting, he tells me something that helps me stay in the present moment. He often sings, so there should be some kind of reset button that keeps you focused on the present," Aaryavir said."So, when I'm batting, I keep repeating 'Sita Ram' in my mind so that no other thoughts come in. I focus only on the ball. Then, depending on where the ball lands, I play my shot. I just try to react to the ball rather than think about what I should do in a particular situation, or whether I should score a fifty or a hundred."The approach appeared to work wonderfully against the UAE. Aaryavir was initially happy to spend time at the crease and allow himself to settle before accelerating as the innings progressed.He revealed that he had also spoken to his father the previous night and promised him a big score in the tournament. His first hundred for India in Youth ODIs made that promise even more special.

Meet Ishan Sood: India's U19 pacer taught by his dad, YouTube and ChatGPT

New Delhi.(Agency)

For six to nine months, Ishan Sood bowled one delivery. A good length, aimed at the top of of-stump, the same ball again and again, with a single cricket ball for company. He and his father, Dheeraj, practised nothing else.That patience is now on show at the Under-19 Asia Cup, where the 17-year-old from Morinda, Punjab, has become one of the more interesting young quicks to watch. At 6 feet 4 inches, Ishan has the sort of frame that makes a fast bowler stand out before he has delivered a ball. Eight wickets in three matches tell part of the story. The manner in which he has taken them tells the rest.Against Nepal, he bowled 10 overs, four of them maidens, and conceded just 18 runs for three wickets. Against Pakistan came a disciplined 1 for 36 in nine overs. Against the UAE he produced the best figures of the three: four wickets for 37 runs in seven overs.What catches the eye is the control, more than the height or the bounce. He keeps returning to the corridor of uncertainty, targeting the top of off-stump and making batters play. He can swing the ball both ways. Bowling from a wide angle to a right-hander, he can also straighten it after pitching, which beats most batters at will. There is a useful yorker too. For a young fast bowler, there is already a fair bit to work with.Social media has begun comparing him with Ishant Sharma: the height, the lanky frame, the ball that straightens after pitching. It is an early comparison, and Ishan has a long way to go. But how he got here is the more unusual story.

There is no elaborate coaching set-up and no permanent specialist overseeing every aspect of his bowling. For years it has largely been a two-man operation, Ishan and his father. Their classroom has been the cricket ground, but also YouTube, Google, social media and, more recently, ChatGPT.They watch, research, swap videos and talk it through. A particular



delivery catches their attention, and they work out how it is bowled, when it can be used and whether it might suit Ishan. Sometimes it is a bowling variation. At other times it could be a gym exercise, a nutritional requirement or a technical adjustment."We rely a lot on social media, YouTube, Google and ChatGPT. We research things and discuss them with each other. We share videos, point out what a particular bowler is doing and work out what we need to learn or practise," Dheeraj tells IndiaToday.in.

No need for backup plan: F1 finale to go ahead in Qatar and Abu Dhabi

Formula 1 is increasingly confident that its 2026 season will conclude in Qatar and Abu Dhabi despite tensions in the Middle East. The championship has dropped Imola as a backup venue after informing the Italian circuit that it will not host the season finale.

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Formula 1 is preparing to bring its 2026 season to a close in the Middle East, with the governing body confident that the Qatar and Abu Dhabi Grands Prix will go ahead despite the ongoing tensions in the region.The status of the two races had been uncertain since the Iran war forced changes to the F1 calendar, with the Bahrain Grand Prix moved to Malaysia and the Saudi Arabian Grand Prix cancelled. With security concerns continuing to cast a shadow over the Middle East races, F1 had also explored the possibility of using Italy's Imola circuit as a backup venue for the season finale.However, those contingency plans have now been dropped, with F1 informing Imola and the teams that there will be no race at the Italian circuit, according to a person familiar with the matter who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

The latest development suggests that F1 is increasingly confident about completing its season as originally planned, with the championship set to conclude with back-to-back races in Qatar and Abu Dhabi.FIA president Mohammed Ben Sulayem also struck a confident note, saying that preparations for the two races were progressing as planned."The countdown is on," Ben



Sulayem said in a post on Instagram. "We are ready for Qatar and Abu Dhabi. We are fully prepared and committed to delivering two outstanding Grand Prix weekends and a spectacular conclusion to the FIA Formula One World Championship."He added that the FIA was working closely with its partners to ensure everything was in place for the drivers, teams and fans. However, he did not provide specific details about the security arrangements.

F1 DROPS IMOLA BACKUP PLAN

Imola had emerged as a potential alternative after uncertainty surrounding the Middle East races forced F1 to explore contingency options. The Italian circuit hosted the Emilia Romagna Grand Prix until 2025 but was not part of the 2026 calendar.

F1 had begun preliminary preparations with local authorities at Imola, keeping the circuit available in case the situation in the Middle East deteriorated. However, with the decision deadline approaching, the championship has now informed the circuit that its services will not be required.The decision does not mean F1 will proceed with the Middle East races regardless of the security situation. Safety concerns remain a priority, and the possibility of a late change cannot be entirely ruled out if conditions worsen. All 11 teams have supported the decision to stick with the planned schedule, according to Reuters.

THREE RACES LEFT IN THE 2026 F1 SEASON

The 2026 Formula 1 season has three races remaining, beginning with the Las Vegas Grand Prix on November 21. The championship will then head to Qatar on November 29 before concluding at the Yas Marina Circuit in Abu Dhabi on December 6.

Manchester United and Mauricio Pochettino: Has the moment finally arrived

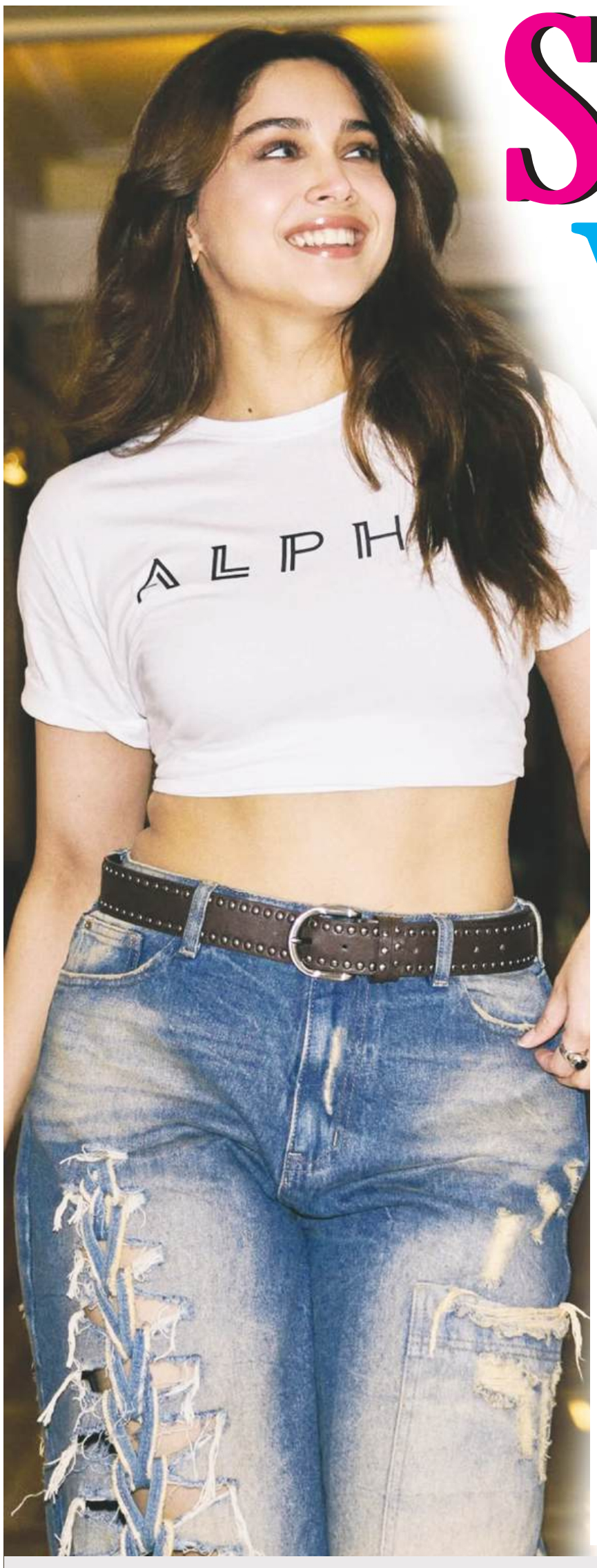
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"Football is timing. It's the moments for it to coincide and for that marriage to happen."Sometimes it's just a



matter of timing. I don't believe that trains pass just once."These were the words of Mauricio Pochettino back in 2022, when he was asked about the possibility of taking charge of Manchester United. Four years later, it seems that the train has pulled into his station once again.United are in turmoil on the pitch, having managed just one win in their last 10 Premier League matches. They find themselves 18th in the standings and inside the relegation zone, with Michael Carrick increasingly coming under scrutiny. The pressure is mounting, and it appears that the club could be preparing to make another change in the dugout.

Reports suggest United are ready to part ways with Carrick and use the ongoing international break to assess potential replacements. Eddie Howe, Julian Nagelsmann and Antonio Conte are among the names being linked with the job, but Pochettino has emerged as a leading contender.The Argentine is currently in charge of the United States national team, but reports suggest he could be open to a return to club football, particularly if the opportunity to take over at Old Traford presents itself. United could also have a route to securing his services, with an escape clause reportedly included in his contract, which runs until 2030.But this is about more than contractual convenience or the availability of a manager.



Sharvari Wagh

Dances With Madhuri Dixit To Yeh Prem Mol Liya Title Track, Fans Call It 'Iconic'



Filmmaker Sooraj Barjatya is returning to the big screen with Yeh Prem Mol Liya, a musical family entertainer starring Ayushmann Khurrana and Sharvari. The film, backed by Rajshri Productions and Mahaveer Jain Films, is set to arrive in theatres on November 27, 2026. Its title track features the lead pair and offers a glimpse into the film's romantic, music-driven world. Ahead of the release, Sharvari shared a special video featuring none other than Madhuri Dixit, as the two danced to the film's title track.

Sharvari and Madhuri Dixit unite for a dreamy dance video

Calling the experience of dancing with her idol "surreal" and "so special", Sharvari expressed her gratitude for Madhuri Dixit's affection. The moment also brought back memories of Madhuri's association with Barjatya's Hum Aapke Hain Koun..! (1994), one of Hindi cinema's most celebrated musical romances. In the video, Sharvari and Madhuri are seen dancing together to the title track of Yeh Prem Mol Liya, with the two matching steps in a special moment that brings together two generations of Rajshri heroines. The clip ends with Sharvari hugging Madhuri, visibly celebrating the opportunity to share the dance floor with her idol.While sharing the video on Instagram, Sharvari wrote, "So honoured to receive this much prem from one of the OG Rajshri heroines of Sooraj Barjatya sir.. the one and only Madhuri Dixit ma'am. Getting to dance alongside my idol feels surreal and soooo special. Thankyou ma'am, you are the best! Hum Aapke Hain Kaun #YehPremMolLiya… In theatres 27th Nov 2026." Have a look:Soon after she shared the video, fans were seen going gaga over the two. One fan wrote, "Too much of beauty and grace in one frame." Another fan wrote, "She is real golden girl and dhak dhak girl actress best actress." A third fan wrote, "Madhuri ji came for the final 20 seconds and just stole the show… One just can't take their eyes off her Expressions, Grace, Dance…..THE OG QUEEN." One of the comments read, "Iconic." Others were seen dropping red heart emojis. Ayushmann Khurrana also wrote, "Wow," as he reacted to the dance video.

Karan Johar Celebrates 10 Years Of Ae Dil Hai Mushkil In Special Post: 'Will Always Be A Personal Story To Me'



Filmmaker Karan Johar took to social media to celebrate 10 years of his romantic drama 'Ae Dil Hai Mushkil.'He described the film as a deeply personal story inspired by his own experiences of love, longing and heartbreak. Taking to Instagram, Karan posted a video from the movie and wrote, "Ae dil hai mushkil… will always be a personal story to me… a cumulation of many pieces of my pursuits of love and longing and perhaps also many of my own heartbreaks … at possibly one of the most vulnerable moments of my life I realised that one sided love did not need remorse or sympathy… it didn't warrant pain or empathy… all it needed was deep and intense understanding that the power of love is so much larger than the reciprocation of the same…"

"You don't need to have someone love you back to empower yourself – the feeling itself is so awakening and so so powerful! Loving someone has to be an act of selflessness and we as a community of lovers have to disassociate the "I" in " I love You" Selflessness is where true love truly resides…That feeling made me tell this story," he added. Karan went on to state, "I do admit that it wasn't without its flaws and had several polarised responses … especially to its third act…. BUT truth be told I would have still told it the same way even today, with its flaws… with its perceived imperfections…""No art can be perfect and all interpretation is welcome but conviction has to trump all logic and sensibility when you want to be an unabashed story teller. I am so eternally grateful to Ranbir, Anushka, Aishwarya and Fawad who allowed me my vision and gave me their glorious and supremely talented interpretation of the same! I thank the cast and crew of ADHM for creating the perfect "Vatavaran" on set…"10 years ago we told a story about unrequited love. The essence of our story was " ek tarfa pyaar" but the love we have towards all the lovers of our love story is unconditional….Love you all from the bottom of our hearts…Accha chalta hoon… duaon mein yaad rakhna," he concluded.The video shared by Karan features scenes of Ranbir Kapoor's character Ayan alongside Anushka Sharma and Aishwarya Rai Bachchan from the film.

'Salman Khan Came To Our Set Without Security, I Got Scared': Nyrraa Banerji Recalls First Meeting



Actress Nyrraa Banerji recently recalled her first meeting with Bollywood superstar Salman Khan, revealing that she was so nervous when he approached her that she started walking in the opposite direction. The actress, who is currently seen in Story TV's Premkatha alongside Karam Rajpal, shared the memorable experience from the time she was shooting for a film directed by Priyadarshan.Recalling the incident in an interview, Nyrraa said she met Salman long before her stint on Bigg Boss, when the superstar was shooting for Dabangg on a set opposite hers. "I met Salman sir way before Bigg Boss, while I was shooting for Priyadarshan's film and Salman sir was shooting for Dabangg right opposite us. I got to know that he was shooting next door, and I got so excited that I requested Priyan sir to let me meet him. Salman sir agreed immediately and came without his security towards my set. I went halfway to meet him," she said.Despite being excited about meeting the superstar, Nyrraa admitted that she became nervous when she saw him approaching her. The actress revealed that she even started walking away, prompting her team to encourage her to speak to him.

"I got so scared that I started walking in the opposite direction. My team told me, 'Please go and talk to him.' He spoke to me so politely, wished me luck for my film, and cut to Bigg Boss, where we met again, and he still remembered meeting me," she recalled.On the work front, Nyrraa is currently seen playing Katha in Story TV's Premkatha, which also stars Karam Rajpal as Prem. The microdrama blends romance, revenge and unexpected revelations against the colourful backdrop of Gujarat. Nyrraa's character is the fearless daughter of a dreaded don who falls in love with Prem, a humble truck driver who repeatedly comes to her rescue. Their relationship soon triggers a fierce battle between rival crime families, while secrets surrounding Jai's true identity threaten to change the course of their lives.



Janhvi Kapoor

Addresses Peddi Controversy; Alia Bhatt 'Likes' Rashmika Mandanna's Post

Janhvi Kapoor has opened up about the controversy surrounding Peddi, acknowledging the concerns over the film's portrayal of women. During a recent episode of Koffee With Karan (KWK), the actress reflected on the criticism, her own responsibility and whether she could have done more to address the concerns. Describing her experience during the shoot, Janhvi stated, "It was a violating experience in a way." She also admitted that she experienced "discomfort throughout shooting".

Alia Bhatt has caught netizens' attention after liking Rashmika Mandanna's social media post defending her marriage to Vijay Deverakonda amid online trolling. Rashmika addressed the backlash following the couple's appearance on Koffee With Karan Season 9, where Vijay's remarks about their marriage sparked criticism. In her lengthy note, Rashmika defended her husband, saying she would choose him "a thousand times" and that their relationship was their personal decision. Now, Alia's gesture is being interpreted by some as support for the couple.Sai Pallavi, who will soon be seen playing Sita in Nitesh Tiwari's Ramayana, has shared her perspective on the lessons audiences can take away from the epic. The actress was recently speaking at the film's world premiere in Los Angeles when she said the story encourages people to introspect, recognise the good and bad within themselves, and work towards becoming better over time. "Try to introspect, and see what good and bad exists in you, and you learn to correct yourself over time. Because Ravana is not all bad," she said. Her comment has sparked mixed reactions online.Varun Dhawan has opened up about his fallout with filmmaker Karan Johar during a recent episode of Koffee With Karan. The actor revealed that the producer-director had stopped responding to his calls or messages following a disagreement over a film's release date. During the conversation, Varun explained that Karan had suddenly stopped communicating with him, leaving him unaware that the filmmaker was upset with him. Janhvi Kapoor then reminded Varun that he had called Karan a child. However, the actor maintained that he did not believe his remark was offensive.Veteran actress Zeenat Aman has opened up about being labelled a 'sex symbol' during her career. In her recent post on Instagram, she reflected on how her public image differed from her private personality. The 'Satyam Shivam Sundaram' actress said that while she embraced her work in cinema, the woman behind the camera-ready persona was quite the opposite — private by nature, somewhat introverted, and happiest when immersed in her work.





NSG to Introduce New Breathable Uniforms for Black Cat Commandos

After Commando Collapses in 44°C Heat, NSG Plans Breathable New Uniforms

News Desk: The National Security Guard (NSG) has decided to introduce lighter and more breathable uniforms for its elite Black Cat commandos deployed on VIP protection duties, following concerns over heat-related exhaustion among personnel operating in extreme weather conditions.

The proposed uniform will be made from a specialised fabric known as NYCO, a blend of nylon and cotton, designed to allow better air circulation and moisture vapour to pass through, helping commandos remain comfortable during prolonged outdoor deployments.

The decision follows an incident in April this year in Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh, when an NSG commando assigned to the close protection team of Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu collapsed while on duty amid temperatures approaching 44 degrees Celsius.

Videos of the incident, which subsequently circulated widely on social media, showed the commando suddenly fainting while standing alongside the Chief Minister during a media interaction. Other security personnel rushed to support him.

Heavy protective gear adds to heat stress

The incident prompted senior commanders of the NSG's Close Protection Force (CPF) and experts at its headquarters to review the physical challenges faced by personnel deployed for VIP security.

The existing black overalls worn by the commandos absorb considerable heat. The situation becomes more challenging because personnel must also wear bulletproof jackets weighing approximately six kilograms and carry firearms and communication equipment. Black berets and other protective accessories add to their operational burden.



Commandos often remain stationed outdoors for extended periods at public events, political gatherings, airports and other crowded locations. Under extreme temperatures, prolonged exposure to heat, combined with heavy protective equipment, can lead to exhaustion and heat-related medical emergencies.

NYCO fabric recommended for new uniforms

Following an assessment, the NSG has recommended NYCO fabric for the proposed uniforms of its VIP protection personnel.

The nylon-cotton blend combines the durability of nylon with the comfort of cotton. Its breathable properties allow air and moisture vapour to pass through the fabric, helping reduce heat accumulation and improve comfort during prolonged duty.

The material is already used by the Central Reserve Police Force's CoBRA commandos, who specialise in jungle warfare and frequently operate in difficult terrain and challenging climatic conditions.

According to reports based on security establishment sources, trials of the proposed uniforms have been completed, and the NSG is expected to procure the material shortly.

The new uniforms are expected to be introduced before the announcement of Assembly elections in five states — Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Punjab, Manipur and Goa — where several NSG-protected personalities are likely to participate in election campaigns.

VIP protection personnel to benefit

The NSG is a specialised federal force mandated to undertake counter-terrorism, anti-hijacking and other high-risk security operations. Apart from its primary counter-terrorism responsibilities, it also provides close protection to selected high-risk individuals.

Its VIP protection responsibilities are handled by dedicated Special Ranger Groups, whose personnel are drawn from various Central Armed Police Forces and undergo specialised training before deployment.

The force currently provides Z-plus category security to nine prominent political leaders and public figures, including Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, former Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Mayawati, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, veteran BJP leader L.K. Advani and National Conference president Farooq Abdullah.

The proposed uniform upgrade reflects a growing recognition that the effectiveness of specialised security personnel depends not only on weapons, protective equipment and training but also on their ability to operate comfortably under increasingly demanding climatic conditions.

The immediate focus is on improving the comfort and endurance of commandos without compromising their operational requirements.

CCL Honours Departments for Promoting Hindi in Official Work



Ranchi: Central Coalfields Limited (CCL) held the quarterly meeting of its Official Language Implementation Committee at Darbhanga House, Ranchi, on Wednesday. The meeting was chaired by Director (Personnel) Harsh Nath Mishra and attended by heads of departments, general managers and official language nodal officers.

General Manager (Official Language) Ashok Kumar welcomed the participants, while Deputy Manager Divik Divesh presented a report on the progress and activities undertaken during the previous quarter to promote the use of Hindi in official work.

Addressing the meeting, Mishra stressed that Hindi should become an integral part of CCL's work culture rather than remain a mere formal requirement. He said its wider use would simplify administrative processes and improve communication. He urged officers and employees to use Hindi regularly in their day-to-day official work.

Ashok Kumar also emphasised the importance of making Hindi simpler and more accessible in administrative functioning. During the meeting, various departments and areas were honoured for their outstanding performance, innovative initiatives and efforts in implementing the official language.

The meeting concluded with a commitment to further strengthen the use of Hindi across CCL. Divik Divesh proposed the vote of thanks.

'Digital Arrest' Scam: Retired Teacher Loses Rs 1.23 Crore in Five-Day

RNS: A retired woman teacher in Haryana's Kaithal district lost Rs 1.23 crore, her entire life savings, after cybercriminals allegedly kept her under 'digital arrest' for five days through continuous video calls.

Posing as police officers, lawyers and a judge, the fraudsters told her that suspicious transactions worth crores had taken place in her bank account and an arrest warrant had been issued against her. They threatened her with arrest, barred her from contacting anyone and staged a mock online court hearing to make the allegations appear genuine.

Under their pressure, the woman transferred around Rs 1.23 crore to accounts the accused claimed belonged to the government. The fraud highlights the growing menace of digital arrest scams targeting unsuspecting people through impersonation and threats of legal action.

Diwali Smog Travels to Lahore? Pakistan Blames India for Rising Air Pollution

News Desk: Pakistan has blamed smoke from Diwali celebrations in India for worsening air pollution in Lahore, claiming that light winds carried pollutants across the international border. However, an independent assessment by the Pakistan Air Quality Initiative (PAQI) has questioned the allegation, saying there is insufficient scientific evidence to establish that fireworks were responsible for the deterioration in air quality.



Pakistan's Punjab Environment Protection Minister Marriyum Aurangzeb attributed the worsening smog partly to Diwali fireworks in India's Punjab region. The provincial government claimed that smoke from areas around Amritsar, nearly 50 km from Lahore, could reach the Pakistani city within five to 13 hours, depending on wind speed and direction.

Lahore has been battling severe air pollution, with Swiss monitoring organisation IQAir ranking it the world's most polluted major city for two consecutive days this week. The city's pollution levels have been aggravated by vehicle emissions, industrial activity, agricultural burning and unfavourable weather conditions.

A PAQI assessment released on November 10 found that 45 of the 48 air-mass trajectories reaching Lahore, Kasur and Sialkot between November 8 and 10 had passed over Indian territory during the preceding 12 hours. Amritsar, Tarn Taran and Jammu featured among the areas crossed by these air currents. However, the report cautioned that the movement of air from India did not establish that Diwali fireworks caused the pollution spike.

Lahore recorded an average PM2.5 concentration of 234 micrograms per cubic metre between November 8 evening and November 10, around 10 per cent higher than the average for the corresponding period over the previous seven days. Pollution also rose sharply in other Pakistani cities, with Faisalabad and Multan registering increases of around 40 per cent, while Kasur and Sialkot recorded rises of 27 and 33 per cent, respectively.

The report identified agricultural residue burning in Pakistan's Punjab province as another significant contributor. Satellite observations detected 16,714 potential crop-burning incidents between October 1 and November 9. It also found that Lahore's average PM2.5 level was substantially higher on days when air currents passed over areas reporting agricultural fires.

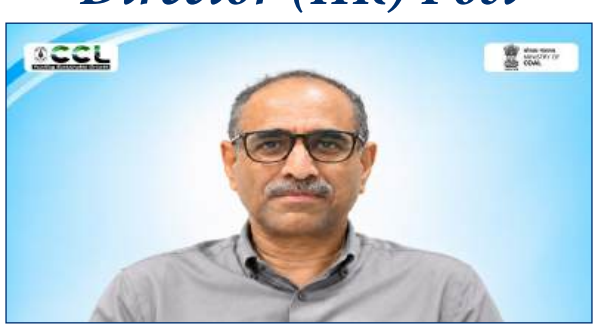
The assessment said further chemical analysis would be needed to distinguish pollution from fireworks from other sources. Low wind speeds, falling temperatures and atmospheric conditions that trap pollutants close to the ground have also contributed to the region's persistent winter smog.

The episode has renewed concerns over transboundary air pollution affecting northern India and Pakistan. Environmental experts have repeatedly highlighted the need for coordinated monitoring and action against agricultural burning, industrial emissions and vehicular pollution.

The PAQI findings suggest that attributing Lahore's worsening air quality solely to India's Diwali celebrations would be premature.

PESB Recommends Jobi V. P. for CCL Director (HR) Post

Ranchi: The Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB) has recommended Jobi V. P., General Manager (Legal) at Central Coalfields Limited (CCL), for the post of Director (Human Resources) at the company.



With over 32 years of experience in the coal industry, Jobi V. P. has extensive expertise in human resource management, industrial relations, personnel administration and legal affairs. He joined CCL in August 2021. Before joining CCL, he served at Western Coalfields Limited (WCL), where he handled several key assignments involving HR management, employee service matters, promotions, administrative policies and legal cases.

His experience also includes personnel administration, policy formulation and resolution of employee-related issues. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Economics and Law, a Master's degree in Social Work with specialisation in Industrial Relations and Personnel Management, and a Post Graduate Diploma in Human Resource Management.

His recommendation for the top HR position marks an important development in CCL's leadership selection process. The appointment will be subject to approval by the competent authority.

Shorties

Moody's Raises India's GDP Growth Forecast to 7%



RNS: Moody's Ratings has raised India's GDP growth forecast for the current fiscal year to 7% from its earlier estimate of 6.5%, citing strong domestic consumption, improving investment and resilience to global energy price pressures.

In its Global Macro Outlook 2027-28 report, the agency said India's growth is expected to remain close to 7% over the medium term. It pointed to rising capital goods production, industrial credit growth and better capacity utilisation as signs of a recovery in private investment.

Moody's said India had weathered the global energy price shock better than expected, supported by diversification of crude oil and gas supplies. However, it cautioned that rising inflation, weak agricultural output and higher interest rates could pose risks to economic growth.

Patna Named Bihar's Top Clean City in Swachh Survekshan 2025-26



Patna: Patna has been recognised as Bihar's top clean city in the 10th edition of the Swachh Survekshan 2025-26. Chief Minister Samrat Choudhary welcomed the recognition, describing it as a matter of pride for the state. He said the honour, presented by President Droupadi Murmu, made the achievement particularly significant.

Choudhary credited the success to the collective efforts of Patna residents, elected representatives, Patna Municipal Corporation officials and sanitation workers. He particularly acknowledged the contribution of sanitation workers, whose round-the-clock efforts help maintain cleanliness in the city.

He also thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi, stating that the Centre's support and guidance had accelerated development, sanitation initiatives and urban infrastructure projects in Bihar.

Terror Attack in J&K: Motorcycle-Borne Gunmen Open Fire at CRPF Checkpost, 3 Jawans Injured

Srinagar: Three Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) personnel were injured after suspected terrorists opened fire at a security checkpoint in Jammu and Kashmir's Kulgam district on Wednesday afternoon. One of the injured personnel was initially reported to be in critical condition.



The attack took place around 2.15 pm near Mir Bazar in south Kashmir's Kulgam district. According to officials, two assailants riding a motorcycle opened fire at CRPF personnel deployed at a checkpoint in the Akhran area before fleeing the scene. The attackers reportedly fired multiple rounds at the security personnel.

The injured jawans were immediately shifted to a hospital in neighbouring Anantnag district for treatment. Initial reports indicated that one personnel had suffered abdominal injuries, while the other two sustained bullet injuries to their arm and foot. Later reports said all three were out of danger.

Following the attack, security forces cordoned off the area and launched a massive search operation to track down the assailants. Police, Army and paramilitary personnel were deployed in the area, while additional security arrangements and barricades were put in place.

Investigators are examining CCTV footage from the surrounding area to establish the sequence of events and identify the attackers. Residents were also advised to remain indoors as security forces conducted searches.

The attack occurred close to the Jammu-Srinagar National Highway, prompting heightened security in the region. Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha was also in Kulgam on Wednesday to attend the Vaishaw festival, although he was not near the site of the firing.

The incident has once again raised security concerns in south Kashmir, where security agencies have been conducting operations against militant groups. The search for the attackers is continuing.

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I RUPESH KUMAR, S/o Manan Singh, aged about 39 years, by faith- Hindu, R/o 821A, Sector-47A, Ch 47A, Chandigarh Pin-460047, do hereby solemnly affirm on oath and declare by affidavit no.- 10678 dated- 13 -10 -2026 as follows:-

1. That, SIDHARTHA @ SIDHARTH KUMAR was my son who died on 13.01.2026.
2. That, my actual and correct name is RUPESH KUMAR as per my Aadhaar Card vide no.- 4911 4263 3610.
3. That, in my deceased son's Aadhaar Card vide no. 5018 8790 5659 my name has been mentioned as RAM PRATAP SINGH
4. That, RUPESH KUMAR and RAM PRATAP SINGH both name are same and one person i.e. myself.

चुनाव आयोग का निर्देश : सेवानिवृत्त अधिकारी भी आचार संहिता के दायरे में

नई दिल्ली, एजेंसी। विधानसभा चुनावों की तैयारियों के बीच चुनाव आयोग ने उत्तर प्रदेश, उत्तराखंड, पंजाब, गोवा और मणिपुर में राज्य सरकारों द्वारा नियुक्त सेवानिवृत्त सरकारी अधिकारियों पर आदर्श आचार संहिता (एमसीसी) के प्रतिबंध लागू कर दिए हैं। इन पांचों राज्यों के मुख्य सचिवों और मुख्य निर्वाचन अधिकारियों को लिखे पत्र में, चुनाव आयोग ने स्पष्ट किया कि कार्यरत सरकारी कर्मचारियों पर लागू होने वाली सभी पाबंदियां और रोक, राज्य व केंद्र शासित प्रदेशों की सरकारों द्वारा काम पर रखे गए सेवानिवृत्त अधिकारियों और अन्य व्यक्तियों पर भी लागू होंगी। चुनाव आयोग ने अधिकारियों से किसी भी चुनाव प्रचार या वोट मांगने के काम में हिस्सा न लेने की स्पष्ट अपेक्षा की है। उन्हें विशेष रूप से यह ध्यान रखने को कहा गया है कि वे किसी एक व्यक्ति, राजनीतिक दल या समूह की मदद करने के लिए अपने नाम, आधिकारिक पद या अधिकार का दुरुपयोग न करें। चुनाव आयोग ने याद दिलाया कि आदर्श आचार संहिता के नियम उन सभी संगठनों, समितियों, निगमों और आयोगों पर लागू होते हैं जिन्हें सरकार से पूरी या आंशिक फंडिंग मिलती है, और ये नियम उनके कर्मचारियों पर भी प्रभावी होते हैं। इसके अतिरिक्त, राज्यों में लागू आचरण नियम पहले से ही सरकारी कर्मचारियों को राजनीतिक गतिविधियों और चुनावों में भाग लेने से रोकते हैं। आयोग के वरिष्ठ अधिकारी लगातार चुनाव की तैयारियों की समीक्षा कर रहे हैं। माना जा रहा है कि आयोग जल्द ही इन राज्यों में विधानसभा चुनाव की तारीखों की घोषणा कर सकता है, जैसा कि 2022 में 8 जनवरी के आसपास हुआ था।

राष्ट्रीय महिला आयोग को मिलीं सालाना लाखों शिकायतें : घरेलू हिंसा शीर्ष पर

नई दिल्ली, एजेंसी। राष्ट्रीय महिला आयोग (एनसीडब्ल्यू) को हर साल करीब 1.5 लाख शिकायतें मिलती हैं, जिसमें घरेलू हिंसा से जुड़े मामले सर्वाधिक होते हैं। यह जानकारी महिला आयोग की अध्यक्ष विजया रहाटकर ने दी। उन्होंने बताया कि महिलाएं आयोग के ऑनलाइन पोर्टल, प्रबंधन सूचना प्रणाली (एमआईएस), ईमेल, व्यक्तिगत रूप से या 24 घंटे की हेल्पलाइन के जरिए अपनी शिकायत दर्ज करा सकती हैं। महिला आयोग की अध्यक्ष रहाटकर ने बताया कि किसी भी महिला को शिकायत का तरीका न पता होने के कारण एनसीडब्ल्यू से संपर्क करने में कोई कठिनाई महसूस नहीं होनी चाहिए। आयोग की जनसंपर्क पहल राष्ट्रीय महिला आयोग आपके द्वार का जिक्र कर रहाटकर ने बताया कि इसके तहत आयोग विभिन्न राज्यों में जनसुनवाई करता है। इसका उद्देश्य उन महिलाओं तक पहुंचना है जिन्हें आयोग तक आने में मुश्किल होती है। उन्होंने कहा, हम लोगों ने तय किया है कि अगर ये महिलाएं हमारे पास नहीं आ सकतीं, तब हम उनके पास जाएंगे। अध्यक्ष का पद संभालने के बाद पिछले डेढ़ साल में देशभर में 200 से अधिक प्रत्यक्ष जनसुनवाई आयोजित की गई हैं। रहाटकर ने देशभर की महिलाओं से कहा है कि राष्ट्रीय महिला आयोग उन्हें अपने मायके जैसा लगना चाहिए, जहाँ संपर्क करने में किसी तरह का डर या झिझक न हो।

मैंगलोर पादरी पर नाबालिगों से यौन शोषण का दूसरा केस दर्ज

मंगलुरु, एजेंसी। कर्नाटक के मंगलुरु में 65 वर्षीय कैथोलिक पादरी साइप्रियन पिंटो पर नाबालिग लड़के के यौन शोषण के आरोप में दूसरा मामला दर्ज हुआ है। पुलिस ने बताया कि पादरी के खिलाफ यह शिकायत 13 वर्षीय लड़के के साथ कथित यौन उत्पीड़न को लेकर मंगलुरु महिला पुलिस थाने में दर्ज हुई है। शिकायत के मुताबिक, परमन्नूर गांव निवासी यह लड़का एक गिरिजाघर में रविवार की प्रार्थना में शामिल होता था और कथित घटना उसी दौरान हुई जब वह चर्च से जुड़ा हुआ था। पादरी साइप्रियन पिंटो पर भारतीय न्याय संहिता (बीएनएस) की धारा 75(2) (यौन उत्पीड़न) और पॉक्सो अधिनियम की धारा आठ और 12 के तहत प्राथमिकी दर्ज की गई है।

सोनिया गांधी की किताब पर भाजपा का हमला: आपातकाल पर पर्दा डालने का आरोप



नई दिल्ली , एजेंसी। भारतीय जनता पार्टी (भाजपा) ने कांग्रेस की पूर्व अध्यक्ष सोनिया गांधी की नई किताब 'बिलॉन्गिंग- ए जर्नी ऑफ लव' पर तीखा हमला किया है। पार्टी ने आरोप लगाया है कि इस पुस्तक में 1975 में लगे आपातकाल को 'सही ठहराने' और नेहरू-गांधी परिवार की ऐतिहासिक गलतियों पर पर्दा डालने की कोशिश हुई है।

भाजपा के राष्ट्रीय प्रवक्ता सी आर केसवन ने पोस्ट में कहा कि पुस्तक का शीर्षक 'व्हाइटवॉशिंग' होना चाहिए था, क्योंकि इसका उद्देश्य कांग्रेस द्वारा किए गए गंभीर अपराधों को छिपाना है। यह टिप्पणी तब आई है जब सोनिया गांधी की यह किताब बाजार में आई है, जिसमें उन्होंने आपातकाल को एक गलती बताया है। सोनिया गांधी ने लिखा है कि उन्हें लगता है कि उनकी सास और तत्कालीन प्रधानमंत्री इंदिरा गांधी को भी बाद में ऐसा ही महसूस हुआ था। उन्होंने कहा कि अगर संजय गांधी को 'नियंत्रण में' रखा गया होता, तब आपातकाल के दौरान हुए नुकसान को काफी हद तक कम किया जा सकता था।

बीजेपी के राष्ट्रीय प्रवक्ता केसवन ने सोनिया गांधी पर दोहरे मापदंड का आरोप लगाकर कई सवाल उठाए। उन्होंने पूछा कि सोनिया गांधी बाबरी मस्जिद के लिए रोई थीं, लेकिन क्या उन्होंने 1984 के सिख नरसंहार के दौरान या बाटला हाउस के आतंकियों के लिए बिलखने के बजाय देश की रक्षा में शहीद हुए सीआरपीएफ के वीर जवानों के लिए आंसू बहाए? उन्होंने 26/11 मुंबई आतंकी हमलों में मारे गए निर्दोष लोगों के लिए सोनिया गांधी के न रोने पर सवाल उठाया और पूछा कि उनकी किताब कांग्रेस नीत संप्रग सरकार की जवाबी कार्रवाई करने में विफलता का जवाब क्यों नहीं देती।

भाजपा प्रवक्ता ने आपातकाल को 'सही ठहराने' और 'सामान्य घटना' बताने की कोशिश को अत्यंत चिंताजनक बताया, क्योंकि आपातकाल ने 'संविधान की हत्या' की थी और नागरिकों के मौलिक अधिकारों को छीन लिया था। उन्होंने कांग्रेस के करीब 55 वर्षों के शासन को भारतीय राजनीति और लोकतंत्र को अपूरणीय क्षति पहुँचाने वाला बताया। बीजेपी नेता केसवन ने प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी का आभार व्यक्त किया कि उन्होंने कांग्रेस पार्टी द्वारा किए गए 'ऐतिहासिक पापों और गलतियों' को प्रभावी ढंग से सुधारा है।

डीके शिवकुमार ने सिद्धारमैया से मनमुटाव की खबरों को किया खारिज

बेंगलुरु , एजेंसी। कर्नाटक के मुख्यमंत्री डीके शिवकुमार ने पूर्व मुख्यमंत्री सिद्धारमैया के साथ राजनीतिक मतभेद की अफवाहों का खंडन किया है। अपनी पोस्ट में सीएम शिवकुमार ने स्पष्ट किया कि उनके और सिद्धारमैया के बीच कोई बड़ा या छोटा विवाद नहीं है, बल्कि कुछ लोग जानबूझकर ऐसा माहौल बनाने की कोशिश कर रहे हैं जैसे दोनों नेताओं के बीच कोई दरार पैदा हो गई हो। उन्होंने कहा, सिद्धारमैया हमारे नेता हैं। कुछ लोग, जिसमें महास्वामीजी भी शामिल हैं, मीडिया में इस बात को अलग तरह से पेश कर रहे हैं। उन्होंने बताया कि सिद्धारमैया से उनकी हालिया मुलाकात स्थानीय निकाय चुनावों से जुड़े मुद्दों पर चर्चा और त्यौहार की शुभकामनाएं देने के लिए हुई थी। इस बीच, शिवकुमार ने महत्वपूर्ण घोषणा कर बताया कि सरकार 2008 से पहले अधिग्रहित जमीन पर बनी संपत्तियों को नियमित करने के लिए धारा 38बी के तहत लगने वाले शुल्क में 50 प्रतिशत की कटौती करेगी। इस फैसले से करीब 100,000 संपत्ति मालिकों को बड़ी राहत मिलेगी, जो अब अपने स्वामित्व के दस्तावेज आसानी से प्राप्त कर सकते है। उन्होंने बताया कि यह बदलाव इसलिए किया गया क्योंकि पिछली व्यवस्था के तहत केवल 600 लोगों ने ही आवेदन किया था, जबकि लाखों लोगों को इसका लाभ मिल सकता था। इसके पहले, 10 नवंबर को मुख्यमंत्री शिवकुमार ने लोक भवन में राज्यपाल सुधा यादव से मुलाकात की और उन्हें दीपावली की शुभकामनाएं दीं। उन्होंने इस मुलाकात को सुखद बताया और राज्यपाल के स्नेहपूर्ण व्यवहार तथा आतिथ्य के लिए उनका आभार व्यक्त किया।



समाज को तोड़ने वाली ताकतों से रहें सावधान-होसबाले

मथुरा , एजेंसी। राष्ट्रीय स्वयंसेवक संघ के सरकार्यवाह दत्तात्रेय होसबाले ने कहा है कि वर्तमान में समाज को तोड़ने वाली और आपसी नफरत की भावना को बढ़ाने वाली ताकतों से सतर्क रहने की आवश्यकता है। समाज को इस प्रकार के विखंडन से बचाने के लिए एक सकारात्मक एवं संगठित शक्ति का होना अनिवार्य है। उन्होंने कहा कि भारत का यह दायित्व है कि वह ऐसा अनुकरणीय जीवन जीकर पूरे विश्व के सामने एक मिसाल पेश करे, जिससे संपूर्ण मानवता मार्गदर्शन प्राप्त कर सके। तभी भारत विश्व गुरु कहाएगा। देश को कोई वैश्विक संगठन विश्व गुरु की उपाधि नहीं देगा। देशवासियों के आचरण और व्यवहार से वह विश्वगुरु कहा जाएगा। वृंदावन के केशव धाम में अन्नकूट प्रसादम का आयोजन किया गया। इस कार्यक्रम में राष्ट्रीय स्वयंसेवक संघ के सरकार्यवाह दत्तात्रेय होसबाले मुख्य अतिथि के रूप में सम्मिलित हुए। कार्यक्रम के दौरान परिसर के सभागार में उन्होंने विद्यार्थियों और उपस्थित जनसमूह को संबोधित करते हुए समाज में एकता, समरसता और शिक्षा के महत्व पर अपने विचार साझा किए। सरकार्यवाह दत्तात्रेय होसबाले ने कहा कि केशव धाम से शिक्षा प्राप्त करने वाले छात्र-छात्राएं अपने जीवन में सार्थक भूमिका निभाएं। उन्होंने आज के समय में सामाजिक समरसता की आवश्यकता पर विशेष बल दिया। समारोह के मुख्य आकर्षणों में केशव धाम में अध्ययनरत प्रतिभावान और मेधावी छात्र-छात्राओं का सम्मान रहा। उत्कृष्ट शैक्षणिक उपलब्धियों के लिए इन विद्यार्थियों को प्रशस्ति पत्र देकर सम्मानित किया गया, जिससे उनका उत्साहवर्धन हुआ। सभागार के मुख्य कार्यक्रम के उपरांत, सरकार्यवाह दत्तात्रेय होसबाले ने केशव धाम परिसर में ही गोबर से निर्मित गोवर्धन महाराज (गिरिराज जी) की प्रतिमा की विधि-विधान और वैदिक मंत्रोच्चार के साथ पूजा-अर्चना की और प्रदेश व देश की सुख-समृद्धि की कामना की।



छठ महापर्व: बिहार के घाटों पर पटाखे और निजी नावों पर प्रतिबंध

सुरक्षा हेतु यूएमआरटी मुस्तैद

पटना , एजेंसी । बिहार में 13 से 16 नवंबर, 2026 तक मनाए जाने वाले छठ महापर्व के दौरान संभावित दुर्घटनाओं को रोकने के लिए राज्य सरकार ने व्यापक सुरक्षा व्यवस्था की है। मुख्यमंत्री सम्राट चौधरी के निर्देश पर आपदा प्रबंधन विभाग ने सभी जिला पदाधिकारियों को सुरक्षा एवं आपदा की रोकथाम के लिए व्यापक पूर्व तैयारी सुनिश्चित करने का निर्देश दिया है। इस दौरान घाटों पर पटाखों की बिक्री और उपयोग के साथ-साथ निजी नावों के संचालन पर पूर्ण प्रतिबंध रहेगा।

पत्र में स्पष्ट किया गया है कि छठ महापर्व के दौरान होने वाली संभावित दुर्घटनाओं, विशेषकर डूबने की घटनाओं, भगदड़ एवं अन्य आपात स्थितियों की रोकथाम के लिए सभी आवश्यक व्यवस्थाएं समय रहते पूरी की जाएं। इसके लिए पहले से जारी दिशा-निर्देशों का अनुपालन सुनिश्चित करने को कहा गया है।



मुख्य निर्देशों में सभी खतरनाक नदी घाटों और तालाबों को चिह्नित कर उनकी व्यापक बैरिकेडिंग शामिल है, ताकि श्रद्धालु गहरे पानी में प्रवेश न कर सकें। इन घाटों पर पर्याप्त संख्या में सुरक्षाबलों और स्वयंसेवकों की तैनाती की जाएगी। चिकित्सा व्यवस्था के तहत, सभी प्रमुख घाटों पर डॉक्टर, पैरामेडिकल टीमें और एम्बुलेंस के साथ-साथ त्वरित चिकित्सा सहायता के लिए क्विक मेडिकल रिस्पॉन्स टीम (क्यूएमआरटी) की तैनाती होगी।

जलस्रोतों पर सुरक्षा सुनिश्चित करने के लिए प्रशिक्षित गोताखोरों, तैराकों और मोटरबोट चालकों को लाइफ जैकेट व अन्य आवश्यक उपकरणों के साथ तैनात किया जाएगा। उनकी पहचान के लिए विशेष जैकेट भी उपलब्ध कराए जाएंगे। सभी छठ घाटों और वहां तक पहुंचने वाले रास्तों पर पर्याप्त रोशनी की व्यवस्था की जाएगी, और बिजली के उपकरणों की अग्रिम जांच की जाएगी ताकि करंट से दुर्घटना न हो।

एक महत्वपूर्ण कदम के तहत, 13 से 16 नवंबर तक नदी घाटों और तालाबों के समीप पटाखों की बिक्री एवं उपयोग पर पूरी तरह प्रतिबंध रहेगा। ऐसा भगदड़ और अन्य गंभीर दुर्घटनाओं की आशंका को देखकर किया गया है। साथ ही, नहाय-खाय से लेकर सुबह के अर्घ्य तक निजी नावों के परिचालन पर भी रोक रहेगी, जिसकी निगरानी के लिए घाटों पर मजिस्ट्रेट और पुलिस बल तैनात होगा।

जिला नियंत्रण कक्षों का निर्बाध संचालन सुनिश्चित किया जाएगा, जहां महत्वपूर्ण दूरभाष नंबर उपलब्ध होगा और लाउडस्पीकर के माध्यम से लगातार सुरक्षा संबंधी संदेश प्रसारित किए जाएंगे। आपदा प्रबंधन विभाग ने सभी जिलों को छठ समितियों के साथ बैठक कर उन्हें प्रशिक्षित करने और आवश्यक समन्वय स्थापित करने का भी निर्देश दिया है, ताकि यह महापर्व शांतिपूर्ण और सुरक्षित ढंग से संपन्न हो सके।

सुप्रीम कोर्ट ने दिल्ली-एनसीआर में पुराने वाहनों पर राज्यों से मांगी रिपोर्ट, 23 नवंबर को सुनवाई

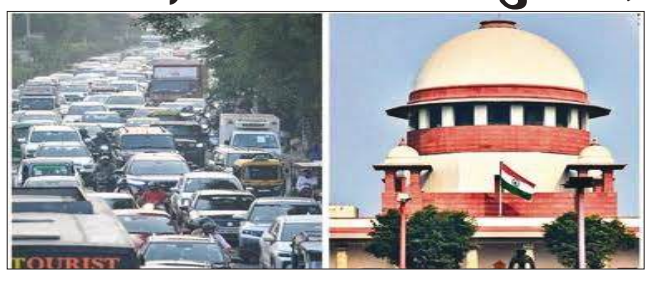
नई दिल्ली , एजेंसी। सुप्रीम कोर्ट ने दिल्ली-एनसीआर में वाहनों से होने वाले उत्सर्जन में तेज वृद्धि पर गहरी चिंता व्यक्त कर तत्काल हस्तक्षेप की जरुरत जाहिर की है। शीर्ष अदालत ने दिल्ली, उत्तर प्रदेश, राजस्थान और हरियाणा की सरकारों के साथ-साथ दिल्ली नगर निगम और दिल्ली पुलिस को राष्ट्रीय राजधानी क्षेत्र में निर्धारित समय सीमा पार कर चुके वाहनों के प्रवेश और संचालन को रोकने के लिए उठाए गए कदमों की विस्तृत जानकारी देने का कह दिया है।

शीर्ष न्यायालय ने संबंधित प्राधिकरणों से पूछा है कि वाहनों से होने वाले उत्सर्जन को कम करने और बिगड़ती वायु गुणवत्ता में इसके योगदान को कम करने के लिए अल्पकालिक और दीर्घकालिक स्तर पर कौन से नए उपाय प्रस्तावित हैं या किन पर विचार हो रहा है। सुप्रीम कोर्ट की पीठ ने प्रदूषण नियंत्रण प्रमाणपत्र (पीयूसी) संबंधी आवश्यकताओं का पालन सुनिश्चित करने सहित निर्धारित उत्सर्जन मानकों का पालन नहीं करने वाले वाहनों की पहचान, निगरानी और नियंत्रण के लिए मौजूदा कदमों की जानकारी भी मांगी है।

प्रधान न्यायाधीश सूर्यकांत, न्यायमूर्ति जॉयमाल्या बागची और न्यायमूर्ति वी. मोहना की पीठ ने दिल्ली और एनसीआर में वाणिज्यिक एवं गैर-वाणिज्यिक वाहनों के प्रवेश और आवाजाही को नियंत्रित करने वाले मौजूदा नियामक ढांचे और नियमों को लागू करने की व्यवस्था के बारे में जानकारी देने का निर्देश दिया। विशेष रूप से पड़ोसी राज्यों से आने वाले वाहनों पर ध्यान केंद्रित करने को कहा है।

यह आदेश शीर्ष अदालत ने एनसीआर में वायु प्रदूषण पर स्वतः संज्ञान लेकर शुरू की गई सुनवाई के दौरान 6 नवंबर को दिया था। पीठ ने बताया कि हालांकि दिल्ली, उत्तर प्रदेश, हरियाणा और राजस्थान में पराली जलाने की घटनाओं में कमी आई है, जो एक सराहनीय पहल है, लेकिन इन्हीं आंकड़ों से वाहनों से होने वाले उत्सर्जन के कारण उत्पन्न समस्याओं में तेज वृद्धि एक गंभीर चिंता के रूप में सामने आई है। शीर्ष न्यायालय ने जोर दिया कि दिल्ली और एनसीआर भौगोलिक तथा आर्थिक रूप से एक-दूसरे से जुड़े हुए हैं, जिसके कारण इन क्षेत्रों को न केवल अपनी सीमाओं के भीतर चलने वाले वाहनों, बल्कि पड़ोसी राज्यों से आने वाले वाहनों की आवाजाही का संयुक्त रूप से बोझ उठाना पड़ता है। बड़ी संख्या में वाणिज्यिक और गैर-वाणिज्यिक वाहनों के प्रवेश से वाहनों से होने वाले उत्सर्जन का मौजूदा बोझ और भी बढ़ जाता है, जिस पर तत्काल हस्तक्षेप की जरुरत है।

सुप्रीम कोर्ट की पीठ ने संबंधित प्राधिकारियों से एनसीआर में निर्धारित अवधि से अधिक पुराने या नियमों का पालन नहीं करने वाले वाहनों के प्रवेश और संचालन पर रोक लगाने के लिए उठाए गए कदमों और नियमों का उल्लंघन करने वाले वाहनों के खिलाफ की गई कार्रवाई का पूरा ब्यौरा भी मांगा है। इसके अतिरिक्त, न्यायालय ने अंतरराज्यीय वाहनों की आवाजाही को नियंत्रित करने और उत्सर्जन मानकों का पालन सुनिश्चित करने के लिए दिल्ली तथा पड़ोसी राज्यों के अधिकारियों के बीच मौजूदा समन्वय व्यवस्था के साथ-साथ प्रस्तावित विशेष उपायों और उन्हें लागू करने की समयबद्ध कार्ययोजना की जानकारी मांगी। शीर्ष न्यायालय ने राज्यों को दो सप्ताह के भीतर अपने जवाब दाखिल करने का निर्देश दिया है। दिल्ली-एनसीआर में वाहनों से होने वाले उत्सर्जन और प्रदूषण से संबंधित महत्वपूर्ण मामले को 23 नवंबर को सुनवाई के लिए सूचीबद्ध किया गया है।



पश्चिम बंगाल में गुंडाराज समाप्त: मिथुन चक्रवर्ती का दावा

कोलकाता, एजेंसी । अनुभवी अभिनेता और राजनेता मिथुन चक्रवर्ती ने दावा किया है कि पश्चिम बंगाल में गुंडाराज यानी भीड़ का शासन हमेशा के लिए समाप्त हुआ है। दिवाली समारोह के दौरान मीडिया से बात कर उन्होंने राज्य में विपक्ष द्वारा भीड़ के शासन के बढ़ने के दावों का स्पष्ट रूप से खंडन किया। अभिनेता और राजनेता चक्रवर्ती ने कहा कि विपक्ष के पास अब कोई ठोस मुद्दा नहीं है, इसलिए वे भीड़ के शासन का मुद्दा उठा रहे हैं।

उन्होंने सवाल किया, हम लोगों ने 15 साल तक क्या सहा है? मैं इसके बारे में क्या कह सकता हूं? वे कह रहे हैं कि गुंडे राज कर रहे हैं। क्या आपने कभी ऐसी आजादी देखी है? आप सवाल क्यों उठा रहे हैं? यह होना ही है। यह दिखाता है कि वह मौजूदा स्थिति को पहले से बेहतर मानते हैं। राजनेता चक्रवर्ती ने विपक्ष पर हमला कर कहा कि उनके लिए अब कुछ नहीं बचा है, और कालीघाट तृणमूल जैसी चीज़ें खत्म हो गई हैं। उन्होंने कहा, सब खत्म हो गया है, महोदय।



हालांकि, उनका यह बयान राज्य में बढ़ती भीड़ हिंसा के दावों के बीच आया है। तृणमूल कांग्रेस (टीएमसी) ने पश्चिम मेदिनीपुर और दक्षिण 24 परगना जैसे ग्रामीण इलाकों में भीड़ द्वारा धमकाने, चर्चों में तोड़फोड़ और अंतिम संस्कार के अधिकारों से वंचित करने जैसे उत्पीड़न के कई मुद्दे उठाए हैं।

उल्लेखनीय है कि जिस 15 साल के भीड़तंत्र के दौर की वह आलोचना कर रहे हैं, तभी लगभग तीन साल तक वे स्वयं टीएमसी के सदस्य रहे थे। 7 फरवरी, 2014 को उन्हें तत्कालीन मुख्यमंत्री ममता बनर्जी ने टीएमसी की ओर से राज्यसभा सांसद के लिए नामांकित किया था, और उन्होंने 26 दिसंबर, 2016 को पद से इस्तीफा दिया। इसके बाद वे 2021 के विधानसभा चुनाव से पहले प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी और कैलाश विजयवर्गीय की उपस्थिति में भारतीय जनता पार्टी (भाजपा) में शामिल हो गए।

एक राजनीतिक व्यक्तित्व के रूप में, मिथुन चक्रवर्ती ने वामपंथी से लेकर दक्षिणपंथी तक के सभी वैचारिक पहलुओं को छुआ है। युवावस्था में नक्सलबाड़ी आंदोलन से जुड़ने के बाद, उन्होंने भारतीय फिल्म एवं टेलीविजन संस्थान (एफटीआईआई) से स्नातक किया, एक सुपरस्टार बने और बाद में मध्य-वामपंथी टीएमसी से होकर अब दक्षिणपंथी भाजपा का हिस्सा हैं।

नोटबंदी से नक्सलवाद और आतंकवाद की कमर टूटी, अर्थव्यवस्था मजबूत हुई : भाजपा

भुवनेश्वर , एजेंसी । भारतीय जनता पार्टी (भाजपा) की ओडिशा इकाई ने दावा किया है कि प्रधानमंत्री नरेन्द्र मोदी द्वारा 2016 में की गई नोटबंदी ने देश में आतंकवाद और नक्सलवाद पर अंकुश लगाने में महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका अदा की है, साथ ही अर्थव्यवस्था को मजबूती प्रदान की है। बीजेपी पार्टी प्रवक्ता सत्यव्रत पांडा ने नोटबंदी के प्रभावों पर प्रकाश डालकर कहा कि इस फैसले से चरमपंथी संगठनों तक नकदी पहुंचने का रास्ता अवरुद्ध हुआ और जाली नोट बेकार हुए। उनका कहना है कि नोटबंदी के योगदान को उचित मान्यता मिलनी चाहिए। बीजेपी प्रवक्ता पांडा ने दावा किया कि नोटबंदी के बाद विभिन्न माओवादी समूहों से करीब 97.75 लाख रुपये जब्त किए, और ओडिशा में नक्सलियों द्वारा जमीन में दबाकर रखी गई अमान्य मुद्रा भी बड़ी मात्रा में मिली। उन्होंने कहा कि नक्सली हिंसा की घटनाओं में भारी कमी आई है; 2010 में जहां 1,936 घटनाएं दर्ज की गई थीं, वहीं अब कोई भी जिला माओवाद प्रभावित क्षेत्रों की सूची में नहीं है। जम्मू-कश्मीर में आतंकवादी हमलों की संख्या में भी उल्लेखनीय गिरावट दर्ज की गई है।

सोनिया की किताब पर रॉबर्ट वाड्रा: मुझे उन पर गर्व है

नई दिल्ली, एजेंसी । कांग्रेस पार्टी की पूर्व अध्यक्ष सोनिया गांधी की किताब बिलॉन्गिंग- ए जर्नी ऑफ लव को लेकर सियासी गलियारों में काफी चर्चा है। इस किताब पर उनके दामाद रॉबर्ट वाड्रा का बयान सामने आया है, जिसमें उन्होंने अपनी सास के प्रति गहरा सम्मान और गर्व व्यक्त किया है। सोनिया गांधी के दामाद वाड्रा ने कहा कि उन्हें सोनिया गांधी और उनके जीवन के सफर पर बहुत गर्व है, जिसमें उन्होंने प्यार, साहस, हिम्मत और मजबूती की एक असाधारण मिसाल बताया। उन्होंने जोर दिया कि सोनिया गांधी ने जीवन में बहुत कुछ झेला है, फिर भी वे पूरी गरिमा और दृढ़ विश्वास के साथ मजबूती से खड़ी हैं, और उनकी कहानी से हर महिला प्रेरणा ले सकती है। रॉबर्ट वाड्रा के अनुसार, यह किताब एक गहरे प्यार की कहानी है, जिसने भारत के लिए सोनिया गांधी के समर्पण और लगन को आकार दिया है। उन्होंने बताया कि भले ही उन्हें अभी तक यह किताब पढ़ने का मौका नहीं मिला है, लेकिन उन्हें विश्वास है कि इसमें सोनिया गांधी के जीवन, अनुभवों और विचारों को लेकर बहुत गहरी और ईमानदार बातें साझा की गई हैं। कांग्रेस नेता राहुल गांधी के जीजा वाड्रा ने लोगों से आग्रह किया कि वे इस किताब को पढ़ें और सोनिया गांधी के अपने शब्दों और उनकी तरफ से साझा की गई कहानी के आधार पर अपनी राय बनाएं।

किताब में सोनिया गांधी ने कई निजी पल साझा किए हैं, जिसमें उन्होंने अपने पति राजीव गांधी से जुड़ी घटनाओं का जिक्र किया। उन्होंने लिखा है कि इंदिरा गांधी की हत्या वाले दिन राजीव ने उन्हें बताया था कि वे प्रधानमंत्री पद की शपथ लेने वाले हैं। यह सुनते ही सोनिया को ऐसा लगा था जैसे किसी ने उनके दिल में छुरा घोंप दिया हो, क्योंकि उन्हें राजीव की चिंता होने लगी थी। राजीव गांधी ने बताया था कि लोग उन्हें भी मार देने वाले है। किताब में 31 अक्टूबर 1984 के उस दुखद दिन का भी वर्णन है, जब इंदिरा गांधी की उनके ही अंगरक्षकों ने हत्या कर दी थी। सोनिया गांधी ने लिखा कि वे घर के बगल वाले दफ्तर के लिए अपनी सास के निकलने के बाद नहाने ही वाली थीं कि उन्हें धमाकों जैसी आवाजें सुनाई दीं, जिससे वे ठिठक गईं।

The doors of Yamunotri Dham closed for the winter season amidst chanting of Vedic mantras



Uttarkashi/Yamunotri,Agency: After six months of summer stay, the doors of the world famous Yamunotri Dham of Uttarakhand were closed for the winter season on Wednesday on the auspicious festival of Bhaiya Dooj at 10:28 am in the auspicious time amidst chanting of Vedic mantras, religious rituals and chanting of Mother Yamuna. After this, the festive palanquin of Mother Yamuna, led by Shanidev Maharaj, left for its winter sojourn Kharsali amidst traditional rituals and melodious tunes of musical instruments. In the afternoon, when Mother Yamuna reached her maternal home, the entire Kharsali village was immersed in a devotional atmosphere. Villagers and devotees gave a grand welcome to the palanquin with garlands of flowers and chanting of slogans.

On the occasion of Bhaiya Dooj, the doors of the Yamunotri Temple were closed for the winter season at 10:28 am, according to the auspicious time set for the second day of the Shukla Paksha, Anuradha Nakshatra, Saumya Yoga, and Dhanu Lagna. During this time, special prayers and religious rituals were performed in the temple with Vedic chanting. Following the closing of the doors, the festive palanquin of Mother Yamuna departed for Kharsali, led by Shanidev Maharaj. The palanquin journey proceeded towards its winter destination amid the tunes of traditional instruments and chants of praise for Mother Yamuna. Upon arrival at Kharsali this afternoon, the festive palanquin of Mother Yamuna will be accorded a grand welcome by villagers and local devotees, following traditional customs. During the winter stay for the next six months, devotees will be able to visit and worship at the Mother Yamuna temple in Kharsali. On this occasion, Yamunotri MLA Sanjay Doval, Block Chief Representative Ajabin Panwar, Yamunotri Temple Committee Secretary Sunil Uniyal, Spokesperson Purushottam Uniyal, Treasurer Pradeep Uniyal along with Dev Dolis of the area as well as police, administration, priests and devotees were present.

Cyclone likely to form in the Bay of Bengal, fishermen instructed to return to the coast by November 12



Chennai,Agency: A low pressure area is likely to form in the southeastern Bay of Bengal on November 13. It is expected to move northwestward and strengthen into a deep low pressure area in the next 24 hours. In view of the possibility of it turning into a cyclone, the Tamil Nadu Fisheries and Fishermen Welfare Department has instructed fishermen to return from the sea and reach the coast by the night of November 12.

Based on the forecast of the Chennai Regional Meteorological Centre, the department has issued an alert for fishermen. It advises against venturing into the sea for fishing, and for boats operating in the deep sea to return by the prescribed time. All fishing boats have been instructed to anchor at safe locations at their respective fishing ports.

According to the department, permit tokens will not be issued to fishing boats from November 13th until further notice.

This directive applies to both deep-sea fishing boats and traditional boats that venture out to sea daily. All boats must return to their regular fishing points and anchor safely by November 12th.

Cyclones during the Northeast Monsoon:

Low pressure areas and cyclones typically form in the Bay of Bengal during the Northeast Monsoon. Such seasonal changes pose a challenge to the safety of fishermen. Recently, nine fishermen from Kasimedu died after being caught in Cyclone Murasu, which struck the coast between Andhra Pradesh and North Chennai.

In light of this incident, the Meteorological Department has been issuing advance warnings regarding potential cyclonic activity.

Police crackdown on drugs in Tiruppur Tamil Nadu; 13 smugglers arrested

TiruppurAgency: To curb the sale and consumption of drugs in Tiruppur district, Tamil Nadu, police launched a special operation and arrested 13 people. Ganja, marijuana chocolates, and gutkha products were recovered from the accused. As part of the operation, 46 police teams conducted intensive searches at approximately 92 locations, including commercial establishments and lodges.

Tiruppur Superintendent of Police Srishti Singh told reporters at the district police office on Wednesday that this special operation was launched to ensure the safety of the general public, prevent the smuggling and sale of drugs, and monitor the activities of people with criminal backgrounds. She stated that continuous action is being taken against drug-related criminals in the district. Approximately 143 such offenders have been prosecuted so far. Furthermore, preventive bond orders have been obtained under Section 129 of the Indian Civil Services Code (BNSS). The Superintendent of Police also stated that drone surveillance operations have been initiated in the district since November 9th. 134 cases have been registered for gambling in secluded and dark places and drinking alcohol in public.

She added that the activities of 71 history-sheeters involved in serious crimes and violent incidents have also been investigated. Of these, 17 individuals have been arrested and action has been taken against them.

Srishti Singh appealed to the public to stay away from the sale and consumption of drugs. She stated that if they become aware of such activities, they can report them through the "Drug Free Tamil Nadu" app or the police emergency helpline number 100.

Regarding the need for additional security and weaponry for police officers, she stated that the need for these would be determined based on the circumstances in the respective areas. Additional security and weaponry would be provided as needed. He clarified that no such untoward incident has been reported in Tiruppur district so far.

Railways increases the number of special trains for passengers traveling home for Chhath

31 special trains will run from major Delhi stations on Wednesday and 29 on Thursday



New DelhiAgency: In view of the increasing rush of passengers traveling home for the Chhath festival, Northern Railway has made extensive arrangements at major railway stations in the Delhi region. The operation of special trains has been increased for the convenience of passengers.

A total of 31 special trains will run from the Delhi region on Wednesday, while 29 special trains are scheduled to run on Thursday. In addition, unreserved special trains will also be operated at short notice depending on passenger rush and demand.

According to Northern Railway, on Wednesday, 10 special trains will depart from New Delhi Railway Station, eight from Anand Vihar Terminal, seven from Shakur Basti, four from Hazrat Nizamuddin, one from Delhi Junction, and one from Rohtak.

Similarly, the 29 special trains running from the Delhi region on November 12th include seven from New Delhi, seven from Anand Vihar Terminal, five from Shakur Basti, five from Hazrat Nizamuddin, three from Delhi Junction, one from Rohtak, and one from Delhi Sarai Rohilla.

The Railways stated that on Tuesday, November 10th, three unreserved special trains were run at short notice in addition to the 27 previously scheduled special trains after monitoring passenger crowds at major stations.

Northern Railway officials are continuously monitoring passenger movement and crowds at major railway stations in the Delhi region on Wednesday as well. Arrangements will be made to run additional special trains if needed. To this end, Divisional Railway Managers, Additional Divisional Railway Managers, and senior officials from Railway Headquarters and the division are visiting stations to assess the arrangements and crowd situation.

The doors of Kedarnath Dham closed for the winter season, 19.5 lakh devotees visited

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Kedarnath/Rudraprayag, Agency: The doors of the world famous eleventh Jyotirlinga Shri Kedarnath Dham were closed for the winter season on Wednesday at 8:30 am on the occasion of Bhaiya Dooj. More than five thousand devotees including BKTC President Hemant Dwivedi witnessed the process of closing the doors which was completed as per Vedic chanting and religious traditions. After the closure of the doors, the movable idol of Lord Kedarnath, Panchmukhi Doli, left for the first stop Rampur with the chanting of Jai Shri Kedar amidst the devotional tunes of the army band. A record 19.5 lakh devotees visited Baba Kedar in this Yatra year. The temple was opened for devotees at 3:30 a.m. on Bhaiya Dooj today. The closing process began at 5 a.m. Chief priest T. Gangadhar Ling consecrated the self-manifested Shivalinga in the presence of Dharmadhikari and Vedapathis. After covering the Shivalinga with local flowers, Brahmakamal, and ashes, the doors of the sanctum sanctorum were closed. The five-faced palanquin of the deity was then brought out of the Sabha Mandap into the temple complex. During this time, the entire complex resounded with chants of "Jai Shri Kedar" and "Om Namah Shivay." The doors of the main temple were closed at 8:30 a.m. The temple was decorated with flowers for the closing ceremony. Food distribution was also organized by donors and the ITBP for devotees. Recent snowfall on the surrounding hills has increased the cold in the shrine. Dr. Harish Gaur, media in-charge of BKTC, stated that the palanquin will reach Vishwanath Temple, Guptkashi, on November 12th. After this, on November 13th, the procession will reach the winter seat, Shri Omkareshwar Temple, Ukhimath, where Lord Kedarnath will be worshipped during the winter season. He informed that as part of the closing ceremony, the doors of Lord Kedarnath's protector, Bhakunta Bhairavnath, were also closed for the winter season on November 7th.

On the occasion of the closing ceremony, Hemant Dwivedi, President of the Shri Badrinath-Kedarnath Temple Committee (BKTC), expressed his gratitude to all the departments, institutions, stakeholders, Shri Kedar Sabha, and devotees who supported the successful conduct of the Yatra. He said that the Prime Minister has a special attachment to Shri Kedarnath Dham. Under the guidance of Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami and Tourism Minister Satpal Maharaj, the Chardham Yatra has set new records this year.

India Reaffirms Commitment To Stronger Regional Health Cooperation At First BIMSTEC Health Ministers' Meeting



New Delhi,Agency: India reaffirms commitment to stronger regional health cooperation at first BIMSTEC Health Ministers' meeting

Union Health Minister J P Nadda addressed the inaugural BIMSTEC Health Ministers' Meeting in Colombo, Sri Lanka highlighting India's progress towards Universal Health Coverage through Ayushman Bharat, strengthened public health infrastructure and digital healthcare initiatives.

Emphasizing regional solidarity, the Minister called for enhanced cooperation in health security, pandemic preparedness, One Health and traditional medicine, while reaffirming India's readiness to share its expertise and best practices with BIMSTEC member nations.

He also highlighted India's commitment to hosting the BIMSTEC Centre of Excellence in Traditional Medicine at Jamnagar, Gujarat, to promote joint research, capacity building and knowledge exchange.Guided by PM Modi's vision of 'One Earth, One Family, One Future', India remains committed to building a healthier, more inclusive and resilient BIMSTEC region. Established in 1997, BIMSTEC (Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation) is a regional grouping of seven countries – India, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal, Myanmar and Thailand – aimed at strengthening cooperation between South and Southeast Asia. Public health is one of its key areas of cooperation. The first BIMSTEC Senior Officials Meeting on Health was held in Colombo on November 10, 2026, reviewing regional collaboration in disease surveillance, cancer care, traditional medicine and health capacity building, ahead of the inaugural Health Ministers' Meeting.

Indian Scientists Unveil 'Strongest Evidence' for Extraterrestrial Life

New Delhi: A giant planet located 124 light-years from Earth has provided what astronomers believe to be the strongest evidence to date that extraterrestrial life may be flourishing beyond our solar system. Observations made by the James Webb Space Telescope of a planet known as K2-18 b seemingly revealed the chemical signatures of two compounds that, on Earth, are only associated with biological processes. The detection of dimethyl sulfide (DMS) and dimethyl disulfide (DMDS) would not equate to definitive proof of alien life but could potentially bring humanity closer to answering the question of whether we are alone in the universe. Professor Nikku Madhusudhan, an astrophysicist at the University of Cambridge who led the observations, commented that this represents the strongest evidence for biological activity beyond the solar system thus far. He emphasised the need for caution, urging a careful evaluation of whether the detected signal is reliable and what its implications might be. Professor Madhusudhan remarked that in decades to come, we might reflect on this moment as a pivotal turning point-one that brings humanity closer to an answer regarding our solitude in the universe. However, skepticism remains among some experts regarding the overall conditions on K2-18 b and whether DMS and DMDS, primarily produced by marine phytoplankton on Earth, can be definitively categorised as biosignatures. Planet K2-18 b K2-18 b is situated in the Leo constellation, being nearly nine times as massive as Earth and 2.6 times its size, while orbiting within the habitable zone of its star, a cool red dwarf less than half the size of the sun. After the Hubble Space Telescope seemed to detect water vapor in its atmosphere in 2019, scientists labeled it as "the most habitable known world" beyond our solar system. However, subsequent observations by Madhusudhan's team in 2023 revealed that the supposed water signal was actually methane. Nonetheless, they maintained that K2-18 b's profile suggested it could be a habitable world with a vast, deep ocean- a view that remains contentious. The Cambridge team also reported a tentative indication of DMS. Does life exist in Planet K2-18 b Given the vast distances separating us from other planets, capturing images or reaching them with robotic spacecraft remains unfeasible. However, scientists estimate their size, density, and temperature and analyze their chemical composition by tracking exoplanets as they pass across their host stars, measuring the starlight filtered through their atmospheres. In the latest observations, wavelengths absorbed by DMS and DMDS were noted to drop off sharply as K2-18 b crossed in front of the red dwarf. Madhusudhan described the clarity of the signal, noting the significance of detecting these molecules on habitable planets as a remarkable achievement. The findings, published in The Astrophysical Journal Letters, indicated concentrations of DMS and DMDS, or both, that were potentially thousands of times stronger than Earth's levels. Though reported with a "three-sigma" level of statistical significance (indicating a 0.3 percent probability that they occurred by chance), this still falls short of the gold standard for scientific discoveries.

Madhusudhan acknowledged the possibility of unknown processes producing these molecules but expressed skepticism that any known non-biological processes could explain their presence. However, others, such as Dr. Nora Hänni, a chemist at the Physics Institute of the University of Berne, urged caution, suggesting that while life is one possibility, there are numerous alternatives that must be considered before claiming biological activity. She pointed out that DMS was also detected on a lifeless icy comet, implying that various mechanisms could create similar chemicals without the presence of life. Some experts warn that relying solely on atmospheric measurements may never provide unequivocal evidence of life. Dr. Caroline Morley, an astrophysicist at the University of Texas, Austin, noted that technosignatures, such as signals from an advanced civilization, might serve as more convincing evidence, despite the challenges of detecting such signals. Nonetheless, she acknowledged the significance of the new findings. Dr. Jo Barstow, a planetary scientist at the Open University, shared this view, recognising the detection as noteworthy but emphasising that the standards for claiming evidence of life should be exceptionally high. She articulated her skeptical stance on claims related to extraterrestrial life, suggesting that the latest work has not yet crossed the necessary threshold for proof.



From Extinction to Reality: Himalayan Velvet Worm Returns After 100 Years

New Delhi: In a world where man dominates, news of species extinction and revival takes precedence over the awe-inspiring stories of life prevailing against adversity. Scientists recently re-discovered a species that was thought to have become extinct over a hundred years ago - the Typhloperipatus williamsoni, an uncommon velvet worm species found in the Eastern Himalayas.

This strange animal, a cross between a worm, caterpillar, and slug, has soft, velvety skin and is a "living fossil" because its body plan has not changed in hundreds of millions of years. The species was initially described in 1913 based on specimens gathered in Arunachal Pradesh's Siang Valley. For more than 100 years, it was an enigma, known only by fossilized specimens and ancient scientific literature.

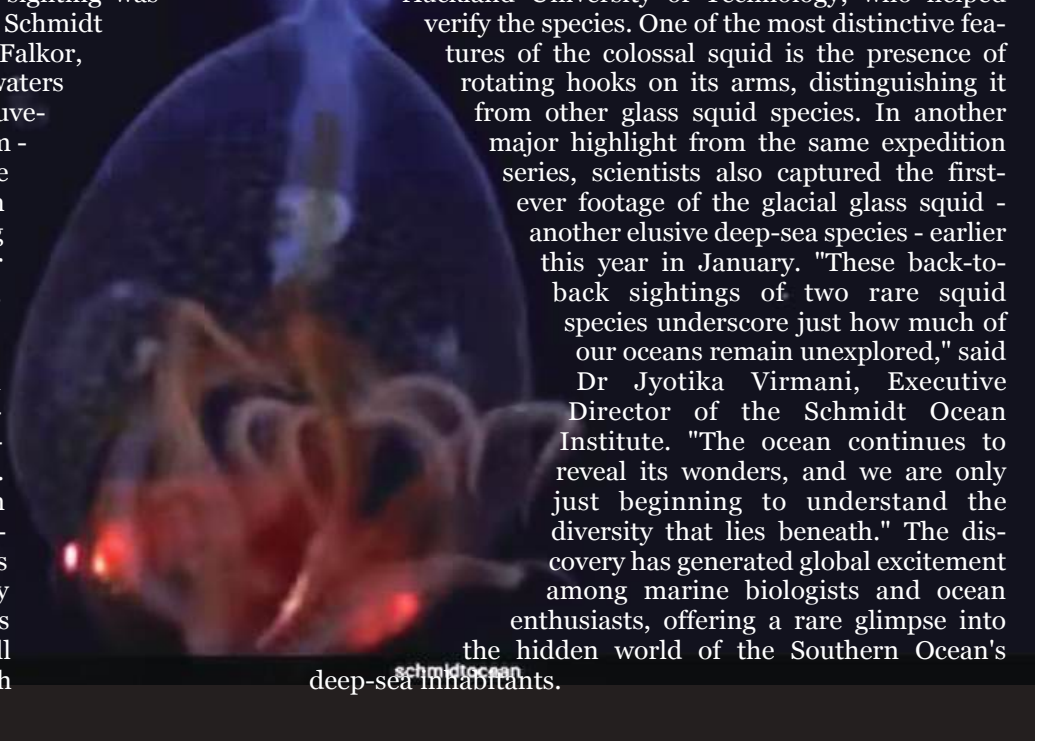
A group of scientists from Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment (ATREE) again explored Siang Valley from 2021 to 2023, based on clues that dated back centuries. Their efforts were rewarded when they located two specimens of this unusual species. Through a study of physical features and genetic analysis, the researchers verified the worm's identity and characterized its genetic code.

The scientists employed mitochondrial DNA to position Typhloperipatus williamsoni on the velvet worm family tree, and it shows it's closely related to Southeast Asian velvet worms.The discovery resolves a hundred-year mystery and completes a giant gap in our knowledge about the evolution of velvet worms. The study also accepts that there may nevertheless be limitations, arguing that it may be possible to precisely calibrate the evolutionary history of Typhloperipatus using larger genetic databases and further investigation.

The rediscovery of the species characterizes the notion of continuing discovery and enumeration of biodiversity, particularly in conservation interested areas. Unfortunately, habitat for Typhloperipatus is threatened primarily by agriculture, deforestation and indiscriminate agricultural practices.

Colossal Squid Seen Alive For the First Time In 100 Years In Deep Ocean

Argentina: In a breathtaking deep-sea discovery, marine scientists have captured the world's first footage of a colossal squid swimming freely in its natural habitat - nearly a century after the species was first identified. According to The Metro, the rare sighting was made by researchers aboard the Schmidt Ocean Institute's research vessel Falkor, during an expedition between the waters of Argentina and Antarctica. The juvenile squid - measuring around 30 cm - was filmed on March 9 near the South Sandwich Islands at a depth of approximately 600 metres using a remotely operated underwater vehicle. The species, Mesonychoteuthis hamiltoni, also known as the colossal squid, had previously only been known through remains found in the stomachs of whales or as dying specimens pulled up by fishing vessels. This marks the first time it has been observed alive in its deep-sea environment. Still transparent due to its young age, the squid glides eerily through the dark ocean using its long tentacles. As it matures, it will grow up to seven metres in length and weigh nearly 500 kg - making it the heaviest invertebrate on Earth. "It's exciting to see the first in situ footage of a juvenile colossal squid and humbling to think that they have no idea that humans exist," said Dr Kat Bolstad of Auckland University of Technology, who helped verify the species. One of the most distinctive features of the colossal squid is the presence of rotating hooks on its arms, distinguishing it from other glass squid species. In another major highlight from the same expedition series, scientists also captured the first-ever footage of the glacial glass squid - another elusive deep-sea species - earlier this year in January. "These back-to-back sightings of two rare squid species underscore just how much of our oceans remain unexplored," said Dr Jyotika Virmani, Executive Director of the Schmidt Ocean Institute. "The ocean continues to reveal its wonders, and we are only just beginning to understand the diversity that lies beneath." The discovery has generated global excitement among marine biologists and ocean enthusiasts, offering a rare glimpse into the hidden world of the Southern Ocean's deep-sea inhabitants.



Testing In Clouds: NASA Flies To Improve Satellite Data

New Delhi: In February, NASA's ER-2 science aircraft flew instruments designed to improve satellite data products and Earth science observations. From data collection to processing, satellite systems continue to advance, and NASA is exploring how instruments analyzing clouds can improve data measurement methods. Researchers participating in the Goddard Space Flight Center Lidar Observation and Validation Experiment (GLOVE) used the ER-2 - based at NASA's Armstrong Flight Research Center in Edwards, California - to validate satellite data about cloud and airborne particles in the Earth's atmosphere. Scientists are using GLOVE instruments installed onboard the aircraft to measure and validate data about clouds generated by satellite sensors already orbiting in space around Earth. "The GLOVE data will allow us to test new artificial intelligence algorithms in data processing," said John Yorks, principal investigator for GLOVE and research physical scientist at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Maryland. "These algorithms aim to improve the cloud and aerosol detection in data produced by the satellites." Jennifer Moore, a researcher from NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center, checks the cabling on the Roscoe instrument at NASA's Armstrong Flight Research Center in Edwards, California, for the GSFC Lidar Observation and Validation Experiment (GLOVE) on Feb. 1, 2025. The Roscoe instrument will be uploaded onto NASA's ER-2 science aircraft. NASA/Steve Freeman The validation provided by GLOVE is crucial because it ensures the accuracy and reliability of satellite data. "The instruments on the plane provide a higher resolution measurement 'truth' to ensure the data is a true representation of the atmospheric scene being sampled," Yorks said. The ER-2 flew over various parts of Oregon, Arizona, Utah, and Nevada, as well as over the Pacific Ocean off the coast of California. These regions reflected various types of atmospheres, including cirrus clouds, marine stratocumulus, rain and snow, and areas with multiple types of clouds. "The goal is to improve satellite data products for Earth science applications," Yorks said. "These measurements allow scientists and decision-makers to confidently use this satellite information for applications like weather forecasting and hazard monitoring." Researcher Jackson Begolka from the University of Iowa examines instrument connectors onboard the ER-2 aircraft at NASA's Armstrong Flight Research Center in Edwards, California, on Feb. 1, 2025. The GLOVE instrument will validate data from satellites orbiting the Earth. NASA/Steve Freeman The four instruments installed on the ER-2 were the Cloud Physics Lidar, the Roscoe Lidar, the enhanced Moderate Resolution Imaging Spectroradiometer Airborne Simulator, and the Cloud Radar System. These instruments validate data produced by sensors on NASA's Ice, Cloud, and Land Elevation Satellite 2 (ICESat-2) and the Earth Cloud, Aerosol and Radiation Explorer (EarthCARE), a joint venture between the ESA (European Space Agency) and JAXA (Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency). "Additionally, the EarthCARE satellite is flying the first ever Doppler radar for measurements of air motions within clouds," Yorks said. While the ER-2 is operated by pilots and aircrew from NASA Armstrong, these instruments are supported by scientists from NASA Goddard, NASA's Ames Research Center in California's Silicon Valley, and the Naval Research Laboratory office in Monterey, California, as well as by students from the University of Iowa in Iowa City and the University of Maryland College Park.



Indian Astronaut Tastes Space Station Meals

New Delhi: As preparations for Axiom Mission 4 (Ax-4) gain pace, Indian astronaut Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla took part in a special food tasting session - a key step before his journey to the International Space Station (ISS) in May 2025. Axiom Space shared a video of Ax4 crew trying out multiple food options available onboard the International Space Station. In the video, Subhanshu Shukla is seen sampling a variety of dishes, rating each one based on taste and preference. These meals will later be packed and sent to the space station for astronauts to consume during their 14-day mission. "Today was a food taste testing session," Shukla said. "We have a long list of food items that we try and give scores - whether we like it or not. Based on the feedback, the food will be packed and sent to the ISS for us." Shubhanshu Shukla is set to make history as the first Indian to travel to the ISS, joining the Ax-4 mission led by veteran NASA astronaut Peggy Whitson. The crew also includes Sawosz Uznanski-Wisniewski from Poland and Tibor Kapu from Hungary.

