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US Army Sentinel Scolds Pete Hegseth And Aides For Laughing At Tomb Of The Unknown Soldier

world.(Agency).

A US Army sentinel scolded Defence Secretary Pete Hegseth and his top aides after some in the group were heard laughing and talking at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery during a Veterans Day visit. The group had just completed posing for a group photo at the memorial, dedicated to unidentified dead service members, when the compound reverberated with their insensitive laughter.

"All visitors will maintain an atmosphere of silence and respect at all times," the sentinel called out, stopping his patrol to face the group as they departed.

Hegseth was surrounded by his wife, Jennifer Hegseth, chief of staff Ricky Buria, deputy chief of staff Patrick Weaver and senior adviser and deputy assistant Tami Radabaugh.

Quizzed about the incident, the chief Pentagon spokesman, Sean Parnell, said the soldier correctly reminded everyone to maintain decorum.

"The Secretary and the entire Department have always honoured and will always honour the sacrifices our military men and women have made to keep America safe.

India, Canada Discuss Free Trade Pact Aimed At Boosting Bilateral Commerce

world.(Agency).

India and Canada on Wednesday discussed advancing negotiations for the proposed free trade agreement, aimed at boosting two-way commerce and investments.The discussions were held between Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal and visiting Maninder Sidhu, Minister of International Trade of Canada, who is leading a Canadian delegation.

Both sides discussed "advancing negotiations on the India-Canada Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) and strengthening our bilateral economic ties," Goyal said in a social media post.

The two ministers also exchanged views on the importance of a balanced and mutually beneficial agreement that delivers meaningful market access, leverages the complementarities of the two economies and creates new opportunities for trade and investment.

Would Benefit Your Health': Canadian Nurse Offers Sex During Home Appointment

World.(Agency)

A Canadian nurse allegedly offered to have sex with a patient during an appointment, claiming it would benefit his health. After receiving contact details from a pharmacist, the patient reached out to Lori Chern, a nurse practitioner in British Columbia. Chern instructed him to come to her home for the assessment, after which she was expected to complete the necessary medical forms for the RCMP assessment. After the patient reached her home, Chern sat right next to him while taking his blood pressure before making "remarks that appeared flirty"."After taking the reading, the respondent complimented the complainant on their physique as well as heart rate and blood pressure, saying they seemed to have the health of an 18-year-old and making other gestures," the complaint stated. Bringing up the subject of sex, the nurse allegedly told the patient that "sex was very important for a man to regulate himself and be in good health". She then offered to have sex with him.

Five years of fighting climate change haven't done much and stronger targets are needed, report says

Climate change is caused mainly by the release of greenhouse gases, which happens when fuels like gas, oil and coal are burned.

ANTALYA, Turkey.(Agency).

The world has failed to slow or stop global warming trends in the past five years because plans weren't realized and efforts that would have helped were canceled out, a report said Thursday.The grim assessment came during a U.N. climate meeting in Antalya, Turkey, where more government leaders were due to speak Thursday about the state of a warming world and what they hope to do about it.

"Aggregated climate action has now essentially stalled for five consecutive years with positive and negative actions canceling each other out," the independent Climate Action Tracker said in its report. The first five years after the 2015 Paris Agreement, the world did so much that it trimmed an entire degree Celsius (1.8 degrees Fahrenheit) from warming projections, but nothing has changed since, the report said.Climate change is caused mainly by the release of greenhouse gases, which happens when fuels like gas, oil and coal are burned. Confronting climate change means finding ways to drastically cut the amount of emissions put into the atmosphere each year. Countries establish plans to reduce emissions, called nationally determined contributions. The speed of reductions and ways to achieve them are different by country.

Because colletive eforts of countries haven't significantly reduced global emissions, the world is now "headed toward an irrecoverable overshoot of 1.5 degrees Celsius" (2.7 degrees Fahrenheit) above pre-industrial temperatures, which is the warming threshold the world adopted during the Paris Agreement, according to the report.

n the Trump administration and Caracas.The report said if the nations of the world fulfill all their climate promises — which is a big if — the globe will end the century 2.6 degrees Celsius (4.7 degrees Fahrenheit) warmer than preindustrial times. That's the same pace the globe was on in 2024 and 2025, showing the new set of promises made last year have "failed to the move the needle" of projected warming, said report lead author Sarah Heck, a climate policy analyst at Climate Analytics.



"This is still not enough," Heck said. "Countries really do need to strengthen their targets."That's the message island leaders gave the rest of the world Wednesday. Even more leaders of island nations were expected Thursday to reinforce what to their people is a life-or-death message. While all the globe is threatened by climate change's souped-up storms, hotter heat waves, worsening droughts and floods, island nations also have to watch rising seas shrink swallow up their land."Every new oil well drilled, every piece of coal extracted is a threat to my country's future. The discovery of new fossil fuel resources is not something to celebrate, but something to fear," Marshall Islands President Hilda Heine said Wednesday as her colleagues from Tuvalu, Bahamas, Antigua and Barbuda, Niue and other islands are expected to make similar pleas Thursday. "No one has the right to pollute their neighbors.""It is time to wake up," said Heine, who recalled coral that she watched go from "bright and lush" to white with bleaching this year. She said the response of the world to the inevitability of passing the 1.5 warming limit target "must be overwhelming or the world we know is over."

Indonesia's vice president resigns as his eligibility and academic credentials are questioned

JAKARTA, Indonesia.(Agency)

Indonesia's vice president resigned Thursday as questions grew over his eligibility for the office after recent court rulings disputed his educational credentials.Gibran Rakabuming Raka, the 39-year-old son of former President Joko Widodo, submitted his resignation to the leadership of the People's Consultative Assembly, the country's highest legislative body, at the parliament building in the capital, Jakarta.Raka did not comment as he left the meeting.The academic credentials investigation was apparently not related to investigations into allegations that top police officials had been involved in wiretapping targeting the president.Under Indonesia's Constitution, a vice presidential vacancy does not trigger a new election. The office remains vacant until the People's Consultative Assembly elects a replacement from two candidates nominated by the president within 60 days.



Raka had ofered to resign Tuesday during a meeting with President Prabowo Subianto, saying he wanted to avoid a prolonged political controversy. But a Cabinet minister said the president urged Raka at the time to defend himself and it wasn't clear if he accepted the resignation ofer.The Constitutional Court and the Supreme Court ruled last month that the documents Raka submitted regarding his overseas education didn't meet election requirements.A subsequent petition, submitted Wednesday to the House leadership by 120 lawmakers from eight political parties, began a parliamentary process that could lead to his impeachment.Under Indonesian law, House leaders must establish a special committee to examine whether Raka has violated the constitution by serving as vice president, despite allegedly failing to meet election requirements. If lawmakers determine there is sufficient basis for the accusation, the House must ask the Constitutional Court to rule on whether a constitutional violation has occurred.

Marketing, Pricing, Trading: 5 Things To Watch As Anthropic IPO Nears

world.(Agency)

Anthropic PBC is in the home stretch for its initial public ofering, which including the $26 billion private placement is poised to top SpaceX's record. The deal could raise up to $90.4 billion for the company and its co-founders when it prices on November 18, cementing the first listing for a frontier AI model maker.Here are five things investors should be looking for in the days ahead.

1. Formal Marketing. Before a company battles the final boss of IPOs - the pricing - it has to go out and convince investors why they should buy as many shares as possible. Anthropic's marketing campaign ahead of next Wednesday includes both lofty projections and star power, with Goldman Sachs Group Inc. research analysts sharing models predicting Anthropic's revenue will soar to about $685 billion by 2030, and JPMorgan Chase & Co. Chief Executive Officer Jamie Dimon sitting down with Anthropic CEO Dario Amodei for a live-streamed chat.

2. Subscription Levels. Anthropic's filing Tuesday laid out terms such as the $70 to $78 per share price range, and info giving investors information to calculate its fully diluted valuation could reach $1.4 trillion. It also coincided with the start of gauging demand for shares. The deal is already multiple times oversubscribed, meaning there are orders to cover all of the shares in the deal several times over. For reference, SpaceX's $75 billion base ofering drew more than $350 billion of demand.3. Potential Upsize. There's no guarantee that Anthropic will increase the size of its IPO or the valuation, but with orders flowing in, a strong response from investors will tempt the company to swell its target, likely around the middle of the marketing period. A boost to the valuation is under consideration, the Financial Times reported.

Mississippi elects Democrat Scott Colom as state's first Black US senator since Reconstruction

JACKSON, Miss.(Agency).

Democratic nominee Scott Colom defeated Republican Sen. Cindy Hyde-Smith on Wednesday in Mississippi's closely contested U.S. Senate race after a prolonged ballot counting process, giving the state its first Black U.S. senator since post-Civil War Reconstruction.Colom's narrow victory is a seismic shift in Mississippi, which has been controlled mostly by white conservatives for generations despite having the largest share of Black residents of any U.S. state. The outcome adds to a decisive midterm rebuke of President Donald Trump, whose party suffered defeats in several Republican-controlled states, and it will bolster some Democrats' argument that their future runs through the American South."All I did was have the courage to imagine a night like this," Colom told a crowd of hundreds who gathered at Tougaloo College for his victory party. "I had the courage to believe in Mississippi. I had the courage to understand that we can show the country that Mississippi matters."The Associated Press called the race in Colom's favor after local officials spent several days processing absentee and provisional ballots, called affidavit ballots in Mississippi.The last time Mississippi chose a new Democratic senator was 1947; the winner was a staunch segregationist. Colom, a 43-year-old local prosecutor, capitalized on the state's large Black population, discontent with the economy and Hyde-Smith's missteps as she sought a second full term.

"They actually deserve a senator that will listen to them, that actually cares about what they think, actually cares about what they're going through," Colom said in the campaign's closing stretch.Hyde-Smith, 67, called Colom late Wednesday afternoon to concede and released a concession speech online shortly afterward.While this is not the outcome we worked for or hoped for, I respect the decision of Mississippi voters," Hyde-Smith said. "I want to congratulate Scott Colom and wish him well as he takes on the tremendous responsibility of representing our great state."

Colom said during the campaign that he could represent all of Mississippi, a state where racial divisions have long defined its politics and society, and he repeated that pledge after his victory.

Firefighters dig through rubble after NYC building collapse kills 2 and traps people in wreckage

NEW YORK.(Agency)

Firefighters dug through the rubble of a three-story building in Brooklyn after it collapsed at the edge of a construction site Wednesday afternoon, killing at least two people and trapping others beneath the wreckage.tion," said LAPD Chief Jim McDonnell.News helicopter footage showed scores of firefighters scouring the debris in the borough's Flatbush section, clambering over the rubble pile and using their hands and power saws to get through the ruins.At least 10 people were rushed to a hospital with injuries, including four in critical condition, Mayor Zohran Mamdani said during a news conference. New York City Fire Department officials said their search and rescue operations would continue for several days."We do not know how many people were missing overall," said FDNY's chief of department, John Esposito.About 250 firefighters were working the scene, Mamdani said. At around 6:30 p.m., firefighters pulled a dust-covered person — still alive and moving — out of a hole they had dug into the rubble pile, hoisting them up on a stretcher and rushing them to a waiting ambulance.

The building that collapsed — a mixed-use structure with apartments sitting atop businesses — had been perched at the edge of a lot where another one-story building had been torn down for a construction project. The site was being excavated, and the building that fell down filled the construction pit with bricks and wood.New York City's buildings commissioner, Ahmed Tigani, said that at the time of the disaster, construction workers were on site doing excavation work adjacent to the building that collapsed.Another building that shared a wall with the collapsed structure remained standing, but its wall was shorn off, exposing the rooms inside, including a bedroom and closets filled with clothing.



A drone hovered over the site as firefighters dug by hand, tossing chunks of rubble aside. Rescuers also used dogs to sniff for survivors. As darkness fell, firefighters used flashlights to illuminate the area where they worked.This has been an incredibly challenging and fast-moving situation, with precarious wreckage to navigate and dangerous voids beneath the surface," Mamdani said.

Scott Colom Wins Mississippi, Becomes State's 1st Black Senator Since 1874

WASHINGTON.(Agency)

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A spokesman for the senator said she called Colom to congratulate him and concede before the video was shared publicly.Colom scheduled a victory celebration with supporters Wednesday night in Jackson.

The last time Mississippi chose a new Democratic senator was 1947, and the winner then was a staunch segregationist. Colom, a 43-year-old local prosecutor, capitalized on the large Black population, discontent with the economy and Hyde-Smith's missteps as she sought a second full term.They actually deserve a senator that will listen to them, that actually cares about what they think, actually cares about what they're going through," Colom said in the campaign's closing stretch.Colom said during the campaign that he could represent all of Mississippi, a state where racial divisions have long defined its politics and society.

"It's got to be about having a party that represents rural America again, suburban America, urban America - a party that makes sure we actually deliver for voters in ways that make their lives better," he said.Party leaders hailed the senator-elect's triumph, with nods to the South's emerging battleground status after other upset victories from North Carolina to Texas.

"Scott Colom is the only person who could've gotten this done," Democratic Senate leader Chuck Schumer of New York posted online. "Along with his staf and volunteers, Scott ran the campaign of a lifetime and re-imagined what's possible for Democrats in the South.

DU associate professor sent on leave over sexual harassment complaint by student

Delhi.(Agency)

An associate professor at Delhi University's Satyawati College has been placed on leave and served a show-cause notice following a complaint of alleged sexual harassment and inappropriate behaviour by a woman student. The development comes days after an assistant professor at Daulat Ram College was sent on leave over similar allegations by a student.

Satyawati College Principal Subhash Kumar Singh said the matter was being examined by the college's Internal Complaints Committee (ICC). "The matter is with the ICC and a probe is going on… We cannot comment much, but yes, he has been placed on leave since last month."He added that the committee held a meeting last week. "Once the committee submits its report, a resolution will be sent to the governing body and then to the university for further action."It is learnt that the student filed her complaint on November 2, two days after the alleged incident. In her complaint, the student alleged that the associate professor had been harassing her over the phone and had sent her an obscene PDF document, claiming it was part of the syllabus. The complaint reportedly details several instances of alleged sexual harassment, misconduct, inappropriate behaviour and use of vulgar language.When contacted, the associate professor denied the allegations. "These are false and fabricated allegations against me. I was called by the ICC last week and have submitted my reply, which has also been video recorded," he said.

"I have not gone to college since last week… I am waiting for a fair action and result in the matter," he added.This is not the first case of an allegation of sexual harassment at the college.

Iconic Coffee Home to get a Rs 150 cr neighbour

Delhi.(Agency)

Connaught Place's iconic Coffee Home, which has been serving affordable meals and filter coffee to Delhiites since 1989, will soon have a new neighbour—a proposed `150-crore office complex for the Delhi Tourism department.The building is planned on the vacant space within the existing premises on Baba Kharak Singh Road, with officials clarifying that the popular eatery will remain unaffected and continue operating from its present location.

The proposed building will house the offices of the Delhi Tourism and Transportation Development Corporation(DTTDC), which operates the Coffee Home. The corporation has cited a shortage of



adequate and suitable office space as the primary reason behind the project.According to the proposal, the building will have an estimated plinth area of 17,000 to 17,500 square metres.

Its tentative design envisages two basement levels, a ground floor and 12 upper floors. However, the final configuration will depend on feasibility assessments, applicable building regulations and statutory approvals.

DTTDC has invited bids to appoint an architectural consultant for the comprehensive design and engineering planning of the project. The selected consultant will undertake site surveys, prepare architectural designs and submit a detailed project report, including cost estimates. As per the tender schedule, a pre-bid meeting will be held on November 16, while November 25 is the deadline for submission of the bids.Coffee Home, a familiar landmark in Connaught Place, will retain its place on the premises. Established in 1989, the eatery has always been popular among office-goers, visitors and local residents for its reasonably priced food and beverages.

Consumer panel sends two Parsvnath directors to judicial custody over unpaid dues of homebuyers

Delhi.(Agency)

The Delhi State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission has sent two directors of Parsvnath Developers to two-week judicial custody, until November 18, in connection with 46 pending cases involving unpaid refunds and compensation to homebuyers.Observing that they had been "evading the process of law in various cases", the Commission – in its November 4 order – noted that the directors, Sanjeev Kumar Jain and Rajeev Jain, had issued cheques to homebuyers that were dishonoured when presented for payment.The order was passed by a Bench comprising Justice Sangita Dhingra Sehgal, president of the Commission, and member Bimla Kumari.The matter came up after a homebuyer, Abhishek Mundhra, sought to withdraw an execution petition against the company following an out-of-court settlement of Rs 1.25 crore. The company had issued five post-dated cheques of Rs 25 lakh each as part of the settlement.The Commission, however, refused to allow the withdrawal, noting that "no settlement deed… has been placed on record" and that the cheques were yet to be encashed."It is significant to note that the JDs (judgment debtors/directors) who are present in court have been evading the process of law in various cases. They have issued cheques to the DH/DHs (decree holders/homebuyers) and the same were dishonoured on presentation," the Commission observed.The two directors were already in custody when the matter was heard. They had been taken into custody earlier in November in relation to the same case and were produced before the Commission by the Delhi Police Crime Branch from Tihar Jail.The directors had also sought release from judicial custody, citing the settlement. However, the Commission said no settlement deed had been submitted along with the application seeking withdrawal of the execution petition.



Taking up 46 pending execution cases against the company suo motu, the Commission noted that the amounts awarded to homebuyers remained unpaid. "All the above mentioned matters are taken up suo motu since the JD has not cleared the decretal amount in these cases and execution petitions are still pending. Both the Directors of the JD, namely Mr Sanjeev Kumar Jain and Mr Rajeev Jain, are taken into custody in all these matters," it said.

The Commission noted that arrest warrants had been issued against the directors in five cases, while they had been declared proclaimed offenders in seven others. In another 34 cases, proceedings to declare them proclaimed offenders had been initiated.Refusing to grant relief until the settlement cheques were cleared, the Commission ordered that both directors remain in judicial custody and be produced before it at 12.30 pm on November 18.

Overpriced X-ray machines, Rs 300-crore kickbacks: ACB exposes Rs 842-cr Delhi health scam

Delhi.(Agency)

A chargesheet filed by the Anti-Corruption Branch (ACB) in the alleged Delhi medical procurement scam details how tenders were manipulated to favour two pharmaceutical companies, causing an estimated loss of Rs 842 crore to the government.It names three public servants—Dr Vinod Kumar Ranga, Head of Office of the Central Procurement Agency (CPA); Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS) chief Dr Vatsala Aggarwal; and former CPA Deputy Controller of Accounts Neeraj Chopra—along with two companies, F-Med Devices and M Sahib and Sons Private Limited. Both firms are allegedly owned by pharma trader Rajiv Rangila, arrested as one of the alleged masterminds of the fraud.The ACB alleged that tender conditions were tailored to favour the selected firms and discourage competing bidders. Their bills were cleared within a day or two, while other suppliers reportedly waited nearly two years for payment.The alleged manipulation was particularly evident in the procurement of X-ray machines. Although the CPA planned to procure 448 machines, the chargesheet said, a tender for just two was uploaded on the Government e-Marketplace (GeM) portal, allegedly to restrict competition.

ACB probe says firms linked to Rangila got CPA contracts via rigged tenders

The ACB probe into the medical procurement scam found an arrangement between the CPA's Head of Office and manufacturing firm Prognosis. While Prognosis supplied the same machines to other government departments and entities at `14.9 lakh each, inclusive of taxes, F-Med charged the CPA `37.8 lakh per machine.F-Med was the only company to qualify for the tender, the ACB claimed, alleging that the CPA official earned over `150 crore via X-ray machine transactions. Similar pricing irregularities were allegedly found in hospital linen, medicines, oral rehydration solution (ORS) sachets and surgical equipment.

'They brought him wrapped like a bundle': Father of 4-year-old who died in open manhole

Drain in which boy fell was covered with plastic sheet; body parts recovered

Delhi.(Agency)

Shahjahan (35) sits slumped on a steel bench at Sanjay Gandhi Memorial Hospital, exhausted and in tears. For over 24 hours, she has been crying, fainting, and calling out her four-year-old son Imran's name — sometimes mumbling it, at other times screaming. Beside her sits her elder son, just six years old, watching his mother helplessly.Hours earlier, Shahjahan had seen the dismembered remains of Imran, who fell into an open manhole in Outer Delhi on Tuesday. His body parts were recovered from a water treatment plant nearly 7 km away on Wednesday.Police suspect the body was dismembered by the large rotating machines that filter and treat wastewater at a sewage treatment plant before the parts were recovered from the water treatment plant.The family had gone to Das Garden in Outer Delhi's Baprola on Tuesday. Shahjahan's husband, Khurshid Alam, a construction worker, often brought his wife and two sons to the park, around 3 km from their home in Som Bazaar, while he worked nearby.In a neighbourhood of old dilapidated buildings housing mostly daily-wage earners,Das Garden was one of thefew places where children could play. It even has a swimming pool. "I work as a labourer nearby. He wanted to come to the park, so I brought my family along and left the children with their mother. They would have gone home by evening," Alam said. In the afternoon, Imran wanted to relieve himself.



The park and a barren plot of land are located on opposite sides of a service road. The Najafgarh drain runs underneath the plot. Overgrown with shrubs and soaked in sewage water, the plot is surrounded by a seven-foot boundary wall. A section of the wall is missing, with an iron hinge suggesting there was once a gate there.Alam said Imran and his mother entered the plot through this opening. About 10 m inside was an open manhole, around 50 feet deep. "He went towards the manhole to relieve himself. The hole was covered with some plastic sheet. He stepped on it and slipped inside. His brother screamed. That's when I came running," Alam said.

The manhole connects to a sewer line running parallel to the Najafgarh drain. The drain empties into the Yamuna, while the sewer travels about 7 km, crossing areas like Ranhola, and emptying into the water treatment plant in Nilothi, Nihal Vihar.At 3.21 pm, local residents called the police and personnel from Ranhola police station began rescue operations. When the boy was not found until 9 pm, teams from the NDRF and Fire Brigade, along with the BSF, were roped in. The operation was halted at 10 pm before it resumed on Wednesday morning.The teams started scavenging the manhole using floodlights and thick ropes, in an attempt to attach it to any remains of the child. Around 11 am, Imran's body parts were found near the end of the drain at the water treatment plant.

Chawri Bazar residents struggle to arrange structural audits after MCD notices

With inspections estimated to cost Rs 10,000–15,000, residents say they are unclear about the process and worried about bearing the expense.

Delhi.(Agency)

Residents living near the building that recently collapsed at Gali Sheesh Mahal in the Chawri Bazar area who were asked by the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) to ensure structural safety audits of their buildings are struggling to complete the exercise.Abdul (name changed), one of the residents who has received a notice for the safety audit said, "We received this notice right after the tragedy (Chawri Bazar collapse) and now we are trying to get the check done, even though we do not know how exactly to go about this. It is a new struggle for us but since we have been asked to, we have to do this."According to an MCD official, the cost of arranging these assessments, estimated at `10,000–15,000, is supposed to be borne by the residents.

Another resident who also got the notice but refused to be named said, "We do not how much we have to spend for this. In case it is too expensive, it will be difficult for us."The notices have brought into focus a larger question over the corporation's role in identifying structurally vulnerable buildings across the city, particularly in older and densely populated areas where the condition of adjoining structures can also come under scrutiny after a collapse.A structural audit refers to a systematic, engineering-led inspection of a building's structural elements including columns, beams, slabs, foundations, and load-bearing walls, which is done to assess their current strength, detect deterioration and most importantly determine whether the structure remains safe for continued use.Speaking about it, former MCD Works Committee chairman Jagdish Mamgain questioned whether the corporation has a comprehensive system to identify buildings at risk before an accident occurs. "The civic body cannot limit its response to issuing notices to neighbouring properties after a collapse and leave residents to arrange inspections on their own."



Namo Bharat crosses 5-crore passenger mark, 1 cr journeys come in 93 days

The Delhi–Meerut corridor recorded its fastest growth between successive ridership milestones, with 33.49 lakh journeys in October, according to NCRTC.

Delhi.(Agency)

The Delhi–Meerut Namo Bharat corridor has recorded more than five crore passenger journeys since the commencement of operations in October 2023, with the latest one crore journeys added in just 93 days, according to the official records shared by the National Capital Region Transport Corporation (NCRTC) on Wednesday.The milestone comes nine months after the entire 82-km corridor, connecting Sarai Kale Khan in Delhi to Modipuram in Meerut, was opened for public use on February 22 this year. The Sarai Kale Khan station, which serves as the originating point of the corridor, was also opened to commuters on the same day, completing the Delhi section of the network.The corridor began operations on October 21, 2023, with the inauguration of the 17-km priority section between Sahibabad and Duhai Depot. It took 574 days to record its first one crore journeys, on May 16 last year.The subsequent milestones were achieved at shorter intervals, with the corridor crossing the two-crore mark on December 11, 2025, three crore on May 2 this year, and, later, four crore on August 10. The latest one crore journeys were recorded between August 10 and November 10—the shortest interval between two successive milestones.The corridor recorded 35.25 lakh passenger journeys in August, with an average daily ridership of 1.13 lakh. The highest single-day ridership of 1,68,666 journeys was registered on August 28. September saw 32.41 lakh journeys, while October recorded 33.49 lakh.The 82.15-km corridor has 16 stations and connects Delhi, Ghaziabad and Meerut. Its expansion has also brought additional interchange options for commuters travelling through the National Capital Region, with connectivity to the Delhi Metro, Indian Railways, interstate bus terminals and city bus services.The network also introduced the integration of Namo Bharat and Meerut Metro services on shared infrastructure, with both services operationalised on February 22.The NCRTC has attributed the increase in ridership to improved regional connectivity and the availability of an alternative to road-based travel. The trains have an operational speed of up to 160 kmph.



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'Ground has shifted' under Modi govt; regime 'not here to stay': Sonia Gandhi in memoir

New Delhi . (Agency).

The "ground has shifted" under the Modi government's feet, Congress Parliamentary Party chairperson Sonia Gandhi says, expressing her firm belief that the regime is not here to stay and that the government's actions demonstrate its insecurity.

In her memoir, Belonging: A Journey of Love, Gandhi says she senses the next generation's yearning for fairness, an end to oppressive systems and injustice. "It will take time, but I know the wheel will turn and they will succeed. They will retrieve the soul of our country and heal its wounds," she writes in the book, which hit the stands on Tuesday.The country's young men and women will safeguard its hard-won freedoms and carefully designed harmony, Gandhi says in the 526-page book, which traces her life from her childhood in Italy and meeting Rajiv Gandhi in Cambridge to his assassination and her entry into politics."As of this writing the government continues with its narrative that its power and popularity remain intact. But it's my belief that the ground has shifted under their feet. The mainstream media remains as partisan as before, but the government's actions demonstrate its insecurity," she says.

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New Delhi(Agency).

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Veterans urge Rajnath Singh to save Air Force Sports Complex near PM's residence

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New Delhi (Agency).

Air Force veterans and members of the Air Force Sports Complex (AFSC) have appealed to Defence Minister Rajnath Singh to intervene in the closure and handover of the facility in New Delhi's Race Course area, seeking restoration of its previous status and protection of its sporting infrastructure.In a letter dated November 5, signed by Wing Commander Ajit Kakkar (Retd) on behalf of AFSC veterans and members, the signatories have urged the Defence Minister to reconsider the decision to transfer the land to the Land and Development Office (L&DO). They have sought the preservation of the complex's existing possession, access, facilities and institutional character.The veterans have also requested that no eviction, dispossession, closure, demolition or alteration be carried out while their representation is under consideration and a comprehensive review of the matter is undertaken.Describing the complex as an integral part of the Indian Air Force's



institutional legacy, the letter says it has remained associated with the force for nearly eight decades, contributing to sporting excellence, physical fitness and camaraderie among serving and retired personnel.The signatories have argued that the AFSC is much more than a sports and recreational facility. They have described it as a cherished space where generations of Air Force personnel and their families have built friendships and lasting memories.The letter also highlights the emotional significance of the complex for elderly veterans in their seventies, eighties and nineties, saying its closure would sever a longstanding connection with the institution to which they devoted their working lives.

VETERANS FLAG HERITAGE, GREEN COVER AT COMPLEX

The appeal has also drawn attention to the complex's extensive green cover and heritage trees, some of which reportedly date back nearly 300 years. The veterans have urged the authorities to take into account the site's historical, ecological and environmental significance before making any further decisions.They have sought a comprehensive review involving the Defence Ministry, the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs and the Indian Air Force.

I wish no ill of anyone: DK Shivakumar amid speculation of rift with Siddaramaiah

D K Shivakumar denied any discord with Siddaramaiah and said he wished no one ill. The remarks underline his emphasis on patience, conscience and inclusive governance amid political scrutiny.

Mysuru,(Agency)

Karnataka Chief Minister D K Shivakumar has said he wishes no ill on anyone, including his predecessor Siddaramaiah, amid speculation about differences between the two leaders, news agency Press Trust of India reported.Shivakumar said he wanted to use his tenure to make a lasting and positive impact on people's lives. His remarks came after he dismissed speculation on Monday about differences with Siddaramaiah, saying there was no discord between them.Speaking at the release of researcher Ramya's book, Chalisuva Bande (The Moving Rock), in Mysuru on Wednesday, Shivakumar said he had worked with Siddaramaiah and had no intention of harming him or anyone else."I will do work that will remain in people's hearts during my tenure. I will not wish ill of anyone. I have worked with Siddaramaiah. I



am not a person who wishes ill of him or anybody else. I will not wish ill of anyone in the future either. This is my commitment," he said, according to a statement from his office cited by PTI.Reflecting on his political journey, Shivakumar said politics was difficult and required patience, perseverance and the ability to withstand criticism. "Swimming in politics is not easy. Reaching the shore after swimming is even more difficult. Some people are waiting to see whether I will be allowed to govern for one, two, three or six months and what I will do. The opposition is unable to digest my growth. Some cannot even utter my name," he said.Expressing faith in himself and the people of Karnataka, Shivakumar said he did not intend to deceive or trouble anyone. "I have no intention of cheating anyone, causing trouble or wishing ill of anybody. My desire is that no one should face unnecessary.

Harish Rawat rules out CM bid, sets sights on Congress win in 2027

Dehradun(Agency).

Former Uttarakhand Chief Minister Harish Rawat has said he is not in the race for the Chief Minister's post and that his main objective is to help the Congress form the state government in 2027, news agency Press Trust of India reported.As the Congress prepares for the Assembly elections through statewide campaigns, Rawat said he would not seek the chief minister's post or any other office if the party secured a majority.Calling speculation about his participation in the chief ministerial race baseless, Rawat said in a social media post on Wednesday, "Our party has many capable and qualified individuals for this role. Our goal is to ensure the formation of a Congress government in 2027. We aim to oust the BJP government and establish a Congress administration."Reflecting on his political journey, Rawat said the Congress had given him opportunities to rise from a booth-level worker to a Union minister and chief minister. He said he no longer had any desire for a particular position.

"I consistently strive to remind the public of the achievements of the Congress government, including those from my own tenure as chief minister, while highlighting the failures of the BJP government by way of comparison," Rawat said, according to PTI.Rawat also highlighted the Ankita Bhandari murder case, saying his objective was to secure justice for a "daughter of Uttarakhand" and bring the "VIP" allegedly linked to her murder to justice. He described the issue as important for the state and linked the demand for justice to the Congress's main political priorities.The former chief minister also raised allegations of a scam involving mid-day meals for schoolchildren and food supplies meant for pregnant women. He alleged that hundreds of crores of rupees had been siphoned off by depriving the intended beneficiaries of food.

Unforgivable: Akhilesh says Yogi Adityanath insulted Lord Krishna, vows BJP defeat

Lucknow(Agency).

Samajwadi Party president Akhilesh Yadav on Thursday accused Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath of insulting Lord Krishna through his alleged remarks about cowherds and claimed that the BJP would be defeated in the 2027 Assembly elections, news agency Press Trust of India reported.Yadav made the allegations in a post on X while sharing a video clip of Adityanath's remarks at an event in Uttarakhand a day earlier. In the clip, the



Chief Minister purportedly said that without people from the hill state, Yadav would have been grazing buffaloes in his native Saifai in Etawah.

"By using abusive language against 'Gopalaks' (cowherds), the Uttar Pradesh chief minister has, by implication, insulted Gopal, or Lord Krishna. This is unforgivable," Yadav said."First, he was involved, along with a big gang, in the theft of offerings, donations and contributions made to the Ram temple in Ayodhya, and gave them a clean chit out of fear that the truth might come out. Now he is attacking Lord Krishna. He is using such objectionable language because he wants to establish his own power, separate from Sanatan Dharma," Yadav alleged.

Navi Mumbai leads Centre's cleanliness rankings as Indore exits top city category

New Delhi(Agency).

Maharashtra's Navi Mumbai ranked as the cleanest city in India in the Swachh Survekshan Awards 2025-26, the Central Government's annual cleanliness survey.



It was followed by Surat in Gujarat and Vijayawada in Andhra Pradesh, while Madhya Pradesh's Rewa was declared the cleanest riverfront town and Uttarakhand's Rudrapur emerged as the cleanest Himalayan city.In the 10 lakh-plus population category, Greater Visakhapatnam emerged as the cleanest city, followed by Jabalpur and Lucknow. Among cities with a population of 3-10 lakh, Ujjain topped the cleanliness rankings, with Chandigarh and Guntur securing the second and third positions, respectively. The results of Swachh Survekshan 2025-26 were announced on Wednesday.

Indore, which had been ranked the cleanest city for eight consecutive years, was placed in a different category this year, securing the second position in the Mentor City category along with its partner town, Depalpur, under the newly introduced 'Swachh Shehar Jodi' initiative.The initiative is a city-to-city mentorship and peer-learning programme launched under the Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban. It involves 72 mentor cities and around 200 mentee cities. Based on their performance in the cleanliness survey, top-performing cities have been identified as mentors and paired with lower-performing towns.

Death threat to Arvind Kejriwal, caller seeks Rs 7 crore in Bishnoi gang's name

New Delhi(Agency).

Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) MLA Jarnail Singh on Thursday said that a caller claiming to be a member of the Lawrence Bishnoi gang threatened to kill the party's national convenor and the former Delhi Chief Minister, Arvind Kejriwal, and his daughter, Harshita Kejriwal, unless Rs 7 crore was paid as ransom.The MLA from Delhi's Tilak Nagar constituency has also alleged that he received a threatening phone call and WhatsApp messages from the caller. Singh approached the Mohali Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) on November 6 and lodged a complaint, mentioning that the caller had identified himself as a member of the Lawrence Bishnoi gang.According to Singh's complaint, the caller demanded Rs 7 crore from Kejriwal and threatened to kill him and his daughter if the money was not paid.



Based on the complaint, Mohali Police registered a case under various sections of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) and the Information Technology Act. The investigation has been assigned to Inspector Sunil Kumar of the Cyber Crime Police Station.The 58-year-old politician had also received a death threat in 2019, when he was serving as Delhi Chief Minister. His office had received emails threatening to kill him, following which the Chief Minister's Office lodged a complaint and the Delhi Police launched an investigation.

POLICE PROBE CALLER'S IDENTITY

Police are examining the call details, IP logs and location data linked to the mobile number used to send the threats to establish the identity of the caller.In his complaint, Singh also sought adequate security for Kejriwal and his family in view of the alleged threat.

A New Chapter in India's Museum Story

The Bihar Museum is in the news once again, and for all the right reasons. Ranked ninth in the 2026 edition of the World's 100 Best Museums by Worth a Journey, a Munich-based travel guide and digital magazine founded by Jakob Schwichtenberg, it has secured a place among the world's top 10 museums, bringing international visibility to Bihar's cultural ambitions.

Conceived under the leadership of the then Chief Minister, Nitish Kumar, the Bihar Museum opened to the public in 2017. Designed by celebrated Japanese architect Fumihiko Maki, selected through an international design competition, it is an architectural landmark along Nehru Path. Built in concrete and stone, the structure reflects Maki's philosophy of Oku, which explores spatial depth and layering. The interplay of buildings and open spaces creates a sense of anticipation, discovery and serenity.Unlike the archaeological museums established by the British in India, the Bihar Museum was conceived as an interactive, contemporary cultural space. Its distinction lies as much in its vision as in its architecture.

Nitish Kumar's vision deserves particular recognition. At a time when Bihar was routinely dismissed as a Bimaru state, the decision to invest substantially in a museum attracted criticism. Yet Bihar is among India's most culturally rich regions. As Rajendra Prasad famously observed, the history of Bihar is, in many ways, the history of India.The museum's development owes much to Anjani Kumar Singh, the then Chief Secretary of Bihar, now its Director General. His administrative acumen and passion for the arts helped bring together professionals such as Anthony Lopez of Lopez Design, whose work gave the institution its distinctive graphic identity.The Bihar Museum Biennale, conceived in 2021, has strengthened the museum's international cultural engagement. Its three editions explored themes ranging from 'Bihar, India and the World' and 'Together We Art', a G20 project inspired by Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam, to 'Global South: Sharing Histories' in 2025. The museum's collections are equally compelling, from the celebrated Didarganj Yakshi, renowned for its exquisite proportions and Mauryan-era polish, to the Nalanda Gallery and the remarkable Kurkihar bronzes.India's museum landscape is also expanding. The Kiran Nadar Museum of Art (KNMA), with spaces in Saket and Noida, is developing an ambitious new museum near Aerocity, New Delhi, designed by Sir David Adjaye. Envisioned as a major centre for modern and contemporary art, it will bring together visual and performing arts, research and education. Therefore, as a curator, art historian and author, I have found it particularly interesting to witness the expanding role of museums in India in shaping new intellectual and cultural trajectories. They are increasingly becoming spaces for dialogue, research and exchange, moving beyond their traditional role as repositories of art and heritage. International collaborations are opening up new possibilities in this regard Under the leadership of Director General Sabyasachi Mukherjee, Mumbai's Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya (CSMVS) has built an impressive network of partnerships with institutions and scholars across the world.

What the ILO can teach a divided world

The International Labour Organisation remains an impressive example of what multilateralism can achieve through good-faith dialogue and compromise



Multilateralism gets a bad rap nowadays for being weak and incapable of addressing the major challenges of our time. But this view conveniently ignores the extent to which multilateral institutions, and therefore international cooperation, continue to underpin almost every aspect of our daily lives, wherever in the world we may live.Air travel, the Internet, access to goods and services of all kinds and even the very survival of many species of flora and fauna all depend on international regulation and monitoring. This is seldom recognised, but none of it would be possible without some degree of global cooperation on rules and enforcement.

One such institution is the International Labour Organisation (ILO). Despite being hugely underestimated and actively undermined, it remains an impressive example of what multilateralism can achieve through good-faith dialogue and compromise.

The ILO predates the United Nations, having been established in 1919 under the now-defunct League of Nations and brought under the UN umbrella in 1946. Formally, it is the UN agency that is concerned with advancing social justice through the promotion of decent work. But since the conditions and consequences of work are inextricably linked to social, economic, cultural, technological and legal forces, this necessarily means dealing with much more than employment.

The ILO's 1944 Philadelphia Declaration, which broadened its aims and purposes, remains inspiring, even visionary: It stated labour is not a commodity and that freedom of expression and association are essential to any real human progress. Recognising that poverty anywhere is a danger to prosperity everywhere,The Declaration emphasised the importance of what we now call "policy coherence," with "all national and international policies and measures, in particular those of an economic and financial character," to be judged and accepted "only in so far as they may be held to promote and not to hinder" the attainment of its central aim. That aim was to ensure conditions in which "all human beings, irrespective of race, creed or sex, have the right to pursue both their material well-being and their spiritual development in conditions of freedom and dignity, of economic security and equal opportunity.

In today's world, it is much harder to put these ideals into practice. For decades, economic policymakers worldwide have relied on the perceived benefits of profit-oriented investment in liberalised markets. Social justice and improved living standards were treated as trickle-down byproducts of economic growth.

Instead, economic inequality and material insecurity have soared, and social division and extreme polarisation have deepened both within and between countries, fuelling distrust and making collective action increasingly difficult. It is not just multilateralism that is being jeopardised. Even once-stable democracies are under threat.Recovering the ability to cooperate and coordinate internationally requires a reinvigorated social contract, and the ILO — which is preparing to pick a new director-general—is well placed to lead the charge. It has already expanded its mandate well beyond formal employment to recognise and address the conditions of informal workers, who now account for a majority of workers globally, as well as unpaid workers. But much more needs to be done.How is such a social contract to be developed and implemented? One answer lies in the way the ILO is organised: a tripartite system in which workers, employers, and governments are all represented. The ILO's ability to reach agreements and compromises among parties with potentially conflicting interests, and to do so regularly over decades, is truly remarkable. Its worker base must be expanded beyond formal employment to include informal and unpaid workers, just as the employer base must encompass smaller enterprises and not just large corporations. But the principle of ongoing dialogue among competing interests must not be lost.Nowhere is the importance of this principle more evident than at the ILO's annual labour conferences. Even in years when they do not seem to have accomplished very much, the ability to bring disparate people and organisations together to hash out complex and potentially inflammatory issues is exceptional in a world where too many powerful people and interests hold compromise in contempt.As the ILO chooses its leader for the next five years, it is vital for people and organisations around the world to recognise it for what it is: a global public good whose achievements demonstrate the necessity and the potential of international cooperation.The writer is Professor of Economics at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, a member of the Club of Rome's Transformational Economics Commission and Co-Chair of the Independent Commission for the Reform of International Corporate Taxation. the Declaration called for an unrelenting war on want.

Make political will meet court orders to fight pollution

Delhi's toxic air, with the Air Quality Index (AQI) routinely touching the hazardous 500 mark during winter, is a reminder of the failure to tackle the crisis.



I hope you all are enjoying the weather in Delhi." Chief Justice of India Surya Kant's pointed remark during Friday's hearing on Delhi-NCR pollution carried a sting of sarcasm that should not be lost in the Diwali din. The frustration behind it was unmistakable. The three-judge Supreme Court Bench he headed also acknowledged the limits of judicial intervention, observing that restrictions and orders alone are no solution. "The more orders we pass, the more violations will multiply," the bench remarked.The court's exasperation is understandable. Its repeated directives to curb pollution continue to be flouted with impunity. Delhi's toxic air, with the Air Quality Index (AQI) routinely touching the hazardous 500 mark during winter, is a reminder of the failure to tackle the crisis. Worse, pollution is no longer confined to the national capital region. Air quality is deteriorating even in smaller cities and supposedly cleaner hill stations. Mussoorie has recorded AQI levels of around 96 to 104, while Dehradun's have hovered between 120 and 130.

The concern is serious, but the real obstacle to enforcing court orders and rules against unchecked pollution of air, water and land is the failure of administrative action, which, in a country like India, depends on political support and will. Over the years, the Supreme Court has issued orders restricting the use of firecrackers and polluting vehicles and invoked the 'polluter pays' principle against industrial offenders, underlining that economic interests cannot take precedence over ecological health. Yet, such disregard for the environment could not have continued without political indifference, if not patronage.The problem is that politics is driven by short-term gains, while ecological health is a long-term agenda whose political appeal is limited. No political party appears willing to risk a backlash by wholeheartedly supporting restrictions on firecrackers or polluting industries. The result is predictable: blame games, cosmetic measures and temporary restrictions, with little effort to address the structural causes. Pollution is treated as a seasonal emergency rather than a systemic failure.

As the Supreme Court observed, the poor suffer most from pollution. Politics should be about easing the hardships of ordinary people, not adding to them. The fight against pollution must move beyond courtrooms and judicial reprimands into effective governance. It requires a sustained, science-driven approach backed by political commitment, administrative accountability and strict enforcement.

Bharat Ratna L K Advani Ji at 100!

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

Shri Lal Krishna Advani Ji enters the hundredth year of his life today, 8th November. This year, his birthday fittingly coincides with Diwali, a festival associated with Prabhu Shri Ram and the Diya at a time when we are marking 75 years since the inception of the Jana Sangh, 125th Jayanti of Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee and recently celebrated a hundred years of the RSS.

There are very few people whose lives have touched so many different chapters of modern India. Advani Ji was born on 8th November 1927, on Dev Deepawali. As a youngster in 1947, he experienced the pain of leaving behind his familiar world in Sindh. He rebuilt his life from scratch without bitterness.

This trait of being able to build from scratch, against all odds, has stayed with him throughout. It was seen while he was strengthening the Jana Sangh and later building the BJP. His tenures as BJP President saw the Congress falling sharply from 400 to below 200 in 1989 and the BJP becoming the single largest party for the first time in 1996. Advani Ji nurtured generations of Karyakartas and gave the Party a clear foundation rooted in the principle of Nation First.Two qualities always set Advani Ji apart as a leader. First, his ideological clarity and intellectual sharpness. This was reflected in his speeches and writings. The Jana Sangh and BJP resolutions he authored remain worth reading even today, while his interviews were consistently incisive and precise. Second, the manner in which he exposed the pseudo-secularism propounded by a large section of the Indian polity for many years.Advani Ji took up every responsibility with immense diligence. As an RSS Pracharak, Advani Ji first worked in different parts of Rajasthan. From there, he went to the national capital, where he started working closely with Atal Ji. History shows that it is rare for two towering political leaders to work together for several decades, cooperating with each other without becoming competitors. Advani Ji and Atal Ji set a remarkable example. Together, they changed the course of Indian politics.The Delhi that Advani Ji came to was coming to terms with the horrors of Partition. He immersed himself in making the Jana Sangh stronger. In 1967, Advani Ji became the Chairman of the Delhi Metropolitan Council, where he worked alongside the late Vijay Kumar Malhotra Ji (who became Chief Executive Councillor).

In 1970, Advani Ji's Parliamentary innings began. His interventions have won appreciation across the political spectrum. He made a mark as an MP and later, as Leader of Opposition in both houses and from the treasury benches too. Despite parliamentary commitments, he frequently travelled across India meeting people.I vividly recall the 1991 Lok Sabha elections. It was decided that Advani Ji would contest the Lok Sabha elections from two seats, one of which was Gandhinagar. He had an old link with Gujarat. His father had settled in Kutch after Partition. Advani Ji had also served as a Rajya Sabha MP from Gujarat. So, it was a homecoming of sorts.

Being involved in the BJP organisation, I had the honour of helping prepare his papers and assisting him throughout the campaign. The people of Gandhinagar sent him to Parliament time and again. As a voter of Gandhinagar, I also had the honour of voting for Advani Ji on numerous occasions. The care and attention he devoted to his constituency is something to learn from.The Emergency was a watershed moment in Advani Ji's life. He was at the forefront of saving democracy and protecting the Constitution. His experiences found their way into his book, 'A Prisoner's Scrap-Book.' One part of that book, titled 'A Tale of Two Emergencies', beautifully explained the striking similarities between the events in India starting June 1975 and those in Nazi Germany in 1933.



Advani Ji was a fiery Opposition leader but an equally excellent administrator. When the Janata Government came to office in 1977, Advani Ji became Minister for Information and Broadcasting. It is widely accepted that his work in this department was extremely impactful. As Deputy Prime Minister and one of India's longest-serving Home Ministers, he was instrumental in strengthening India's security apparatus. His work in improving the lives of our security forces is remembered with great fondness. His unequivocal stand against terrorism ensured India got a tough anti-terror law.Of course, an iconic moment in Advani Ji's life was the Somnath to Ayodhya Rath Yatra. It changed the course of Indian society for the better. I consider it a privilege that I got the opportunity to be involved in this Yatra from the ideation stage to execution. Being present at Somnath when the Yatra began was particularly special. A Yatra can be very demanding, requiring long hours, constant travel, physical endurance and an ability to remain focused despite fatigue. Advani Ji embodied this endurance.I also have memories of the saddening moments of Advani Ji's arrest in Bihar. Then, in Gujarat, the BJP withdrew support from the Chimanbhai Patel Government. With this, a simple message was given, that when it comes to our ideology and the Ram Temple, there will never be any compromise. Many of our senior leaders and Karyakartas took an oath that, come what may, a Ram Temple will be built. And, years later, with the blessings of the people of India, a grand Mandir for Prabhu Shri Ram became a reality in Ayodhya.There is so much more of Advani Ji that is outstanding. His simplicity, for example. After the Navnirman Movement, Advani Ji had come to Junagadh and stayed for a month as an ordinary Karyakarta, preparing the Party for the Assembly elections in which Congress was rejected. He has always shown what probity in public life is about. He is a voracious reader. Those who have spent time with him know how carefully he goes through newspapers. He is a big fan of cinema and theatre.

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পিতৃ পৰ্বৰ অনুষ্ঠান: গয়া ফাল্গু নদীতে ব্যাপক উপস্থিতি সাৰী

বহিৰ: আজি 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 পুত্ৰৰো 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 সম্পৰ্ক কৰে প্ৰতীক, যা প্ৰজন্মৰে আত্মাৰ শান্তি ও মুকুৰি আশ্বাস দিয়ে বলে বিশ্বাস কৰা হয়।

দীঘ যাৰি ও দাহক তাপ সত্ত্বেও ভক্তৰা তাদৰে অটল নিষ্ঠা প্ৰদৰ্শন কৰলনে। বিশেষভাবে নিৰ্মিত পদ্মক্ষেত্ৰ জল, তিল ও পিণ্ড অৰ্পণ কৰে নদীতে পবিত্ৰ স্নান কৰলনে।

পুৰোহিতৰো ভাবগম্ভীৰ্যপূৰ্ণ নিয়মে সমস্ত অনুষ্ঠান পৰিচালনা কৰে পূজাপৰে আধ্যাত্মিক পৰিবেশে আৰও বৃদ্ধি কৰলনে। গয়া, যা গড়শংঘ-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 জানযিছে, এই বছৰৰে উপস্থিতি প্ৰত্যাশাৰ অনকে ওপৰে গযিছে, 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 পাড়ে প্ৰদীপৰে আলো নদীতে ভাসতে লাগল, যা চিৰন্তন স্মৃতিৰ প্ৰতীক হিসেবে ঝলমল কৰছিল।

शेयर बाजार तेजी के साथ बंद हुआ

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भारतीय शेयर बाजार बुधवार को तेजी के साथ बंद हुआ। बाजार में ये उछाल दुनिया भर से मिले अच्छे संकेतों के साथ ही खरीददारी हावी रहने से आया है। इसी कारण दिन भर के कारोबार के बाद 30 शेयरों पर आधारित बीएसई सेंसेक्स 772.75 अंक उछलकर 81,879.40 और 50 शेयरों वाला एनएसई निफ्टी 210.40 अंक बढ़कर 25,255.05 पर बंद हुआ। आज बाजार में हर ओर तेजी रही, बैंकिंग शेयरों में सबसे अधिक बढ़त रही। सत्र में निफ्टी बैंक मजबूती के साथ बंद हुआ। वहीं निफ्टी पीएसयू बैंक में और निफ्टी प्राइवेट बैंक में भी बढ़त दर्ज की गई। इसके अलावा, निफ्टी ऑटो , निफ्टी कंजप्शन , निफ्टी एफएमसीजी , निफ्टी इंडिया मैन्युफैक्चरिंग , निफ्टी एनर्जी , निफ्टी और निफ्टी मेटल के शेयर बढ़त के साथ बंद हुए।

दूसरी ओर निफ्टी आईटी , निफ्टी रियल्टी , निफ्टी फार्मा और निफ्टी हेल्थकेयर के शेयर गिरे हैं। आज लार्जकैप के साथ-साथ मिडकैप और स्मॉलकैप में भी तेजी देखी गई।

निफ्टी मिडकैप 100 इंडेक्स 496.55 अंक बढकर 519.10 और निफ्टी स्मॉलकैप 100 इंडेक्स 304.30 अंक उछलकर मजबूती के साथ 19,489.35 पर बंद हुा था। सेंसेक्स पैक में एमएंडएम, इंडिगो, ट्रेंट, टाटा स्टील, बीएसई, पावर ग्रिड, आईटीसी, मारुति सुजुकी, एक्सिस बैंक, एसबीआई, भारती एयरटेल, कोटक महिंद्रा बैंक, एशियन पेंट्स, एचडीएफसी बैंक और अल्ट्राटेक सीमेंट के शेयर लाभ में रहे जबकि टेक महिंद्रा, एचसीएल टेक, आईसीआईसीआई बैंक, टाइटन, एनटीपीसी, इटरनल, सम फार्मा, इन्फोसिस और टीसीएस के शेयर गिरे। वहीं इससे पहले आज सुबह बाजार तेजी के साथ खुले। सेंसेक्स 1,142.03 अंकों की बढ़त के साथ ही 82,248.68 पर कारोबार कर रहा था। वहीं 50 शेयरों वाला नेशनल स्टॉक एक्सचेंज का निफ्टी 293.15 अंक उछलकर 25,337.80 पर आ गया।



सोने-चांदी की कीमतों में उछाल

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सोने और चांदी दोनों की कीमतों में बुधवार को तेजी आई। इसी कारण मल्टी कमोडिटी एक्सचेंज (एमसीएक्स) पर दिसंबर 2026 के वायदा अनुबंध में सोने का भाव 1,41,385 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम के पार पहुंच गया, जबकि चांदी की कीमतों में भी तेजी आईई। यह तेजी एक दिन पहले दर्ज की गई गिरावट के विपरीत है, और बाजार में नई हलचल पैदा कर रही है। आज एमसीएक्स पर, सोने के वायदा अनुबंध में 860 रुपये की जोरदार तेजी आई, जिससे इसका भाव 41,385 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम हो गया। इसी तरह, चांदी ने भी निवेशकों को आकर्षित किया, जहां एक किलो चांदी का भाव 3,780 रुपये बढ़कर 1,86,356 रुपये पर पहुंच गया। यह वृद्धि घरेलू बाजार में कीमती धातुओं के प्रति मजबूत रुझान को दिखाती है, खासकर वायदा कारोबार में।

दूसरी ओर अंतर्राष्ट्रीय बाजारों में भी सोने और चांदी में तेजी बरकारार है। वैश्विक स्तर पर, सोना 21.30 डॉलर की बढ़ोतरी के साथ 4,051.50 डॉलर प्रति औंस पर कारोबार कर रहा है। वहीं चांदी भी 1.105 डॉलर की तेजी के साथ 52.33 डॉलर प्रति औंस पर पहुंच गई। वैश्विक स्तर पर बढ़ती कीमतें अक्सर घरेलू बाजार पर भी सकारात्मक प्रभाव डालती हैं। इसके विपरीत राष्ट्रीय राजधानी के सर्राफा बाजार में सोने की कीमतों में गिरावट दर्ज की गई थी। मंगलवार को सोने का भाव 500 रुपये फिसलकर 1,46,400 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम पर आ गया था। सोमवार को 99.9 फीसदी शुद्धता वाले सोने का भाव 1,46,900 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम पर बंद हुआ था। इस गिरावट ने बाजार में थोड़ी चिंता पैदा की थी, जबकि चांदी की कीमत लगातार दूसरे कारोबारी सत्र में 1,92,500 रुपये प्रति किलोग्राम (सभी करों सहित) पर स्थिर रही थी।

व्हर्लपूल ने अपने घरेलू उपकरणों की कीमतों में की 5 फीसदी की बढ़ोतरी

फ्रिज, एसी, वॉशिंग मशीन और अन्य उपकरण खरीदने चुकाने होंगे ज्यादा पैसे

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यदि आप अपने घर के लिए नए घरेलू उपकरण खरीदने की योजना बना रहे हैं, तो आपको ज्यादा खर्च करना पड़ सकता है। प्रमुख घरेलू उपकरण निर्माता कंपनी व्हर्लपूल ने अपने सभी उत्पादों की कीमतों में 5 फीसदी की बढ़ोतरी की घोषणा की है, जो 1 नवंबर, 2026 से लागू हो चुकी हैं। कंपनी ने इस वृद्धि के पीछे कई प्रमुख कारण बताए हैं। अंतर्राष्ट्रीय बाजार में भू-राजनीतिक तनाव के चलते कच्चे तेल की कीमतों में बढ़ोतरी हुई है, जिसने कच्चे माल की लागत बढ़ा दी है। इसके अलावा, कमोडिटी की महंगाई, भारतीय रुपए की कीमत में गिरावट और बढ़ती उत्पादन लागत ने भी कंपनी के मार्जिन पर दबाव डाला है।

व्हर्लपूल ने बताया कि रेफ्रिजरेटर और एयर कंडीशनर से जुड़े नए ऊर्जा नियमों के कारण भी खर्च में वृद्धि हुई है, साथ ही लक्जरी प्रोडक्ट रेंज की लॉन्चिंग पर किए गए निवेश का असर भी कीमतों पर पड़ा है। इस बढ़ोतरी का मतलब है व्हर्लपूल के फ्रिज, एयर कंडीशनर, वॉशिंग मशीन और अन्य घरेलू उपकरण खरीदने के लिए ग्राहकों को अब पहले की तुलना में ज्यादा पैसे चुकाने होंगे। यह कदम ऐसे समय में उठाया गया है, जब दिवाली जैसे बड़े त्योहारों के दौरान घरेलू उपकरणों की खरीदारी बढ़ने की उम्मीद रहती है, जिससे उपभोक्ताओं के बजट पर सीधा असर पड़ेगा। यह केवल व्हर्लपूल तक ही सीमित नहीं है।

दिग्गज वैश्विक बैंक बांग्लादेश से समेट रहे अपना रिटेल कारोबार

देश में बैंकिंग ऋणों का करीब एक-तिहाई हिस्सा नॉन-परफॉर्मिंग लोन बन चुका

ढाका।

एचएसबीसी के बाद अब स्टैंडर्ड चार्टर्ड जैसे दिग्गज वैश्विक बैंकों ने बांग्लादेश से अपना रिटेल कारोबार समेटने का फैसला लिया है। यह कदम देश के बैंकिंग क्षेत्र के लिए चिंता का विषय है, जहां विदेशी बैंक छोटे ऋण और क्रेडिट कार्ड जैसे उच्च-लागत, कम-लाभ वाले व्यवसायों से पीछे हट रहे हैं। बांग्लादेश का बैंकिंग सेक्टर इस समय गहरे संकट से जूझ रहा है। विशेषज्ञों के मुताबिक यह क्षेत्र नॉन-परफॉर्मिंग लोन (एनपीए), पूंजी की कमी, कमजोर कॉर्पोरेट गवर्नेंस और कई अनियमितताओं की समस्याओं से घिरा हुआ है।

साल 2026 में देश के कुल बैंकिंग ऋणों का करीब एक-तिहाई हिस्सा नॉन-परफॉर्मिंग लोन बन चुका है, जिसका अर्थ है कि बैंकों द्वारा दिया गया लगभग 33फीसदी कर्ज वापस मिलने की कगार पर नहीं है। देश के बैंकिंग सिस्टम में राजनीतिक प्रभाव में बांटे गए असुरक्षित लोन, भाई-भतीजावाद और बड़े डिफाल्टरों पर सख्त कार्रवाई न होने जैसे मामलों के कारण विश्वसनीयता में कमी आई है। ऐसे अस्थिर और जोखिम भरे माहौल में वैश्विक बैंक काम करने से बचते हैं। जानकारों के मुताबिक यह सिर्फ बांग्लादेश तक सीमित नहीं है, बल्कि ये बैंक वैश्विक स्तर पर अपनी पूंजी उन चुनिंदा बाजारों में लगा रहे हैं जहां उन्हें कम जोखिम में ज्यादा रिटर्न मिले।



अंतर्राष्ट्रीय संस्थाओं ने बांग्लादेश को अपनी बैंकिंग व्यवस्था में पारदर्शिता और वित्तीय स्थिरता में सुधार करने की सलाह दी है। दो बड़े अंतर्राष्ट्रीय बैंकों का एक साथ देश के रिटेल सेक्टर से हटना विदेशी निवेशकों और वैश्विक बाजारों में गलत मैसेज जाता है, जिससे बांग्लादेश की साख को नुकसान पहुंच सकता है। हालांकि जानकारों का मानना है कि इन विदेशी बैंकों के पीछे हटने से बांग्लादेश के मजबूत स्थानीय बैंक रिटेल ग्राहकों और क्रेडिट कार्ड पोर्टफोलियो को खरीदकर अपना दायरा बढ़ा सकते हैं।

मदर डेयरी के दूध की कीमतें बढ़ीं, उपभोक्ताओं पर महंगाई का बोझ

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देश की राजधानी और उसके आसपास के क्षेत्रों में दूध की सबसे बड़ी आपूर्तिकर्ता मदर डेयरी ने बढ़ती लागत का हवाला देकर अपने विभिन्न प्रकार के दूध की कीमतों में 2 से 4 रुपए प्रति लीटर की वृद्धि की घोषणा की है। ये नई दरें 12 नवंबर, गुरुवार से प्रभावी होंगी। कंपनी ने कदम किसानों से दूध की खरीद कीमतों में हुई वृद्धि के कारण उठाया है, जिसका कुछ बोझ उपभोक्ताओं पर डालना पड़ रहा है। सूत्रों ने जानकारी दी कि मदर डेयरी अपनी बिक्री आय का एक बड़ा हिस्सा, लगभग 75-80 प्रतिशत, दूध उत्पादक किसानों को देती है। यह बढ़ोतरी कंपनी द्वारा पहले मई 2026 और अप्रैल 2025 में की गई मूल्य वृद्धि के बाद हुई है।

मदर डेयरी के प्रवक्ता ने हालांकि इस मामले पर टिप्पणी करने से इंकार किया है। ताजा संशोधन के बाद, प्रमुख किस्मों की कीमतें इस प्रकार होंगी- टोंड दूध (थोक वितरण) 58 रुपए से बढ़कर 60 रुपए प्रति लीटर, फुल क्रीम दूध (पाउच) 72 रुपए से बढ़कर 76 रुपए प्रति लीटर, टोंड दूध (पाउच) 60 रुपए से बढ़कर 62 रुपए प्रति लीटर, डबल टोंड दूध 54 से बढ़कर 56 रुपए प्रति लीटर और गाय का दूध 62 से बढ़कर 65 रुपए प्रति लीटर हो जाएगा। मदर डेयरी दिल्ली-एनसीआर में प्रतिदिन करीब 35 लाख लीटर दूध की आपूर्ति करती है, जबकि देश भर में इसकी कुल दैनिक बिक्री 50 लाख लीटर से अधिक है।



दुनिया भर में ईंधन की कीमतों में गिरावट, भारत में नहीं आया बदलाव

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अंतरराष्ट्रीय बाजार में बुधवार को कच्चे तेल की कीमतों में जमकर गिरावट दर्ज की गई है। ब्रेंट क्रूड 90 डॉलर प्रति बैरल के बेहद करीब आ गया है, जिससे दुनिया भर में पेट्रोल की औसत कीमतें 150 रुपये प्रति लीटर से नीचे आ गई हैं। वहीं इसके विपरीत डीजल की कीमतों में बढ़त आई है। दूसरी ओर भारत की बात करें तो कीमतों में बदलाव नहीं आया है। आंकड़ों के मुताबिक, दुनिया में पेट्रोल की औसत कीमत जहां 150 रुपये प्रति लीटर से नीचे आ गई है, वहीं डीजल की औसत कीमत 158.73 रुपये से बढ़कर 159.05 रुपये प्रति लीटर हो गई है। इसके मुकाबले, भारत में पेट्रोल का औसत रेट लगभग 108 रुपये प्रति लीटर और डीजल का 98.10 रुपये प्रति लीटर हैदुनिया भर के विभिन्न देशों में पेट्रोल-डीजल की कीमतों में भारी अंतर देखने को मिलता है। वेनेजुएला में एक लीटर डीजल लगभग 40 पैसे और पेट्रोल 3.31 रुपये में उपलब्ध है। लीबिया में 2.21 रुपये प्रति लीटर के साथ दुनिया का सबसे सस्ता पेट्रोल मिलता है। वहीं, हांगकांग में 419.25 रुपये प्रति लीटर के साथ दुनिया का सबसे महंगा पेट्रोल बिकता है, जबकि डीजल 458 रुपये प्रति लीटर है।

म्यूचुअल फंड डिस्ट्रीब्यूटर्स की बंपर कमाई, वित्तीय साल 26 में कमीशन 16,551 करोड़

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म्यूचुअल फंड डिस्ट्रीब्यूटर्स की कमीशन से होने वाली कमाई में वृद्धि जारी है, भले ही शेयर बाजार में उतार-चढ़ाव रहा हो और निवेशकों के बीच डायरेक्ट म्यूचुअल फंड प्लान की लोकप्रियता बढ़ी हो। वित्त वर्ष 2025-26 (वित्तीय साल 26) में, देश की शीर्ष 10 म्यूचुअल फंड कंपनियों ने डिस्ट्रीब्यूटर्स को कुल 16,551 करोड़ रुपये का कमीशन दिया। यह आंकड़ा पिछले वित्त वर्ष (वित्तीय साल 25) के 14,797 करोड़ रुपये के मुकाबले 12 प्रतिशत की उल्लेखनीय वृद्धि दिखाता है, जो एसेट अंडर मैनेजमेंट (एयूएम) की वृद्धि पर दबाव के बावजूद दर्ज किया गया।

म्यूचुअल फंड कंपनियां अपने डिस्ट्रीब्यूटर्स को उनके द्वारा जुटाए गए और फंड में बने रहने वाले निवेश के आधार पर कमीशन देती हैं, जिसकी दरें विभिन्न स्कीमों के अनुसार अलग-अलग होती हैं। देश की सबसे बड़ी म्यूचुअल फंड कंपनियों में से एक, एसबीआई म्यूचुअल फंड ने वित्त वर्ष 2026 में कुल 3,159 करोड़ रुपये का कमीशन दिया, जो बीते वित्त वर्ष के मुकाबले 10.7 फीसदी अधिक है। इसमें से 1,605 करोड का कमीशन उसकी स्पॉन्सर बैंक भारतीय स्टेट बैंक (एसबीआई) को प्राप्त हुआ। इसी प्रकार, आईसीआईसीआई प्रूडेंशियल म्यूचुअल फंड का कुल कमीशन भुगतान 17.5 फीसदी बढ़कर 2,783 करोड़ हो गया, जबकि उसकी स्पॉन्सर बैंक आईसीआईसीआई बैंक को मिलने वाले कमीशन में 9.1 फीसदी की वृद्धि हुई और यह 379 करोड़ रुपये रहा। एचडीएफसी म्यूचुअल फंड ने वित्त वर्ष 2026 में डिस्ट्रीब्यूटर्स को कुल 2,471 करोड़ रुपये का कमीशन दिया।

माइक्रोसॉफ्ट ने कुछ समय के लिए एनवीडिया को पछाड़ा, कारोबार बंद होने तक स्थिति बदली

एआई क्षेत्र में भारी निवेश से मिलने वाले मुनाफे को लेकर निवेशकों में चिंताएं

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एनवीडिया के सीईओ जेनसन हुआंग से जुड़े जासूसी विवाद और एआई कारोबार को लेकर बढ़ती चिंताओं के कारण कंपनी के शेयरों में तेज गिरावट देखी गई। मंगलवार को अमेरिकी शेयर बाजार में एनवीडिया का शेयर छह फीसदी से ज्यादा टूट गया, जिसके चलते अमेरिकी तकनीकी कंपनी माइक्रोसॉफ्ट ने कारोबार के दौरान कुछ समय के लिए बाजार पूंजीकरण में उसे पीछे छोड़ दिया।

इस दौरान माइक्रोसॉफ्ट दुनिया की दूसरी सबसे मूल्यवान सूचीबद्ध कंपनी बन गई। हालांकि, कारोबार बंद होने तक एनवीडिया ने अपनी दूसरी स्थिति वापस हासिल कर ली। जानकारों के मुताबिक निवेशक इस बात को लेकर चिंतित हैं कि जेनसन हुआंग, जो 33 सालों से एनवीडिया का नेतृत्व कर रहे हैं और कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्ता में इस्तेमाल होने वाली उन्नत चिप बनाने में उनकी अहम भूमिका रही है, उनसे जुड़ी यह जांच कंपनी के नेतृत्व और भविष्य की कारोबारी रणनीति पर क्या असर डालेगी। इसके अतिरिक्त, एआई क्षेत्र में भारी निवेश से मिलने वाले भविष्य के मुनाफे को लेकर भी निवेशकों में चिंताएं बनी हुई हैं। इन कारणों से एनवीडिया के शेयरों में बिकवाली तेज हुई है।कारोबार के दौरान एनवीडिया का शेयर छह फीसदी से ज्यादा गिरकर करीब 167.11 डॉलर पर आ गया था। वहीं, माइक्रोसॉफ्ट का शेयर महज 0.4 फीसदी की गिरावट के साथ 543.25 डॉलर पर कारोबार कर रहा था, जिससे वह एनवीडिया से आगे निकल गया। कारोबार खत्म होने पर एनवीडिया का शेयर 5.47 फीसदी की गिरावट के साथ 168.89 डॉलर पर बंद हुआ। दूसरी ओर, माइक्रोसॉफ्ट का शेयर 2.20 फीसदी गिरकर 533.16 डॉलर पर बंद हुआ। दिन के अंत में, एनवीडिया का बाजार पूंजीकरण करीब 4.07 लाख करोड़ डॉलर रहा, जबकि माइक्रोसॉफ्ट का 3.96 लाख करोड़ डॉलर था।

एनवीडिया के सीईओ जेनसन के विवाद से कंपनी के शेयरों में आई भारी गिरावट

गिरावट का फायदा माइक्रोसॉफ्ट को मिला, बनी दूसरी सबसे बड़ी वैल्युएबल कंपनी

वाशिंगटन।

एनवीडिया के सीईओ जेनसन हुआंग के व्यक्तिगत संबंधों की खबरों के बीच कंपनी के शेयरों में लगातार दूसरे दिन बड़ी गिरावट दर्ज की गई है। मंगलवार को एनवीडिया के शेयर 6फीसदी से ज्यादा टूट गए, जिससे महज दो कारोबारी सत्रों में कंपनी की मार्केट कैप से करीब 470 अरब डॉलर कम हो गए। शेयरों में इस बड़ी गिरावट का फायदा उठाते हुए माइक्रोसॉफ्ट ने बाजी मार ली और एनवीडिया को पीछे छोड़कर दुनिया की दूसरी सबसे वैल्युएबल कंपनी बन गई। यह जून 2025 के बाद पहली बार है जब माइक्रोसॉफ्ट ने यह उपलब्धि हासिल की है।

अमेरिकी मीडिया रिपोर्ट्स में दावा किया गया है कि जेनसन हुआंग के एक चीनी कारोबारी महिला, एलिस हुआंग के साथ संबंधों ने चीन में एनवीडिया के चिप्स की आपूर्ति को आसान बनाने में भूमिका निभाई। एलिस पर चीन के लिए जासूसी करने के आरोप भी लगे हैं। इस पूरे मामले ने एनवीडिया की कारोबारी साख, अमेरिकी निर्यात नियमों के पालन और कंपनी के नेतृत्व को लेकर गंभीर सवाल खड़े कर दिए हैं। एनवीडिया के बोर्ड ने इस विवाद के सामने आने के बाद रविवार को जांच शुरू कर दी है। वहीं, अमेरिकी जांच एजेंसी एफबीआई इस बात की पड़ताल कर रही है कि क्या जेनसन हुआंग को किसी विदेशी खुफिया एजेंसी ने निशाना बनाया था। मीडिया रिपोर्ट में जानकारों के मुताबिक फिलहाल निवेशकों की चिंता सिर्फ सीईओ से जुड़े विवाद तक सीमित नहीं है। उन्हें यह भी डर है कि अगर इस मामले में अमेरिकी नियमों के उल्लंघन की बात सामने आती है, तो एनवीडिया के कारोबार पर और प्रतिबंध लग सकते हैं। रिपोर्ट के मुताबिक जेनसन हुआंग और एलिस हुआंग के संबंधों से चीन में करीब 7.5 अरब डॉलर के एनवीडिया चिप्स की आपूर्ति को मदद मिली।

संतुलित निवेश रणनीति हाइब्रिड,सोना और किस्तों में निवेश

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वैश्विक अनिश्चितता, बढ़ती तेल कीमतों और बॉन्ड यील्ड में उछाल के मौजूदा दौर में, प्राइवेट वेल्थ ने निवेशकों के लिए संतुलित निवेश रणनीति पेश की है। अपनी रिपोर्ट में, कंपनी ने इक्विटी पोर्टफोलियो में विविधता लाने का सुझाव दिया है। इसके तहत, निवेशकों को अपने पोर्टफोलियो का 40 फीसदी हिस्सा हाइब्रिड और लार्ज कैप रणनीतियों में, 50 फीसदी मिड और स्मॉल कैप शेयरों में, और शेष 10 फीसदी विदेशी शेयरों में लगाने की सलाह दी गई है। बाजार पर न्यूट्रल रुख के बावजूद, कंपनी मिड और स्मॉल कैप शेयरों को प्राथमिकता देना जारी रखेगी है।

निवेश के तरीके पर, रिपोर्ट हाइब्रिड रणनीतियों में एकमुश्त निवेश करने और शुद्ध इक्विटी आधारित योजनाओं में धीरे-धीरे किस्तों (एसआईपी) में निवेश करने की सलाह देती है। यह रणनीति बाजार के ऊंचे स्तरों पर पैसा लगाने के जोखिम को कम करने में सहायक हो सकती है। जानकारों का मानना है कि भारतीय शेयर बाजार भू-राजनीतिक तनाव और कच्चे तेल की ऊंची कीमतों जैसी चुनौतियों का सामना कर रहा है। हालांकि, भारत की आर्थिक वृद्धि मजबूत बनी हुई है, वित्त वर्ष 2026-27 की पहली तिमाही में सकल घरेलू उत्पाद की वृद्धि दर 7.8 फीसदी रही और निफ्टी 50 कंपनियों का शुद्ध मुनाफा भी सालाना आधार पर 18 फीसदी बढ़ा।

भीनी-भीनी सर्दी की सुगबुगाहट धीरे-धीरे चारों ओर फैल रही है। ऐसे में आपको चाहिए चाय की चुस्की और शॉल की गर्माहट। ऐसे मस्त माहौल में अगर आप लेना चाहते हैं शॉल की शॉपिंग का मजा तो चलिए करते हैं शॉपिंग।

सर्दियों में शॉल की शॉपिंग

पश्मीना शॉल

दिल्ली की सर्दीका मजा अगर आप एक शाही अंदाज में लेना चाहते है तो ट्राई करें पश्मीना शॉल, जिसमें आपको मिल जाएंगे फ्रेश और एक्सक्लुसिव डिजाइन। इन शॉलों पर की गई महीन कढ़ाई आपको बेहद पसंद आएगी, क्योंकि इसमें छिपी होती है कारीगर परिवार की एक से डेढ़ साल की मेहनत। इसी मेहनत के कारण इन रॉयल शालों की कीमतें 65 हजार रुपए से 1 लाख रुपए तक पहुंच जाती हैं।

जामावर शॉल

ये शॉल कुछ अलग होता है, क्योंकि ये एक ट्रेडिशनल शॉल है। ऐसे लोग जो क्वालिटी और डिजाइन के शौकीन होते हैं, उनके लिए ये शॉल बेहतरीन है। इन शॉल्स की खासियत है इनके रंग और इनका नाममात्र वजन। अपने अलग-अलग तरह के डिजाइन और पैटर्न की वजह से ये शॉल ज्यादातर लोगों की पहली पसंद होते हैं। हार्ट शेप, स्टार पत्तियों और फूलों से सजे इन शॉलों के जरिए आप अपने वॉर्डरोब में चार चांद लगा सकते हैं।

पार्टीवियर शॉल

अगर आप पार्टीवियर शॉल्स की तलाश में हैं तो आपकी जरूरत के अनुसार चटकीले रंगों और कढ़ाईदार शॉल की विशेष रेंज बाजार में उपलब्ध है। इन पार्टीवियर शॉल्स में आपको डिजाइनर शॉल भी मिल जाएंगे। प्लेन रंगों से लेकर चैक, कढ़ाई, शेड्स और स्टाईकिंग प्रिंटस में ये शॉल बेहद आकर्षक हैं। इन पर किए जाने वाला स्टोन वर्क इन्हें देता है खूबसूरत लुक। ये आपको 300 रुपए से 5,000 रुपए तक में मिल जाएंगे।



उत्तराखंडी शॉल

कुछ हट कर पहनना चाहते हैं तो ट्राई करें उत्तराखंड के शॉल। दिल्ली हाट के उत्तराखंडी आउटलेट में बॉर्डर, चैक्स और स्ट्राइप्स से तैयार ये शॉल उम्दा हैं। इसी तरह कुछ शॉल पर किया गया क्रिस्टल वर्क भी बेहद आकर्षक है। लगभग हर रंगों के कॉम्बिनेशन से बने इन शॉल्स को आप खरीद सकते हैं 350 रुपए से 800 रुपए तक में।

ब्राइडल शॉल

नई नवेली दुल्हन हैं और इन सर्दियों को ब्राइडल अंदाज में एंजॉय करना चाहती हैं तो बाजार में आपके लिए खास हैं पश्मीना, सिल्क, कश्मीरी, वेल्वेट, कॉटन और साटन के फैब्रिक से तैयार सुंदर शॉल। इन पर किए डिजाइन ट्रेडिशनल भी हैं और कंटेम्परेरी भी। इन शॉलों में फैब्रिक, कढ़ाई और रंगों का अनूठा मिश्रण देखा जा सकता है। ये शॉल ज्यादातर बोल्ड कलर्स में उपलब्ध हैं।



शूज़ बोले तो मिक्स एण्ड मैच



गुलाबी सर्दियों ने दस्तक दी तो गर्म कपड़ों से वार्डरोब तो सज गई। बात पैरों की आई तो बाजार में एक से बढ़कर एक स्टालिश शूज की रेंज ने खरीदारी करने के लिए बाजारों की ओर खींच लिया है। इन दिनों बाजार में फूटवियर का विंटर कलेक्शन छाया हुआ है। सर्दी से बचने की बात हो या पैरों को आराम देने का सवाल तो कम्पनी ने दोनों ही लिहाज से फुटवियर्स की रेंज को तैयार किया है।

महिलाओं के लिए इस बार सर्दियों में डिजाइनर फुटवियर्स का शानदार कलेक्शन बाजार में उतरा है। आकर्षक बेली आपके पैर की सुंदरता को तो बढ़ाएँगी ही साथ ही सर्दी में गर्मी का अहसास भी देगी। पुराने दौर भले ही इस सीजन में दोबारा आया है लेकिन अपने साथ बहुत कुछ नया भी लाया है। इनका कलर कांबिनेशन इतना जानदार है कि देखने वाला खरीदे बिना नहीं रुक पाता। पार्टी वियर ड्रेस के साथ मैच करने के लिए वैलीज के कई कलर्स मौजूद हैं।

अगर वेस्टर्न आउटफिट है तो उसके लिए बूट और शूज का नया कलेक्शन बाजार में आ गया है। बूट में इस बार चौड़ी हील की जगह पेंसिल और स्टाइलिश हील ने ली है। इन फुटवियर्स की रेंज 595 से लेकर 1495 रूपये तक है। बाजार में इतनी वैराइटी देखकर पसंद करने में परेशानी हो जाती है। अगर शूज के कलर को लेकर कशमकश में हैं तो इसके लिए मिक्स एण्ड मैच का फंडा अपना सकती है।

इसके लिए आप अपनी वार्डरोब से मिक्स-मैच करते शूज का चुनाव कर सकती है। ब्लैक और ब्राउन के अलावा रेड व्हाइट जैसे रंगों के जूते भी जरूर चुनें। कभी-कभी कोई नया प्रयोग करना भी अच्छा रहता है। इसके लिए बची, इंडिगो, बेबी पिंक, गोल्डन कलर के सैंडिल और शू भी खरीद सकती हैं।

बच्चों के सामने ना झगड़े

आज के समय में पति-पत्नी दोनों पढ़े-लिखे और समझदार होते है। ऐसे में उनके बीच कुछ मुद्दों पर वाद-विवाद या मतभेद होना आम बात है। ऐसे में कई बार उनके बीच तनाव से आ जाता है। आपसी बहस व तनाव से बच्चों को दूर रखें। बच्चों को आपसी गाली-गलौज से दूर रखते हुए समझदार वयस्क व्यक्ति की भांति अपने मनमुटाव निपटाएं। यदि किसी कारणवश पति-पत्नी को अलग होना पड़ता है। तो बच्चों को समझाएं कि अलग-अलग रहने पर भी मम्मी-पापा दोनों उन्हें बहुत प्यार करते है। लेकिन मजबूरीवश वे सब एक साथ नहीं रह सकते।

नवबंर का महीना मीठी-मीठी सर्दी लेकर आता है। पूरी प्रकृति में नई ऊर्जा का प्रवाह होने लगता है। नए फूल और फलों का मौसम आ जाता है व समय में भी काफी अन्तर आ जाता है। दिन छोटे व रातें लम्बी होने लगती है। इस महीने में क्या नया करें, हम आपके लिए लाए हैं, कुछ नई बहारें, जिससे हम और आप अपने मौसम के मिज़ाज का स्वागत बड़ी ही खूबसूरती के साथ कर सकें।

नवबंर

घर का डेकॉर

इस महीने आप अपने घर का डेकॉर चेंज कर सकते हैं। घर के फर्नीचर की पूरी सैटिंग चैंज करें, घर में अच्छी पेन्टिंग लगाएं, साथ ही बैडरूम में नई बैडशीट भी बिछाएं। चाहें तो अपनी राशि के अनुसार नया कलर करवांए, जो आपके भविष्य के लिए हितकारी होगा।

ऊनी कपड़ों में धूप लगाएं

सर्दियों का आरंभ हो जाता है, पूरे परिवार के ऊनी व गर्म कपड़ों को धूप लगाएं, जिससे उनमें से दुर्गन्ध आदि निकल जाए और उनका कीड़ों से बचाव हो सके, जिसके तहत आप उनका उचित उपयोग कर सकें।

मेहमानों का कमरा तैयार करें

इस महीने आप अपने गेस्ट रूम को तैयार रखें। पूरे कमरे का फर्नीचर व बैड आदि को ठीक से तैयार रखें, ताकि सर्दियों की छुट्टियां बिताने, आपके रिश्तेदार यदि आ भी जाए तो उनके लिए तुरंत कमरा संभालने की ज़रूरत ना पढ़े।

फ्लॉवर ऑफ द मंथ

इस मंथ का फूल Chrysanthemum होता है। पूरे घर को इन्हीं फूलों से सजाएं व अपने घर में ताज़गी और नई ऊर्जा का संचार करें।

गर्म कपड़े बुनें

सर्दियों के लिए अपने प्रिय के लिए कुछ बुनाई करें। अगर आपको बुनाई का शौक है तो आप घर में ही कैप, मौजे, हैंड गिल्ब्स आदि बुन सकती हैं।

गिफ्ट खरीदें

क्रिसमस के उपलक्ष्य में अपने दोस्तों के लिए इसी मंथ गिफ्ट खरीद कर रखें। क्रिसमस के समय यही गिफ्ट आपको अधिक दामों में मिलते हैं, इसलिए नवंबर मंथ में गिफ्ट खरीदना ज्यादा बेहतर होगा।



क्रिसमस की सेविंग

क्रिसमस की छुट्टियों को ज्यादा यादगार बनाने के लिए इस मंथ कुछ नये प्लान करें, ताकि आप अपनी छुट्टियों को ओर ज्यादा एन्जॉय कर सकें। घर में क्रिसमस ट्री खरीदकर, अपने गार्डन में सजाएं, जो आपके परिवार, बिज़नेस में ग्रोथ लाएगा।

किचन टिप्स



- हाथों से धनिए, लहसुन या फिर गंधित सब्जियों की बदबू हटाने के लिए हाथों पर टूटपेस्ट रगड़ें और फिर हाथ धो लें।
- हल्दी ज्यादा हो जाने पर उबलती सब्जी के ऊपर पतला सूती सफेद कपड़ा फैला कर रखें। इसके बाद तुरंत हल्दी उसमें आ जाएंगी।
- गुलाबजामुन बनाने के लिए मावे को कदंदूकस करके एक सार कर लें। इसके बाद हाथ से या भारी कटोरी से मावे को अच्छी तरह मलें। मावे को जितना मलेंगी, गुलाबजामुन उतने ही अच्छे बनेंगे।
- खीर बनाते वक्त ब्रेड के किनारे को काट कर ब्रेड का एक स्लाइस दूध में डाल दें। खीर मलाईदार एवं स्वादिष्ट बनेंगी।
- हरी पत्तेदार सब्जियों को ताजा बनाये रखने के लिए उन्हें सिल्वर फॉयल में लपेट कर फ्रिज में रखें।
- गेहूं के आटे में थोड़ा-सा चावल का आटा मिला कर गूंथें। रोटी-पराठे अच्छे बनेंगे।
- मटर की सब्जी बनाते समय थोड़ी सी चीनी डाल दें। इससे हरा रंग बरकरार रहेंगा।

Shooting star from TN gains gold in Jaipur

Thirteen-year-old S Sangamithra became the first player from Tamil Nadu to win an individual gold medal in archery



New Delhi.(Agency)

Hard work, systematic training, and her father Samuel Lovely Sundar's coaching led S Sangamithra to win gold in the Indian Round Girls (Under-21) event at the Junior National Archery Championship held in Jaipur. The 13-year-old became the first player from Tamil Nadu to win an individual gold medal.The Tamil Nadu Archery Association (TAAT) lauded the father-daughter duo for this feat. "Winning an individual gold at the national level is a remarkable milestone earned through dedication, discipline, perseverance, and hard work. Sangamithra's achievement is a beautiful reminder that consistent effort, patience, and determination pave the way for success," said Dinesh Pradeep, TAAT secretary. "Our sincere appreciation also to her father and coach Samuel Lovely Sundar, whose unwavering support, guidance, sacrifices, and steadfast belief in her potential have been integral to this journey."The Class 8 student of CLRI KV School, Adyar, who trains at the Dhyan Chand Sports Academy here, is elated. "Winning the gold medal at the National Championship was a very proud and unforgettable moment. I am extremely happy to have achieved this at the age of 13. This victory is the result of my hard work, dedication, continuous practice, and the support of my coach and parents," she told CE.Sangamithra trained for two hours each in the morning and evening every day. Her preparation included technical corrections, physical fitness, endurance training, and mental preparation. "My coach continuously guided me to improve my shooting consistency, concentration, and confidence," she said.At the event, players from the North and West zones gave tough competition to players from the South. "The elimination competition featured 64 archers. Archers representing Telangana, Gujarat, Maharashtra and Rajasthan gave me tough competition in the elimination rounds. The Rajasthan archer in the final was a strong competitor," she said, adding that the final match was particularly challenging as everything she had trained for was put to the test.Sangamithra will be seen in action at the Senior National Archery Championship being held in Shillong.

Pat Cummins to break silence on Sandpapergate after Michael Clarke's explosive rant

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Pat Cummins is set to address the 2018 Sandpapergate scandal after former Australia captain Michael Clarke publicly questioned his silence over Usman Khawaja's explosive allegations. Cummins has called a press conference for Friday morning, days after Clarke challenged the current skipper to front the media and explain what he knew about the controversy. The development follows Khawaja's claims in his autobiography Sabr that the entire Australian team knew about the ball-tampering plan during the 2018 South Africa tour. Announcing his media appearance on X, Cummins said he had taken time to understand



the full extent of the allegations before responding."I'm training at Cricket Central tomorrow morning before the Blues play in the Shield match," Cummins wrote."Happy to speak with any and all media about the events of this week at 9.30 am. I've taken some time to try and better understand the long list and full extent of Uzzy's allegations Clarke had been particularly critical of Cummins for not addressing the issue sooner. Speaking on 2DayFM's Breakfast with Nath & Emma, the former Australia captain said the national team needed to establish the truth and questioned why its current leader had remained silent.

We absolutely support Pat': Cricket Australia backs Cummins amid fresh Sandpapergate row



New Delhi.(Agency)

Cricket Australia chairman David Boon has thrown his support behind Test captain Pat Cummins following fresh allegations about the 2018 ball-tampering scandal. Boon has made it clear that Cummins' position as captain is safe and that the board continues to have full faith in him.

The controversy has returned to the spotlight after former Australia batter Usman Khawaja made fresh claims in his autobiography, "Sabr". Khawaja alleged that all members of the Australian team on the 2018 South Africa tour knew about the plan to tamper with the ball.

His claims have reopened the debate over the scandal and led to demands for another investigation. Cummins, who now leads Australia's Test team, has also come under pressure to explain what he knew.

Boon says Cricket Australia has full faith in Cummins

Boon said Cummins had led the team with honesty and had the board's complete backing.

"We absolutely support Pat," Boon said in comments published by The Australian on Thursday.

"He's been an exemplary captain, he's led the team with integrity and, you know, very successfully over the period of time that he's been captain, so there's no question of our confidence in him continuing on in that fact.

Abhinav Bindra makes IOA letter public, flags unanswered questions on election rules

New Delhi.(Agency)

Olympic champion Abhinav Bindra has made public his correspondence with the Indian Olympic Association (IOA), reiterating concerns over an apparent inconsistency between the body's Constitution and the rules governing its Sportspersons of Outstanding Merit (SOM) elections. Bindra said he decided to share his October 31 letter in full after the



private communication found its way into the public domain and was referenced in recent media reports.In a post accompanying the letter, Bindra clarified that he had written to IOA president PT Usha and chief executive officer Raghuram Iyer before the elections, seeking an explanation over the apparent difference between Article 3.7 of the IOA Constitution and the recently notified SOM election rules.

He said he had received an indication of which rules were being followed, but his central constitutional question remained unanswered. Bindra added that neither the Electoral Officer nor the IOA leadership had provided a substantive clarification since."My intention was never to question individuals or influence an electoral outcome. It was, and remains, to encourage greater clarity, transparency and confidence in our institutions," Bindra wrote in the caption."I have always believed that the strength of an institution lies not in the absence of questions, but in its willingness to address them," he added, stressing that the credibility of sporting institutions depended on the fairness and integrity of their processes.The former shooter said his decision to publish the letter was intended to establish the context of his earlier communication, rather than prolong the dispute or question anyone's intentions. He had already decided against pursuing a candidature in the electoral process, but maintained that the constitutional issue remained relevant beyond his own participation.

WHAT IS THE SOM RULES CONTROVERSY?

The IOA's Sportspersons of Outstanding Merit Rules, ratified on September 8, 2026, introduced a framework under which an 80-member roster is prepared by the Electoral Officer using a 10-tier eligibility system. Eight representatives, comprising four men and four women, are then elected to the IOA General Assembly from this roster.Bindra's concern centres on how this process aligns with Article 3.7 of the IOA Constitution. He had sought clarification on the apparent inconsistency before the elections but said his specific question was not addressed.

Ashwini Nachappa alleges forced exits, questions fairness of IOA elections

New Delhi.(Agency)

Former India sprinter Ashwini Nachappa has alleged that she was forced to withdraw from the Indian Olympic Association's (IOA) Sportspersons of Merit (SOM) elections under external pressure, raising fresh questions over the transparency of the electoral process. Nachappa said the decision was not voluntary and expressed disappointment with the state of sports governance in the country.The 59-year-old was among the original 11 candidates contesting for four women's SOM positions in the elections held virtually on Monday. Speaking to PTI on Wednesday, Nachappa claimed that she and other candidates were asked to pull out, but did not identify who exerted the pressure or explain how the withdrawals were communicated."I was asked to pull out. All those who withdrew were asked to withdraw under external pressure. It wasn't voluntary, I can say that much... that speaks volumes about transparency," she said.

"If the opportunity came and if there was fairness, I would have stayed on. But sadly the very ethics and values of Olympic sport has been erased completely, I thought there was no point (fighting the SOM elections)," she addedFive female candidates, including Nachappa, withdrew on November 7, leaving six in the contest for four positions. Incumbent IOA president PT Usha finished fifth with 40 votes, missing out on a place in the General Assembly. Anju Bobby George, Rani Rampal, Dola Banerjee and Saina Nehwal secured the four positions. Usha's defeat has complicated her bid for a second presidential term, although she could still enter the General Assembly through a nomination by a National Sports Federation..



NACHAPPA QUESTIONS ETHICS IN SPORTS GOVERNANCE

Nachappa, who competed at two Asian Games and won three Asian Championships gold medals in the women's 4x400m relay, said she had entered the electoral process hoping to contribute to Indian sport. However, she felt the circumstances surrounding the withdrawals left little reason to continue.

She also criticised the role played by some athletes in the process, arguing that the values associated with Olympism were not being upheld. Nachappa said she would now return to running her educational institution in Karnataka, which has around 900 students.

Not in our scope: BCCI rules out expanding IPL to 12 teams

BCCI secretary Devajit Saikia has denied reports that the board is planning to expand the Indian Premier League to a 12-team tournament.



New Delhi.(Agency)

The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has denied reports of expanding the Indian Premier League (IPL) to a 12-team event, stating that it is only focused on the IPL 2027 at present. BCCI secretary Devajit Saikia refuted the claims of expanding the IPL.

A report in Mint on Wednesday claimed that the BCCI is exploring the possibility of adding two more teams to the IPL from the 2028 season. The report added that Vadodara and Pune have emerged as the potential host cities for the two new teams.However, BCCI secretary Saikia said there was 'no scope' of expanding the tournament to 12 teams despite increasing global interest in the competition."We have neither discussed formally nor informally the possibility of the IPL becoming a 12-team affair in 2028. It's not in our scope at this stage. We are concerned about the IPL of 2027, which is going to be the 20th edition of the IPL," Saikia said while speaking to PTI.

"So it will be a big affair. We are concerned about that and we aren't considering anything beyond that. Whatever news is circulating in the media, I think these are all speculative reports from some fertile minds," he added.The reports of IPL's expansion come amid the league's growing global influence.

IPL has become one of the most valuable sporting properties in the world, with the valuation of the franchises witnessing an increase after every passing season.As per the report, each new team could command a valuation of more than $1 million if BCCI decides to expand the IPL to 12 teams. Asian state-backed investment entities, sovereign wealth funds and major Indian conglomerates can be among the potential bidders for the new teams.

IPL 2027 auction in December

The BCCI remains focused on the next edition of the IPL, with the mini-auction set to take place in December this year. The IPL 2027 auction will be conducted in Goa on December 16. November 17 is the deadline for all ten teams to reveal their final list of retained and released players ahead of the auction.

'If Neeraj Chopra can, why can't I?': National record holder Nirbhay Chaudhary on his Olympic dream

New Delhi.(Agency)

Maine waha se start kiya hai jaha se log finish karte hain [I have started where others finish]" - that is how hammer thrower Nirbhay Chaudhary looks at his national record-breaking performance. He threw 71.02m at the Indian Athletics Series Final this October, breaking a national record that had stood for almost 10 years.His throw erased the previous record of 70.73m, set by Neeraj Kumar in 2016.

Despite the record, Nirbhay was not fully satisfied with his effort. After releasing the hammer, he initially thought of stepping out of the circle so that the throw would not be counted. However, he changed his mind.

A few moments later, he heard the noise around him. When he asked his coach what had happened, he was told that he had broken the national record.

"I had made that throw casually. I did not think it would be a record-breaking effort. I had not even used much power. I never expected the hammer to travel so far or that I would break the national record. I don't know how it went that far," Nirbhay told TimesofIndia.com in an exclusive interview.For Nirbhay, whose name means 'fearless', the national record is only the beginning. He now wants to cross 75m and eventually reach the 80m mark."This is just the beginning. I am really proud of this performance. It has given me a new beginning. I have started where others finish," he said.

The wall of inspiration: From 70m+ to 75m

A few months ago, Nirbhay returned to his room after a tiring practice session. He was covered in sweat, but the session had not gone as planned. He was struggling to perform, and his body was getting tired quickly as he recovered from dengue.His family was also worried about his future in athletics. Frustrated and angry, Nirbhay picked up a marker and wrote a target on the wall beside his bed: "70 + national record". He also set a deadline for himself - September 10. He then prepared a training schedule and follow
ed it closely. His routine included waking up early.



Priyanka Chopra

Andrew Scott Join Oscar-Qualified Indian Short We Were Here As Executive Producers

Priyanka Chopra Jonas has come on board as an executive producer of We Were Here, an Oscar-qualified Indian short film directed by Pranav Bhasin. Tony-winning activist and playwright V, formerly known as Eve Ensler, has also joined the film in the same capacity.The two join actor Andrew Scott as the mockumentary heads into awards season following a strong festival run. The New Yorker has acquired the short and will premiere it on the magazine's YouTube channels.Written and directed by Bhasin, We Were Here is set in a small Indian town and follows three retirees who become convinced that machines are taking away human jobs. Their response is to launch a protest in which they pose as household appliances. Things become more complicated when one of their children takes up a job at an artificial intelligence company.

Priyanka Chopra Calls The Film 'Refreshing' And 'Witty'

Priyanka said she was drawn to the film's treatment of a subject that has become increasingly relevant.This film offers a refreshing, witty take on a subject that feels very timely. I jumped at the opportunity to come on board as an executive producer to amplify this creative team and ensure their brilliant, original vision gets the spotlight it deserves," she said.The film stars Satish Kashyap, Devendra Dodke and Arindol Bagchi as Mr. Bagchi, Mr. Pimple and Mr. Ganguli. Shubham Kujur, Kalpana Gagdekar and Yash Gonsai are also part of the cast.



Gonsai has produced the film through Sunshine Pictures along with Dheer Momaya and Dar Gai. Aarti Lohia and SPLF Media present the project.Its executive producer lineup also includes Peter S. Kim and Nalini Sharma of Basement Video, Neha Kaul, Megha Kadakia, Priya Giri Desai and Shruti Ganguly of Prism Entertainment, Shivani Pandya Malhotra, Film Companion Studios, Anjula Acharia and Pan Nalin.Devaiah Bopanna, Earlyman Film, Rahul Bharti, Supavitra Babul and Vaibhav Bundhoo are attached as co-producers.

We Were Here Has Won More Than 20 Festival Awards

Before bringing Priyanka and V on board, We Were Here had already travelled extensively on the festival circuit.The film has screened at more than 80 festivals and collected over 20 awards.It began its run at the Clermont-Ferrand International Short Film Festival, where it won the Canal+ Prize. At SXSW, the film took home the audience award for best narrative short as well as the Redbreast Unhidden Award.Its win at Palm Springs International ShortFest proved particularly significant. The film was named best live-action short under 15 minutes and best comedy short, with the former making it eligible for consideration at the Academy Awards.The film is now Oscar-qualified and moving into awards season with an expanded group of executive producers.



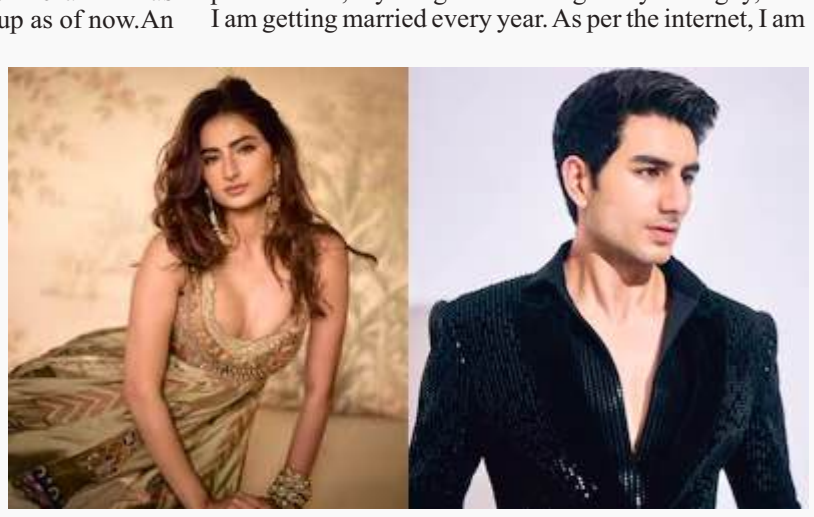
Palak Tiwari

And Ibrahim Ali Khan Break Up, Cancel Joint Shoots: Report

Actors Palak Tiwari and Ibrahim Ali Khan have reportedly called it quits after dating for over three years. According to a report by Hindustan Times, the couple has parted ways amicably, with Ibrahim reportedly taking the decision to end the relationship. However, neither Palak nor Ibrahim has publicly confirmed the breakup as of now.An insider also told the news portal that the planned shoots featuring the two have either been cancelled or put on hold. Speaking about the reason behind their separation, the source said, "We don't know...but the breakup is amicable, and the two aren't planning to wash their dirty linen in public. They both will focus on their respective careers, for now."

Palak, daughter of television actor Shweta Tiwari, and Ibrahim, son of actors Saif Ali Khan and Amrita Singh, first sparked dating rumours in 2022. They made headlines after being spotted together outside a Mumbai restaurant, with Palak attempting to hide her face from paparazzi.Over the years, the two were spotted together on several occasions, including during holidays. However, neither Palak nor Ibrahim ever publicly confirmed their relationship.

In December 2024, Palak's mother, actress Shweta Tiwari also reacted to her daughter's dating rumours and argued that such social media chatter is not relevant to her."Rumors don't bother me anymore, in all these years I have realized people's memory only last for 4 hours. They will forget the news after that, so why bother? As per rumours, my daughter is dating every third guy, and I am getting married every year. As per the internet, I am already married thrice. These things don't affect me now, earlier they did when social media was not there and when some journalist never liked writing good things about you. Negativity about actors sell. After dealing with that era, this doesn't affect me," Shweta told SCREEN.



Akshay Kumar, Bhumi Pednekar To Reunite For Priyadarshan's Next, Marking Their Third Film Together?



Akshay Kumar and Priyadarshan are one of the actor-director duos who have been loved by many. Now, after Bhooth Bangla and Haiwaan, the actor-director duo is all set to return for another film. This film will mark the third collaboration between Akshay Kumar and Bhumi Pednekar after Toilet: Ek Prem Katha and Raksha Bandhan.The ace filmmaker Priyadarshan has confirmed Bhumi and Akshay's casting for his upcoming untitled film. Reports suggest that the filmmaker is expected to start shooting for the film by the end of November. The plan is to have a three-month shooting schedule, and the film will be shot across Rajasthan, Mumbai, and Bhopal.While this film will mark the third collaboration between Akshay and Bhumi, it will be the ninth film featuring Akshay and Priyadarshan. The two have worked on several films before this one, including Hera Pheri, Garam Masala, Bhagam Bhag, Bhool Bhulaiyaa, De Dana Dan, Khatta Meetha, Bhooth Bangla, and Haiwaan.It was reported that Akshay will play a quirky tiger hunter in the yet-untitled film, which is set in the 1970s. Produced by Ramesh Taurani, the movie will also mark Priyadarshan's 99th film as a director. The team is expected to begin shooting in the last week of November. A source close to the project told Hindustan Times, "The film goes on the floors in the last week of November."Annu Kapoor and Rajpal Yadav have reportedly joined the cast, which should make things even more interesting for fans of comedy. The film has been written by Priyadarshan and Rohan Shankar, who also worked together on Bhooth Bangla, starring Akshay.

When Bhumi Spoke About Manifesting To Work With Akshay

In an episode of Wheels of Fortune, Bhumi Pednekar had said, "Main aapko ek anecdote batana chahti hoon jo maine aapko pichhle 10 saalon se nahi bataya hai. Jab main 10-12 saal ki thi, mere saamne wali under construction building mein shooting ho rahi thi."She added, "Mujhe yaad hai aapka ek stunt bike se seedhiyon par upar ja rahe the." Akshay quickly responded, "Picture ka naam 'Insaaf' hai, aur heroine thi Shilpa Shetty."

Archana Puran Singh's Son Ayushmaan Sethi Gets Engaged To Ladylove Samiksha Shetty In Italy, See Dreamy Pics



Archana Puran Singh and Parmeet Sethi's younger son, Ayushmaan Sethi, is engaged to his longtime girlfriend, Samiksha Shetty. The content creator popped the question during a romantic getaway to Capri, Italy, with the couple sharing glimpses of the special moment on social media. Ayushmaan documented the proposal in a vlog on his YouTube channel, while Samiksha posted pictures from their engagement on Instagram.

Archana Puran Singh's younger son gets engaged

In his vlog, Ayushmaan Sethi revealed that he had carefully planned the proposal and hidden the engagement ring in his bag. During a hike to Monte Solaro, Capri's highest point, he collected wildflowers for Samiksha Shetty. Once they reached the summit, he set up a tripod under the pretext of filming a reel before getting down on one knee and delivering an emotional speech about how she had changed his views on love and marriage. He said, "Sam, you make the impossible possible. I always thought that happily ever afters were not for me and that I would never find someone I love that I would spend the rest of my life with. Then you walked into my life. You walked into those doors at Bombay Dark and you changed my life forever. I never thought that I could love someone so, so much. I thought true love was supposed to be like instantly falling in love with you and knowing that you are the one and feeling all butterflies but this wasn't that. This was better because the more I got to know you the more I fell in love with you."

He further added, "That's how I know that you are the one for me because somehow with you I don't know how this feeling of I feel like I can't love you more than I do in the second right now and literally one second later I love you more and literally since I said that sentence I already love you more. You make my life fun, adventurous, exciting, easy, peaceful so, so worth it and I never thought I would dream of getting old but now I actually do because I know it's going to be with you and by your side."

Can Married Women Own More Than 500 Grams of Gold? Supreme Court Clears the Confusion

by Ashis Sinha

The Supreme Court has clarified that the 500-gram gold guideline for married women does not provide immunity from questions about the source of jewellery in disproportionate-assets cases. The Court ruled that guidelines protecting traditional family jewellery from seizure during income-tax searches cannot be treated as an exemption from explaining the origin of wealth.

The November 2, 2026, judgment came in a disproportionate-assets case involving Bihar government official Phulpari Kumari. A bench of Justice K.V. Viswanathan and Justice Arun Palli set aside a Patna High Court order quashing criminal proceedings against her, restoring the case before the Special Vigilance Court.

What Is the 500-Gram Gold Rule?

The rule originates from CBDT Instruction No. 1916, issued on May 11, 1994, to prevent unnecessary seizure of traditional family jewellery during income-tax searches. It provides for general non-seizure of:

- ***Married women: 500 grams of gold jewellery.***
- ***Unmarried women: 250 grams.***
- ***Male family members: 100 grams.***

The guidelines recognise Indian customs under which women receive gold from parents, in-laws and relatives during weddings and other family occasions. These are seizure-related guidelines, not legal ownership limits.



No Upper Limit on Gold Ownership

The Finance Ministry clarified on December 1, 2016, that there is no prescribed maximum limit on gold jewellery ownership, provided its source can be explained. Gold purchased from legitimate income, received as gifts or inherited from family members can constitute lawful ownership.

Therefore, possessing more than 500 grams of gold is not, by itself, an offence. However, the prescribed limits do not prevent authorities from examining the source of wealth in appropriate investigations.

Bihar Case Behind the Ruling

A vigilance FIR was registered against Phulpari Kumari and her husband on May 11, 2015, alleging possession of assets disproportionate to their known sources of income. A chargesheet was filed against Kumari on July 29, 2020, and the Special Vigilance Court in Patna took cognizance on January 28, 2021.

Challenging the proceedings, Kumari argued that the family's gold jewellery fell within the CBDT guidelines. The combined jewellery held by her and her unmarried daughter weighed 646.400 grams, below their combined guideline limit of 750 grams.

The Patna High Court accepted the argument on May 14, 2026, and quashed the proceedings.

The Bihar government challenged the order before the Supreme Court.

Why the Supreme Court Intervened

The Supreme Court held that protection against seizure and the obligation to explain the source of assets are separate legal issues. Merely citing the CBDT guidelines or the Finance Ministry's clarification does not establish that gold was acquired through legitimate income, gifts or inheritance. Setting aside the High Court order, the bench restored the vigilance proceedings. It did not declare Kumari guilty; she will have the opportunity to defend herself before the trial court.

500 grams is a general non-seizure guideline, not a licence to hold unexplained wealth or a legal ceiling on gold ownership.

What It Means for Gold Owners

The ruling does not abolish the 500-gram guideline or impose a new ceiling on gold ownership. Married women can continue to own more than 500 grams, provided the source is legitimate and explainable.

However, in disproportionate-assets investigations, authorities can examine an individual's total wealth against known income. Purchase bills, inheritance records and gift-related documents can help establish the source of jewellery.

Jharkhand HC Strikes Down Section 22A; Major Relief for Landowners



Ranchi: In a significant ruling on land registration in Jharkhand, the Jharkhand High Court has declared Section 22A of the Registration Act, 1908, unconstitutional and struck it down. The court has also quashed the state government's notification dated August 26, 2015, issued under the provision, setting aside all orders passed by registration officials on its basis.

The provision empowered the state government to declare certain land documents against public policy and direct registration authorities to refuse their registration. Its cancellation is expected to provide relief to landowners whose property registrations were blocked under the notification.

The case was filed in 2016 by Kaushalendra Kumar Singh, a resident of Hering village in Chatra district's Hunterganj block, challenging the constitutional validity of the provision. The bench relied on the Supreme Court's 2005 judgment in State of Rajasthan vs Basant Nahata, which held that the concept of public policy was too vague to confer unrestricted powers on the executive to block property registrations.

The state government informed the court that it had challenged the High Court's earlier May 1, 2025, ruling before the Supreme Court. However, no interim relief had been granted in that matter.

The ruling reinforces the legal position that registration authorities cannot refuse property registration merely by invoking the quashed Section 22A notification.

BSL Marks World Quality Day

Bokaro: Bokaro Steel Plant (BSL) celebrated World Quality Day on November 12, with Executive Director (Incharge) and Executive Director (HR) Rajashree Banerjee hoisting the Quality Flag and administering the Quality Pledge at the Ispat Bhawan complex.

The programme was attended by Executive Directors Vikas Manwati (Mines), C.R. Mishra (Materials Management), Anish Sengupta (Projects) and Anoop Kumar Dutt (Works), along with senior officials and employees.

Chief General Manager (Business Excellence) Neeta Ba welcomed the gathering, while General Manager Anupama Tiwari read out a message from Director (In-charge) Priya Ranjan, urging employees to make quality an integral part of every work process.

Addressing employees, Banerjee stressed excellence, continuous improvement and adherence to high quality standards. Similar flag-hoisting and pledge ceremonies were organised at the ED (Works) building and Bokaro General Hospital.

Fresh Security Scare in J&K: Two Missing SPOs Found Dead in Kishtwar Forest; Weapons Missing



J&K: The bullet-riddled bodies of two missing Special Police Officers (SPOs) were recovered from a forested area in Jammu and Kashmir's Kishtwar district on Thursday, triggering a massive search operation. The service weapons of both personnel were also missing, raising suspicions of militant involvement.

The deceased were identified as Rashpal Kumar and Babi Chand, residents of Kiyar Dachhan in Kishtwar. Both were associated with the Jammu and Kashmir Police's Special Operations Group (SOG).

According to officials, the two personnel went missing on Wednesday afternoon while travelling from Kiyar towards an Army post in the Dharna-Marwah area. They were reportedly assigned to relieve personnel deployed at a Temporary Operating Base of the Army's 17 Rashtriya Rifles in Basnan.

Gunshots were reportedly heard in the Deharna forest area around the time of their disappearance. Their mobile phones subsequently became unreachable, prompting security agencies to launch a joint search operation involving the Army, police and CRPF. Their bodies were recovered on Thursday morning with multiple bullet injuries. The disappearance of their service weapons has added to suspicions that they may have been targeted by militants.

Security forces have intensified cordon-and-search operations in the surrounding forest areas to trace the suspected attackers. Drones and sniffer dogs have also been deployed to assist the search.

The killings have renewed security concerns in the Chenab Valley, particularly in the remote and forested areas of Kishtwar, where difficult terrain poses challenges for counter-insurgency operations.

The incident comes amid heightened security concerns in Jammu and Kashmir following a separate firing incident in Kulgam district, in which three CRPF personnel were reportedly injured.

Investigators are examining the circumstances surrounding the killings and the possible militant connection.

However, the identity of the attackers and the exact motive behind the incident have yet to be officially established.

Owaisi, Chandrashekhar Azad Forge Alliance for 2027 UP Polls; Azad Named CM Face

Lucknow: In a significant political move ahead of the 2027 Uttar Pradesh Assembly elections, AIMIM chief Asaduddin Owaisi and Azad Samaj Party (Kanshiram) president Chandrashekhar Azad have joined hands to form the Samajik Parivartan Morcha. The new alliance has projected Azad as its chief ministerial candidate and announced plans to contest all 403 Assembly seats.

The alliance was announced at a joint press conference in Lucknow on Thursday.



Owaisi said the objective was to prevent the BJP from returning to power for a third consecutive term, while presenting the front as a political alternative for Dalits, minorities, backward classes, farmers and other marginalised sections. Both leaders said the alliance would focus on social justice, education, employment and the rights of disadvantaged communities. Azad also indicated the possibility of bringing other opposition parties, including the Samajwadi Party and Congress, into the broader political effort.

The new partnership could influence opposition politics in Uttar Pradesh, where the BJP, Samajwadi Party and BSP are preparing for a crucial electoral battle. However, its electoral prospects will depend on its ability to build a wider social coalition and translate its support base into votes.

Vedanta ESL Academy's Kuldeep Mahto Bags Gold, Bronze at Junior National Championship



Bokaro: Kuldeep Mahto of Vedanta ESL Archery Academy has brought laurels to Bokaro and Jharkhand by winning two medals at the 46th NTPC Junior National Archery Championship held in Jaipur, Rajasthan, from October 21 to 28.

Kuldeep clinched gold in the Individual Olympic Round and bronze in the Team Event, showcasing his talent and competitive ability at the national-level championship.

Congratulating him on the achievement, Ravish Sharma, CEO and Whole-Time Director of ESL Steel Limited, said Kuldeep's success reflected his dedication, perseverance and the academy's efforts to nurture young sporting talent.

He said ESL was committed to providing aspiring athletes from local communities with professional coaching, quality infrastructure and opportunities to compete at higher levels. Sharma also congratulated Kuldeep's coach, Budheshwar Murmu, for his guidance and contribution to the achievement.

The Vedanta ESL Archery Academy provides young archers with professional training, specialised equipment, nutritional support and exposure to competitive events. Under Murmu's guidance, Kuldeep has steadily developed his skills and emerged as a promising archer. The achievement also highlights the potential of grassroots sports initiatives in providing talented youngsters from industrial and rural belts with opportunities to compete at national platforms. Access to professional coaching and proper training facilities can play a crucial role in transforming local talent into accomplished sportspersons.

ESL Steel Limited has been promoting grassroots sports as part of its community development initiatives, with a focus on identifying local talent and providing young athletes opportunities to excel at state and national levels. Kuldeep's double-medal performance marks a significant achievement for the academy and Bokaro's sporting community.

Shorties

Colette Kress Named NVIDIA Interim CEO as Jensen Huang Resigns



RNS: NVIDIA co-founder and longtime CEO Jensen Huang has resigned with immediate effect, ending his 33-year association with the company he transformed into a global powerhouse in artificial intelligence and semiconductor technology.

The company's board has appointed Chief Financial Officer Colette Kress as interim CEO while beginning the search for a permanent successor. Kress, who joined NVIDIA in September 2013, will continue to oversee its financial operations alongside her interim responsibilities. The board has also appointed Harvey C. Jones as its first-ever chairman.

Huang's resignation comes amid mounting controversy over reports of alleged extramarital relationships, including one involving a businesswoman reportedly under US intelligence scrutiny over suspected links to Chinese intelligence. The developments had triggered a board investigation and intensified concerns over corporate governance and national security.

NVIDIA said its operations, customer commitments and technology roadmap would continue uninterrupted under the interim leadership. The sudden departure, however, raises questions about the future leadership of the world's leading AI chipmaker at a critical juncture in the global AI race.

CFO Colette Kress joined NVIDIA in 2013 after senior finance roles at major technology companies, including Cisco and Microsoft.

Hotwar Jail Sexual Assault Allegations: FIR Against 19, Including Jail Superintendent

Ranchi: An FIR has been registered against 19 people, including the superintendent of Birsa Munda Central Jail, Hotwar, a medical officer and a ward in-charge, over allegations of gang rape, unnatural sexual assault and forced drugging of a 20-year-old former undertrial prisoner.

According to a complaint filed by the youth's father at Khelgaon police station, his son was allegedly drugged and sexually assaulted on three occasions inside the jail. The complaint also alleges that his written grievance was torn up and he was denied medical treatment.

The youth, identified as 'S. Sharma', was acquitted by a Ranchi court on June 12, 2026. His family allegedly learnt of the abuse after finding him in severe mental distress following his release. Investigation is underway.

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सोनिया गांधी की किताब ने हिंदू भावनाओं को ठेस पहुंचाने का काम किया

- वीएचपी ने लगाया आरोप, कांग्रेस नेतृत्व से की माफी मांगने की मांग

नई दिल्ली, एजेंसी। कांग्रेस नेता सोनिया गांधी की किताब बिलोंगिंग-ए जर्नी ऑफ लव के विमोचन के बाद से राजनीतिक गलियारों में विवाद गहरा गया है। विश्व हिंदू परिषद ने सोनिया गांधी से माफी की मांग की है, आरोप है कि उनकी किताब ने हिंदू भावनाओं को ठेस पहुंचाने का काम किया है। उन्होंने कहा कि अब समय आ गया है कि कांग्रेस नेतृत्व माफी मांगे, क्योंकि हिंदू समाज अब इस तरह के हमलों को बर्दाश्त नहीं करेगा। वीएचपी के केंद्रीय संयुक्त महासचिव ने आरोप लगाया कि सोनिया गांधी मुसलमानों से जुड़ी घटनाओं पर विशेष चिंता जताती हैं, जबकि हिंदुओं के साथ होने वाली हिंसा पर वह चुप रहती हैं। उन्होंने बाबरी ढांचे के गिराए जाने पर सोनिया गांधी की प्रतिक्रिया का जिक्र करते हुए कहा कि उस वक्त उनकी आंखों में आंसू थे। हालांकि, उन्होंने कश्मीर में हिंदुओं की हत्याओं और घाटी में मंदिरों को गिराए जाने पर चुप्पी साध रखी थी। उन्होंने सवाल उठाया कि क्या दिल्ली में गोहत्या-विरोधी आंदोलन के दौरान संतों की हत्या और निहत्थे कार सेवकों की हत्या पर सोनिया गांधी ने दुख जताया था? उन्होंने पूछा कि जब बस्तर में नक्सलियों ने उनकी अपनी ही पार्टी के नेताओं की हत्या कर दी थी, तब क्या उनकी आंखों से आंसू निकले थे? जब पहलगाम में पर्यटकों की बेरहमी से हत्या कर दी गई थी, तब क्या वह रोई थीं? ये सवाल सोनिया गांधी की पुस्तक के जरिए हिंदू समाज के प्रति उनकी संवेदनशीलता पर गंभीर सवाल उठाते हैं।

केरलम में विशेष विधानसभा सत्र की सिफारिश

तिरुवंतनमपुरम, एजेंसी। केरलम सरकार ने 30 नवंबर से 10 दिसंबर तक विधानसभा का विशेष सत्र बुलाने के लिए राज्यपाल से सिफारिश करने का फैसला किया है। केरलम के मुख्यमंत्री वी. डी. सतीशन ने साप्ताहिक मंत्रिमंडल बैठक के बाद बताया कि इस सत्र में लंबित विधेयकों पर विचार किया जाएगा और नए विधेयक पेश किए जाएंगे। मंत्रिमंडल ने कासरगोड और वायनाड जिलों में 400 किलोवोल्ट (केवी) क्षमता वाली बिजली पारेषण लाइनों के निर्माण के संबंध में संशोधित मुआवजा पैकेज पेश करने का भी निर्णय लिया। इसके अतिरिक्त, अगड़ी जातियों में आर्थिक रूप से पिछड़े वर्गों (ईडब्लूएस) के लिए केरल राज्य आयोग द्वारा सरकार को सौंपी गई सिफारिशों पर तैयार एक रिपोर्ट को भी मंजूरी दी गई। मुख्यमंत्री ने बताया कि इस रिपोर्ट में आयोग की उन सिफारिशों का विवरण है, जिन पर कार्रवाई की जा सकती है या जिन्हें लागू करने की योजना है, साथ ही कुछ सिफारिशों को लागू न कर पाने के कारण भी बताए गए हैं।

दिल्ली-एनसीआर में दिवाली के बाद भी पटाखों का शोर जारी, एक्यूआई 1000 के पार

सुप्रीम कोर्ट ने स्पष्ट किया त्योहार के नाम पर नियमों की अनदेखी नहीं की जा सकती



नई दिल्ली , एजेंसी। दिल्ली-एनसीआर में दिवाली के बाद भी पटाखे चलाने का शोर जारी है, जिससे एक्यूआई कई इलाकों में 1000 से ऊपर पहुंच गया है। दिल्ली पुलिस ने स्पष्ट किया है कि राजधानी में पटाखे जलाने की तय समय-सीमा अब पूरी तरह खत्म हो चुकी है और अब पटाखे पूरी तरह बैन हैं। सुप्रीम कोर्ट ने दिल्ली-एनसीआर में केवल 7 और 8 नवंबर को सुबह 6 से 7 बजे और रात 8 से 10 बजे के बीच सर्टिफाइड ग्रीन पटाखे जलाने की अनुमति दी थी, जिसे धार्मिक प्रथा बताया गया था।

मीडिया रिपोर्ट के मुताबिक अस्पतालों, नर्सिंग होम, प्राथमिक स्वास्थ्य केंद्रों, वृद्धाश्रमों और किसी भी साइलेंस जोन के 300 मीटर के दायरे में पटाखे जलाने पर तब भी पूर्ण प्रतिबंध था। अब हवा जहरीली होती जा रही है, वहीं दूसरी तरफ देर रात तक और सुबह-सुबह भी पटाखों के फूटने की आवाजें आ रही हैं। इससे उन लोगों को सबसे ज्यादा परेशानी हो रही है, जिन्हें सुबह जल्दी काम पर जाना होता है। बुजुर्गों, छोटे बच्चों, गर्भवती महिलाओं और बीमार लोगों के लिए यह शोर और भी मुश्किल पैदा कर सकता है। सामान्य नियम के मुताबिक, रात 10 बजे से सुबह 6 बजे तक पटाखे फोड़ने की अनुमति नहीं है। सुप्रीम कोर्ट ने भी स्पष्ट किया है कि त्योहार के नाम पर इन नियमों की अनदेखी नहीं की जा सकती है।

अगर आपके आसपास रात 10 बजे के बाद भी तेज आवाज वाले पटाखे फोड़े जा रहे हैं, तो आप पुलिस की मदद ले सकते हैं। इसके लिए 112 नंबर पर कॉल करें। आप अपनी परेशानी बताएं और उस जगह का पूरा पता दें जहां आतिशबाजी हो रही है। इसके अलावा आप नजदीकी पुलिस स्टेशन में फोन करके सूचना दे सकते हैं या वहां जाकर लिखित शिकायत दर्ज करा सकते हैं। कई शहरों में जिला प्रशासन और प्रदूषण नियंत्रण से जुड़ी एजेंसियां भी विशेष हेल्पलाइन या कंट्रोल रूम चलाती हैं। यदि पड़ोसियों से विवाद का डर हो, तो पुलिस को यह बात बताकर अपनी पहचान गोपनीय रखने का अनुरोध कर सकते हैं।

एयर इंडिया की फ्लाइट हाईजैक की धमकी से कोलकाता एयरपोर्ट पर मचा हड़कंप

- -विमान के वॉशरूम में मिला धमकी भरा नोट, सुबह 11:10 बजे हाईजैक करने की लिखी थी बात; सभी यात्री सुरक्षित

कोलकाता, एजेंसी। कोलकाता से मुंबई जा रही एयर इंडिया की एक फ्लाइट में बुधवार को हाईजैक की धमकी मिलने से नेताजी सुभाष चंद्र बोस अंतर्राष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे पर हड़कंप मच गया। विमान के वॉशरूम में धमकी भरा नोट मिलने के बाद सुरक्षा एजेंसियां अलर्ट हो गईं। एहतियात के तौर पर विमान को आइसोलेशन बे में ले जाया गया। राहत की बात यह रही कि विमान में सवार सभी यात्री सुरक्षित हैं। मीडिया रिपोर्ट्स के मुताबिक, विमान के वॉशरूम में मिले नोट में कथित तौर पर लिखा था कि सुबह 11 बजकर 10 मिनट पर विमान का अपहरण कर लिया जाएगा। उड़ान भरने से पहले ही पायलट ने इसकी जानकारी एयर ट्रैफिक कंट्रोल (एटीसी) को दे दी। इसके बाद विमान को सामान्य संचालन से अलग कर आइसोलेशन बे में पहुंचाया गया। सभी यात्रियों को सुरक्षित बाहर निकालकर विमान की गहन तलाशी शुरू की गई। अधिकारियों ने सुरक्षा संबंधी मानक संचालन प्रक्रिया (एसओपी) लागू कर दी है।



अक्टूबर में भी मिला था हाईजैक अलर्ट- एयर इंडिया के विमान को धमकी मिलने की यह पहली घटना नहीं है। इससे पहले अक्टूबर में फ्रैंकफर्ट से दिल्ली आ रही एयर इंडिया की उड़ान संख्या एआई 2030 को भी हाईजैक अलर्ट के बाद जयपुर एयरपोर्ट पर उतारा गया था। बोइंग 787-9 विमान में उस समय 293 यात्री और चालक दल के 13 सदस्य सवार थे।

सीजेपी नेता दीपके को मिली राहत, व्यक्तिगत पेशी से मिली छूट

नई दिल्ली , एजेंसी। कॉकरोच जनता पार्टी यानी सीजेपी के नेता अभिजीत दीपके को एक महत्वपूर्ण राहत मिली है। उन्हें एक विशेष कार्यकारी मजिस्ट्रेट के सामने चल रही जांच के दौरान व्यक्तिगत रूप से पेश होने से छूट दे दी गई है। यह मामला 16 अक्टूबर को हुए एक विरोध प्रदर्शन से संबंधित है। दीपके मंगलवार को मंदिर मार्ग थाने में पेश नहीं हुए। उनके वकील अभिक चिमनी ने बताया कि खराब स्वास्थ्य के कारण वह व्यक्तिगत रूप से पेश नहीं हो सके, जिसके बाद मजिस्ट्रेट ने उन्हें यह छूट प्रदान की। इस मामले की अगली सुनवाई 2 दिसंबर को निर्धारित की गई है।



पिछली सुनवाई के दौरान दीपके के वकील को पुलिस की रिपोर्ट और कानूनी दस्तावेजों की प्रतियां दी गई थीं। इन्हीं दस्तावेजों के आधार पर दिल्ली पुलिस ने दीपके को कारण बताओ नोटिस जारी किया था और उनसे शांति बनाए रखने के लिए एक बॉन्ड भरने को कहा गया था। यह ध्यान रखना महत्वपूर्ण है कि कुछ हफ्ते पहले ही दीपके को एक मजिस्ट्रेट द्वारा सशर्त जमानत दी गई थी। उन्हें यह जमानत तब मिली थी जब उन पर पहले भरे गए शांति बॉन्ड का उल्लंघन करने का आरोप लगा था। इस जमानत की एक मुख्य शर्त यह थी कि उन्हें एक साल तक शांति बनाए रखनी होगी और ऐसा कोई काम नहीं करना होगा जिससे शांति भंग हो। अभिजीत दीपके को 16 अक्टूबर को उस समय हिरासत में लिया गया था जब वे लहरा दो तिरंगा अभियान के दौरान मार्च में शामिल होने के लिए कनॉट प्लेस जा रहे थे। दिल्ली पुलिस ने उन्हें इस मार्च में शामिल नहीं होने का नोटिस दिया था, जिसमें भारतीय नागरिक सुरक्षा संहिता (बीएनएसएस) की धारा 163 के तहत निषेधाज्ञा का हवाला दिया गया था। शांति बॉन्ड का उल्लंघन करने के आरोप में उन्हें 17 अक्टूबर को गिरफ्तार कर लिया गया। बाद में विशेष कार्यकारी मजिस्ट्रेट ने उन्हें सशर्त जमानत दे दी। सूत्रों का कहना है कि दीपके अगली निर्धारित तारीख पर पुलिस के सामने पेश हो सकते हैं।

फोटो खिंचाने में आगे रहने वाले चढ़ावा चोरी पर चुप क्यों?

जयराम ने श्रीराम मंदिर ट्रस्ट, निर्माण और चढ़ावे की व्यवस्था से जुड़े लोगों की भूमिका की जांच की मांग की

नई दिल्ली , एजेंसी। अयोध्या के श्रीराम मंदिर में चढ़ावे की कथित चोरी और अनियमितताओं को लेकर कांग्रेस ने भारतीय जनता पार्टी (भाजपा) और मंदिर से जुड़ी व्यवस्था पर सवाल उठाए हैं। कांग्रेस के वरिष्ठ नेता जयराम रमेश ने सोशल मीडिया पोस्ट के जरिए आरोप लगाया कि मंदिर ट्रस्ट के गठन से लेकर निर्माण, चंदे और चढ़ावे की गिनती तथा उसे बैंक में जमा कराने तक की व्यवस्था में भाजपा, आरएसएस और विश्व हिंदू परिषद से जुड़े लोग प्रभावी भूमिका में रहे हैं। उन्होंने कहा कि ऐसे में चढ़ावे की कथित चोरी की जिम्मेदारी से संबंधित लोग पीछे नहीं हट सकते।



कांग्रेस नेता जयराम ने दावा किया कि वर्ष 2021 में आरएसएस से जुड़े पूर्व लेखा प्रभारी महिपाल सिंह ने चढ़ावे में गड़बड़ी के आरोप लगाए थे। उनके अनुसार, महिपाल सिंह ने कथित चोरी की जानकारी ट्रस्ट से जुड़े चंपत राय और गोपाल राव को दी थी, लेकिन कार्रवाई करने के बजाय उन्हें ही हटा दिया गया। कांग्रेस नेता ने सवाल उठाया कि यदि शिकायत पहले ही सामने आ गई थी तो अब तक जिम्मेदार लोगों की भूमिका की जांच क्यों नहीं हुई। उन्होंने मंदिर निर्माण से जुड़े इंजीनियर दीनानाथ वर्मा के कथित आरोपों का भी उल्लेख किया। वर्मा ने ट्रस्ट कार्यालय के काम में 40 प्रतिशत कमीशन मांगे जाने का आरोप लगाया था। रमेश ने सवाल किया कि इस मामले में चंपत राय से पूछताछ हुई या नहीं और जिन लोगों पर आरोप लगे, उनमें से कुछ को आरोपी के बजाय गवाह क्यों बनाया गया।

कांग्रेस नेता ने चढ़ावे की गिनती से जुड़े कर्मचारियों और अन्य आरोपियों के कथित राजनीतिक-संगठनात्मक संबंधों का भी उल्लेख किया। उन्होंने कहा कि मामले की जांच केवल गिरफ्तार कर्मचारियों तक सीमित नहीं रहनी चाहिए। इसी के साथ ही कांग्रेस ने मांग की है कि मंदिर के निर्माण, संचालन और चढ़ावे की पूरी व्यवस्था से जुड़े सभी जिम्मेदार लोगों की भूमिका की जांच सुप्रीम कोर्ट की निगरानी में कराई जाए। साथ ही मंदिर के वित्तीय रिकॉर्ड सार्वजनिक करने और दोषी पाए जाने वालों पर कानून के अनुसार कार्रवाई की मांग की गई है। रमेश ने प्रधानमंत्री और उत्तर प्रदेश के मुख्यमंत्री की कथित चुप्पी पर भी सवाल उठाते हुए कहा कि राम मंदिर के नाम पर मिले दान और चढ़ावे का पूरा हिसाब देश के सामने आना चाहिए।

सीएम योगी का विरोधियों पर तंज....पूरे सिस्टम को भ्रष्ट कारनामों से प्रदूषित किया, उनका क्या

लखनऊ,एजेंसी। उत्तरप्रदेश के मुख्यमंत्री योगी आदित्यनाथ ने दिवाली पर आतिशबाजी के कारण होने वाले प्रदूषण पर उठ रहे सवालों पर कड़ा रुख दिखाया है। उन्होंने साफ कहा कि दीपावली का प्रदूषण अपने आप समाप्त हो जाएगा, लेकिन जिन्होंने पूरे सिस्टम को भ्रष्ट कारनामों से प्रदूषित किया, उन्हें कोई नहीं पूछता। मुख्यमंत्री राजस्व विभाग के चयनित 1,146 कनिष्ठ सहायकों को नियुक्ति पत्र और मुख्यमंत्री कृषक दुर्घटना कल्याण योजना के लाभार्थियों को 215 करोड़ रुपए की सहायता राशि वितरण समारोह में बोल रहे थे। मुख्यमंत्री योगी ने कहा कि जब लोग पर्व और त्यौहार मनाते हैं, तभी कुछ लोगों को प्रदूषण दिखने लगता है। उन्होंने सवाल उठाया कि अगर जनता एक दिन आतिशबाजी कर ले प्रदूषण हो गया, जबकि जिन लोगों ने अपने भ्रष्ट आचरण से पूरे तंत्र को दूषित किया, उनका क्या? उन्होंने कहा, प्रदूषण हुआ है, तब समाप्त भी हो जाएगा, यह कोई समस्या नहीं है। सीएम योगी ने देखकर संतोष व्यक्त किया कि लोगों ने धूम-धड़ाके के साथ दीपावली मनाई, क्योंकि उनकी सरकार ने इस पर कोई प्रतिबंध नहीं लगाया। उन्होंने खुद अयोध्या में आतिशबाजी में शामिल होने की बात कही। इस मौके पर सीएम योगी ने पिछली सरकारों, विशेषकर समाजवादी पार्टी पर जमकर निशाना साधा। उन्होंने आरोप लगाया कि सपा के कार्यकाल में भर्ती आयोगों और बोर्डों में भाई-भतीजावाद हावी था, जिससे युवाओं को उनका हक नहीं मिलता था। उन्होंने याद दिलाया कि सपा सरकार ने दंगाइयों का काल मानी जाने वाली यूपीपीएसी की 34 कंपनियों को खत्म किया था, जिसके परिणामस्वरूप उनके चार कार्यकाल में उत्तर प्रदेश में 1500 से अधिक दंगे हुए और महीनों-महीनों कर्फ्यू लगा रहता था। उन्होंने मौजूदा धनतेरस पर बाजारों में शांतिपूर्ण चहल-पहल की तुलना पिछली स्थिति से की।

अब नए वेरियंट वाले कोरोना को लेकर भारत सतर्क- पीजे.2.1 की दस्तक से दुनिया के कई देश चिंतित

नई दिल्ली , एजेंसी। ठंड के मौसम की शुरुआत के साथ ही कोरोना वायरस के एक नए और चिंताजनक वेरिएंट पीजे.2.1 ने दुनिया भर के देशों की धड़कनें बढ़ा दी हैं। दुनिया के कई देश इस नए वेरियंट को लेकर काफी चिंतित है। भारत ने भी ऐतिहात के तौर पर कई कदम उठाए गए है। बताया जा रहा है कि भारत इस नए कोरोना पर नजर रखे हुए है। जेसे ही खतरे की संभावना रहेगी भारत तत्तकाल कदम उठाएगा। इस बीच, सबसे बड़ा सवाल यह है कि क्या यह नया वेरिएंट भारत पहुंच चुका है, लेकिन फिलहाल देश में इसकी मौजूदगी की पुष्टि करने वाले कोई भी ठोस सबूत सामने नहीं आए हैं। भारत में इनास्कोच (जीनोमिक्स कंसोर्टियम) जैसी संस्थाएं जीनोम सीक्वेंसिंग के जरिए कोरोना वायरस के अलग-अलग स्ट्रेन में होने वाले बदलावों पर लगातार पैनी नजर रखे हुए हैं ताकि नए वेरिएंट के प्रसार का समय रहते पता लगाया जा सके।

इस नए स्ट्रेन की पहचान सबसे पहले मई 2026 में कनाडा के ओंटारियो प्रांत में हुई थी और अब यह उत्तरी अमेरिका, यूरोप, एशिया तथा ओशिनिया के कई हिस्सों में फैल चुका है। कनाडा के अलावा सिंगापुर, ऑस्ट्रेलिया, न्यूजीलैंड, इजरायल, फ्रांस और स्पेन जैसे देशों में इसके स्थानीय स्तर पर फैलने के संकेत मिले हैं। शुरुआती रिसर्च के अनुसार, इस नए वेरिएंट के स्पाइक प्रोटीन में कई आनुवंशिक बदलाव देखे गए हैं, जिससे इसकी मानव कोशिकाओं में प्रवेश करने की क्षमता बढ़ सकती है, हालांकि अभी यह स्पष्ट नहीं हुआ है कि यह पिछले स्ट्रेन के मुकाबले ज्यादा खतरनाक है या नहीं। विश्व स्वास्थ्य संगठन (डब्ल्यूएचओ) के मुताबिक, इस नए वेरिएंट के लक्षण भी आम सर्दी-जुकाम और इन्फ्लूएंजा (फ्लू) जैसे ही हैं, जिसमें बुखार, ठंड लगना, गले में खराश, खांसी, सिरदर्द और थकान शामिल हैं। राहत की बात यह है कि शोधकर्ताओं ने संकेत दिया है कि पीजे.2.1 में इम्युनिटी को बहुत ज्यादा चकमा देने की क्षमता नहीं है और जिन लोगों ने कोविड-वैक्सीन लगवाई है, उनके शरीर की एंटीबॉडीज इस नए वेरिएंट को बेअसर करने में पूरी तरह सक्षम पाई गई हैं, जो टीकाकरण के महत्व को रेखांकित करता है।



कृष्णा नदी जल पर तेलंगाना का कड़ा रुख, रेवंत रेड्डी ने की बैठक

ट्रिब्यूनल के सामने मजबूत पक्ष रखने की तैयारी, टेलीमेट्री सिस्टम से पानी की रियल-टाइम निगरानी पर जोर

हैदराबाद, एजेंसी । कृष्णा नदी के पानी में तेलंगाना के हिस्से को लेकर राज्य सरकार ने अपना रुख और कड़ा कर दिया है। मुख्यमंत्री ए. रेवंत रेड्डी ने सिंचाई विभाग के अधिकारियों के साथ समीक्षा बैठक कर राज्य के हिस्से को सुरक्षित करने की रणनीति पर चर्चा की। बैठक में आगामी कानूनी प्रक्रिया और कृष्णा नदी के जल बंटवारे से जुड़े मामलों में तेलंगाना का पक्ष मजबूती से रखने के लिए दस्तावेज तैयार करने पर जोर दिया गया।

बैठक ऐसे समय में हुई है जब तेलंगाना सरकार कृष्णा नदी के जल बंटवारे से जुड़े मामले में ब्रजेश कुमार ट्रिब्यूनल के समक्ष अपना पक्ष रखने की तैयारी कर रही है। मुख्यमंत्री ने अधिकारियों से पुराने फैसलों, जल परियोजनाओं से जुड़ी विस्तृत परियोजना रिपोर्ट और अन्य महत्वपूर्ण दस्तावेजों को व्यवस्थित करने के निर्देश दिए। उन्होंने कहा कि राज्य के हितों की रक्षा के लिए ठोस तथ्यों और दस्तावेजों के साथ अपना पक्ष रखना जरूरी है।



रेवंत रेड्डी पहले भी यह मुद्दा उठाते रहे हैं कि कृष्णा बेसिन का बड़ा हिस्सा तेलंगाना में होने के बावजूद राज्य के गठन के बाद से उसे पानी का उचित हिस्सा नहीं मिला। उन्होंने कृष्णा और गोदावरी दोनों नदियों के पानी में तेलंगाना के अधिकार को लेकर कड़ा रुख अपनाने की बात कही है। बैठक में कृष्णा और गोदावरी नदी प्रबंधन बोर्ड के हस्तक्षेपों पर भी चर्चा हुई। मुख्यमंत्री ने जल बंटवारे का अंतिम फैसला आने तक बोर्ड के फैसलों का विरोध करने और जरूरत पड़ने पर मामला सुप्रीम कोर्ट ले जाने का सुझाव दिया। उन्होंने पानी के बहाव और उपयोग की रियल-टाइम निगरानी के लिए टेलीमेट्री सिस्टम लगाने पर भी जोर दिया। सिंचाई विभाग को अब एक विस्तृत रिपोर्ट तैयार करने की जिम्मेदारी दी गई है। इसमें राज्य को अब तक हुए कथित नुकसान और जल हिस्सेदारी से जुड़े आंकड़ों को शामिल किया जाएगा। सरकार का मानना है कि यह रिपोर्ट ट्रिब्यूनल और अन्य कानूनी मंचों पर तेलंगाना का पक्ष मजबूत करने में मदद करेगी। राज्य के किसानों और कृषि क्षेत्र की पानी पर निर्भरता को देखते हुए यह मामला सरकार के लिए बेहद महत्वपूर्ण माना जा रहा है।

भगवान सभी के हैं, केदारेश्वर से मथुरा-वृंदावन तक जाएंगे दर्शन करने: अखिलेश यादव

लखनऊ, एजेंसी । समाजवादी पार्टी के राष्ट्रीय अध्यक्ष और पूर्व मुख्यमंत्री अखिलेश यादव ने धर्म, आस्था, नोटबंदी और आर्थिक मुद्दों को लेकर बीजेपी पर तीखा हमला बोला। अयोध्या यात्रा के संदर्भ में उन्होंने कहा कि भगवान सबके हैं और वह केदारेश्वर के साथ मथुरा-वृंदावन भी दर्शन करने जाएंगे। अपने पीडीए का जिक्र कर अखिलेश ने कहा, पहले दर्शन, फिर आशीर्वाद। उन्होंने कहा कि अलग-अलग धर्मों में लोग अपनी आस्था के अनुसार भगवान को याद करते हैं। अखिलेश ने परिवार और पार्टी के नेताओं का जिक्र कर शिवपाल और रामगोपाल यादव पर भी अपनी बात रखी। उन्होंने कहा कि उनके साथ अवधेश और पवन जैसे लोग हैं, इसलिए उन्हें किसी अन्य बात की चिंता नहीं है। इस दौरान उन्होंने बीजेपी से कथित आर्थिक लूट और लाखों-लाख करोड़ रुपये की बर्बादी का हिसाब भी मांगा।

एनसीपी विलय पर फडणवीस ने कहा- बगैर भाजपा के कोई विलय नहीं होगा

मुंबई, एजेंसी । महाराष्ट्र की राजनीति में नेशनलिस्ट कांग्रेस पार्टी यानी एनसीपी के दोनों गुटों के संभावित विलय को लेकर अटकलों का बाजार गर्म है। इन चर्चाओं के बीच, मुख्यमंत्री देवेंद्र फडणवीस के एक बयान ने सबको चौंका दिया है। उन्होंने स्पष्ट शब्दों में कहा है कि भाजपा की भागीदारी के बिना ऐसा कोई विलय संभव नहीं है। अपने सरकारी आवास पर आयोजित दिवाली मिलन समारोह के दौरान फडणवीस ने यह महत्वपूर्ण टिप्पणी की। गौरतलब है कि पिछले हफ्ते प्रफुल्ल पटेल और पार्थ पवार सहित सुनेत्रा पवार के नेतृत्व वाले एनसीपी के कई नेताओं ने एनसीपी (एसपी) प्रमुख शरद पवार से मुलाकात की थी, जिसके बाद से विलय की बातें तेज हो गई थीं।



पत्रकारों द्वारा सुनेत्रा पवार के नेतृत्व की तुलना उनके दिवंगत पति अजीत पवार के नेतृत्व से करने पर फडणवीस ने इसे अनुचित बताया। उन्होंने कहा कि अजीत पवार के पास दशकों का राजनीतिक अनुभव और महाराष्ट्र की गहरी समझ थी, जबकि सुनेत्रा पवार अभी हालात के हिसाब से खुद को ढाल रही हैं। मुख्यमंत्री ने जोर देकर कहा कि उनकी तुलना अजीत दादा से करना सही नहीं होगा। उन्होंने यह भी बताया कि एनसीपी के अन्य वरिष्ठ नेता मिलकर पार्टी का कामकाज संभाल रहे हैं। विलय के मामले पर टिप्पणी करते हुए, देवेंद्र फडणवीस ने कहा कि केवल शरद पवार या उपमुख्यमंत्री अजीत पवार ही इस पर स्पष्ट जानकारी दे सकते हैं। उन्होंने दोनों ही गुटों के अन्य नेताओं के बयानों को महत्वहीन बताते हुए खारिज कर दिया। वहीं, एनसीपी के दोनों गुटों के संभावित विलय की अटकलों के बीच, शिवसेना (शिंदे गुट) के मंत्री संजय शिरसाट ने एक नया विकल्प सुझाया है। शिरसाट ने कहा कि विलय के बजाय दोनों गुटों को मिलकर बिल्कुल नया तीसरा गुट बनाना चाहिए। उन्होंने सवाल उठाया कि जब दोनों गुटों के नेता एक-दूसरे पर लगातार आरोप लगाने में व्यस्त हैं, तो विलय कैसे संभव हो सकता है? शिरसाट ने कहा कि अगर नेता एक-दूसरे पर तीखे और आक्रामक हमले कर रहे हैं, तो विलय की संभावना न के बराबर है। उन्होंने स्थिति पर हैरानी जताते हुए कहा कि सुबह भले ही विलय की बात हो, लेकिन दोपहर तक वही नेता एक-दूसरे पर आरोप लगाते नजर आते हैं, जिससे असल स्थिति को समझना मुश्किल हो जाता है।

BRIFF NEWS

India slips 5 spots on climate change index



New Delhi, Agency: India has slipped five ranks down to 28th position on the Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI) 2027, released on Wednesday by prominent Germany-based environmental think tanks on the sidelines of the ongoing UN climate conference (COP31) and its leaders' summit in Antalya, Turkiye.

This is the third consecutive fall for India in the annual CCPI ranking. Significantly, the country was among the top 10 performers for six years in a row till 2024. India, which ranked 31st in 2014, entered the top 10 for the first time in 2019 and climbed as high as seventh rank, based on its high performance on the renewable energy front.

Energy use, GHG emissions led to India rank dip: Study authors CCPI, compiled by Germanwatch and NewClimate Institute, uses a standardised framework to compare the climate performance of 64 countries and EU as a whole, which, put together, account for over 90% of global greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. The performance of countries is assessed in four categories: GHG emissions (40%), renewable energy (20%), energy use (20%) and climate policy (20%).

Responding to Media's question on the reason behind India's fall in the rankings, the lead author of CCPI, Jan Burck, and co-author Madlen Peter said the country lost most ground in the energy use and GHG emissions categories.

Cong MP in sex abuse row on Manipur poll panels



New Delhi, Agency: Congress has named Manipur MP Angomcha Bimol Akoijam, who is facing sexual harassment allegations, as co-chairperson of its manifesto committee and member of its campaign and state poll committees ahead of assembly polls in the state.

Akoijam, who represents Inner Manipur in Lok Sabha, has been at the centre of a controversy following complaints by 11 women students at Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU). He has denied the allegations against him.

Congress general secretary (organisation) KC Venugopal said Wednesday that party president Mallikarjun Kharge had approved the appointment of additional office bearers for the Manipur Pradesh Congress Committee and the constitution of election committee, campaign committee, manifesto committee, media and publicity committee and election management committee for the ensuing assembly polls in Manipur.

Akoijam figures in three committees - co-chairperson in manifesto committee and member in campaign and election committees of the state.

Collegium wants transfer of HC judges streamlined, random ways discarded

New Delhi, Agency: Supreme Court collegium is trying to break away from the unwritten norms for transfer of judges from one high court to another, done so far on the basis of a judge's integrity, conduct, requirement of expertise in another HC and, very often, because of his/her closeness to an ex-CJI or ex-collegium member.

The five-member SC collegium led by CJI Surya Kant and comprising Justices Vikram Nath, B V Nagarathna, M M Sundresh and P S Narasimha had an informal discussion last week on evolving a well-defined policy framework to streamline the process for transfer of judges from their parent HC to another. They felt that random or pick-and-choose methods of transfer for reasons that are not objective must be discarded. A proposal for transfer of a judge from his/her parent HC to another could be moved for various reasons.

Judge 'close to' CJI runs transfer risk once mentor leaves office For instance, an HC judge, high in seniority, could be transferred to prepare him/her for taking over as CJ of that HC. There have also been occasions when a senior judge was sent to another HC to create a buffer between the CJ and senior judges there because they were not getting along.



There have been cases where transfer proposals were initiated when in-house inquiries corroborated complaints regarding the integrity of a judge or that his/her behaviour was unbecoming of the constitutional post in the courtroom or in public. On the constructive side, a judge having expertise in certain fields of litigation could be transferred to another HC where his/her services could be more productive. There is another reason as well, one that has never made it to the records but has always been whispered aloud, a secret that is hardly so - a judge perceived to be close to a CJI or a member of the SC collegium who is transferred as soon as the mentor has demitted office. Very often, it is meant to settle scores against the CJI who refused to accommodate requests for appointment or transfer of judges from colleagues. All these grounds for transfers till 2018 were couched in the specious "in the interest of better administration of justice" officialese.

The phraseology was discarded by 2020 and collegium resolutions plainly stated the transfer of a particular judge.

In 2022, the collegium had recommended transfers of 18 HC judges, 34 in 2023, 11 in 2024, 44 in 2025 and 12 in 2026.

Former Punjab Police SSP Gurmeet Singh Randhawa sentenced to five years' imprisonment and a fine of Rs 75,000

Mohali, Agency: The special CBI court of Mohali on Thursday sentenced former Senior Superintendent of Police of Punjab Police Gurmeet Singh Randhawa to five years imprisonment in the case of disappearance of a Ludhiana transporter in 1992. The court had declared Randhawa guilty on Wednesday. This verdict comes nearly 34 years after the disappearance of transporter Amrik Singh Sakri, who was taken away by the police from a wedding ceremony in Ludhiana. The court has acquitted constable Parminderjit Singh alias Babbu, who was made an accused in the same case.



Advocate Pushpinder Singh Natt, representing the victim, stated that the court sentenced Randhawa to five years' imprisonment and a fine of 50,000 under Section 365 (kidnapping) of the Indian Penal Code. He was also sentenced to two years' imprisonment and a fine of 25,000 under Section 120-B (criminal conspiracy) of the Indian Penal Code. Both sentences will run concurrently. Advocate Natt stated that Randhawa was presented before the court via video conferencing. At the time of the incident, Randhawa was posted as Deputy Superintendent of Police in Tarn Taran.The other accused in the case, Assistant Sub-Inspector Jaswant Singh, Sub-Inspector Surinder Singh, Inspector Suba Singh, and former Senior Superintendent of Police of Tarn Taran, Ajit Singh Sandhu, have died during the trial.On November 25, 1992, Amrik Singh Sakri was in Ludhiana to attend his brother-in-law's daughter's wedding. He was taken away by the police. After this, Amrik Singh remained untraceable. His family contacted senior police officers and sent telegrams to various officials seeking his release, but despite all efforts, no trace of him was found.Subsequently, in 1996, Amrik Singh Sakri's wife filed a habeas corpus petition in the Supreme Court. During the hearing, the Punjab government informed the court that Amrik Singh had died. The government also presented advertisements related to his funeral to support its claim. However, the family rejected this claim.

NTA plans exam centres in every district

New Delhi, Agency: In a move that could spare lakhs of students long journeys for entrance examinations, the education ministry has initiated an exercise to create a nationwide pool of standardised examination centres, with the aim of having at least one in every district. The plan also envisages backup centres nearby to deal with last-minute disruptions. In a parallel move, the National Testing Agency (NTA) is creating a permanent pool of independent observers, including retired armed forces and paramilitary personnel, as part of a wider overhaul of the examination system following repeated security breaches and disruptions. The twin initiatives are aimed at addressing two persistent problems - inadequate examination infrastructure and the shortage of trained personnel to supervise high-stakes tests. NTA, which conducts examinations in more than 500 cities, has invited applications from educational institutions and testing service providers across the country to expand its network for both computer-based tests (CBT) and pen-and-paper examinations.

Enact national law to protect investors from political vendetta: Chandrababu Naidu

Visakhapatnam,Agency: Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu on Thursday announced that the state government will introduce an 'Investment Protection Act' to protect investors from political vendetta. He also urged the central government to introduce a similar law at the national level to provide greater security and confidence to investors across the country.Chandrababu Naidu shared that Andhra Pradesh has received investment proposals worth 2.6 lakh crore since June 2024. More importantly, 73 percent of these commitments have been converted into approved projects. The total cost of these projects is ?17.2 lakh crore and they are expected to generate employment for 12.7 lakh people.



He said that 51 percent of these projects have reached the stage of implementation at the ground level. Construction work has started on projects worth Rs 5.9 lakh crore, which have the potential to create 7.4 lakh jobs.

Earlier, Union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal, Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu and Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan played the drums at the 31st CII Partnership Summit which began here.

New blue-and-white droplet logo on milk curd and paneer packs from July 2028

New Delhi, Agency: The next time you pick up a milk packet, a curd carton or a paneer pack, you may notice a new symbol on the label. From July 1, 2028, all milk and milk products, including composite milk products, will have to carry a distinctive, standardised blue-and-white droplet logo, providing a uniform identification mark for the category.

The logo features a white droplet against a blue square background. FSSAI officials told Media that the mark is intended to help consumers readily identify products in this category at the point of purchase, strengthen their awareness and understanding of the regulatory identity of milk and milk products, and facilitate quicker recognition of relevant information on product labels. It



is also aimed at bringing greater consistency to labelling practices.

The requirement has been notified through the Food Safety and Standards (Labelling and Display) Second Amendment Regulations, 2026, published in the Gazette on November 9. The amendment to the 2020 labelling regulations will come into force on July 1, 2028.

The authority has prescribed minimum dimensions for the logo according to the area of the package's principal display panel. The blue square must measure at least 6 mm on each side for panels up to 100 sq cm, 8 mm for panels measuring 100 to 500 sq cm, 12 mm for panels measuring 500 to 2,500 sq cm, and 16 mm for panels larger than 2,500 sq cm.

The Gazette also specifies the minimum dimensions of the white droplet inside the square. For the smallest, 6 mm logo, the droplet must be at least 4.56 mm high and 3 mm wide. For the larger logo sizes, these dimensions increase to 6.08 mm by 4 mm, 9.12 mm by 6 mm and 12.16 mm by 8 mm, respectively.

The amendment follows a draft proposal issued in February 2025, when FSSAI invited objections and suggestions from stakeholders.

Pollution's hidden health cost: Dirty air may also raise diabetes risk, global review finds

New Delhi, Agency: The damage caused by polluted air may not stop at the lungs. Long-term exposure to fine particulate matter (PM2.5), the tiny particles that can penetrate deep into the respiratory system, is also associated with a higher risk of developing type 2 diabetes. The risk was 10% to 16% higher for every 10 micrograms per cubic metre increase in PM2.5 exposure, according to a new global review, raising concerns about the wider health impact of air pollution. Published in the Journal of Vascular Diseases last month, the study analysed 13 earlier systematic reviews and meta-analyses on long-term PM2.5 exposure and diabetes. Six of the seven reviews examining new cases of type 2 diabetes found a 10% to 16% higher risk.

The analysis covered studies from North America, Europe, East and South Asia, Latin America and Australia. A South Asian analysis involving populations in India, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka found a 9% higher risk of developing type 2 diabetes for every 10 micrograms per cubic metre increase in PM2.5 exposure.

The review also linked PM2.5 exposure to diabetes prevalence, diabetes-related deaths and higher



fasting blood glucose, but found no significant association with insulin resistance. Evidence on HbA1c, a measure of average blood sugar, was insufficient.

The 13 reviews covered more than 200 million cumulative participant observations, not 200 million unique individuals, as some studies and populations overlapped. One review alone contributed about 198 million observations.

The study was co-authored by Dr Anoop Misra, Executive Chairman and Director of Diabetes and Endocrinology at Fortis C-DOC Centre of Excellence for Diabetes, Metabolic Diseases and Endocrinology, New Delhi, along with Yashendra Sethi, Nirja Kaka, Saurabh Singhal, Manvi Vasudev and Giuseppe Biondi-Zoccai.

"Air quality management must become a core part of diabetes prevention," Misra said, stressing that air pollution should be viewed not only as an environmental and respiratory health concern but also as a factor in the broader cardiovascular-kidney-metabolic continuum.

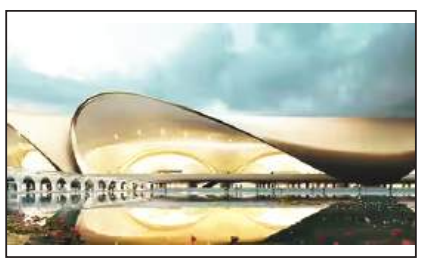
The researchers said possible mechanisms include inflammation, oxidative stress, impaired blood vessel function and disrupted insulin signalling, which may affect blood sugar regulation. However, these mechanisms were not systematically assessed. They cautioned that the findings show an association, not proof that pollution causes diabetes. Evidence for new cases was graded low, and the review did not establish whether cleaner air would reduce diabetes risk. They called for air quality to be considered in wider efforts to prevent cardiovascular, kidney and metabolic diseases.

Navi Mumbai India's cleanest city, Indore's domination ends

New Delhi, Agency: Navi Mumbai bagged the cleanest city award in the 10th edition of Centre's annual cleanliness survey, marking a change at the top after Indore dominated for eight consecutive years. Surat and Vijayawada were ranked the second and third cleanest cities, while Madhya Pradesh's Rewa was declared the cleanest riverfront town and Uttarakhand's Rudrapur emerged as the cleanest Himalayan city.

President Droupadi Murmu conferred the Swachh Survekshan Awards 2025-26. Madhya Pradesh led the states by winning nine awards at the national level for its cities under the cleanliness and sanitation category. Indore, which was so far the cleanest city, was placed in a different category this year, securing second position in the Mentor City category along with its partner town Depalpur, under the newly introduced 'Swachh Shehar Jodi' initiative.

Greater Visakhapatnam secured the first position, followed by Jabalpur and



Lucknow, among cities with population of more than 10 lakh, under the Swachh Survekshan Awards 2025-26.Among cities with a population of 50,000 to three lakh, Dewas got the top rank, followed by New Delhi Municipal Council and Sagar. Vita in Maharashtra topped the 20,000-50,000 population category.

Minister Manohar Lal said the full list of scores will be out soon. The survey also recognised cities for their performance in specialised categories. MP's Rewa topped the cleanest riverfront towns category, followed by Bilaspur and Varanasi.

In the Swachh Coastal Town category, Odisha's Puri secured the first position. While Rudrapur was the cleanest Himalayan city, Jammu secured the second rank.

When Nature Starts Glowing

The Magical Science of Living Light



Imagine walking along a beach at night and watching every wave produce a brilliant blue glow. A forest floor suddenly lighting up with tiny green spots, or fireflies turning an ordinary summer evening into a sparkling display. These scenes may look like something from a fantasy film, but they are real examples of one of nature's most fascinating phenomena: bioluminescence.

Bioluminescence is the ability of certain living organisms to produce light through chemical reactions inside their bodies. Unlike ordinary light-producing objects, these organisms do not need electricity, batteries or external flames. Their light is generated naturally through a reaction involving a light-emitting molecule called luciferin and an enzyme known as luciferase. Oxygen is generally involved in this process, producing light with very little heat.

One of the most spectacular examples can be found in the oceans. Certain microscopic organisms called dinoflagellates produce flashes of blue light when disturbed by moving water. When waves strike the shore or a person walks through the water, millions of these organisms may illuminate the surroundings. This phenomenon, sometimes called a glowing sea or sea sparkle, transforms dark coastlines into extraordinary natural light displays.

Fireflies provide another familiar example. These insects produce flashes of light through specialised organs in their abdomens. Their glowing signals are particularly important during reproduction, as males and females use specific flashing patterns to recognise one another. Different firefly species have different light signals, making their communication remarkably organised.

Even forests have their own natural lighting systems. Certain fungi, commonly known as glowing mushrooms or foxfire, produce a greenish glow in darkness.

Their light can appear on decaying wood, tree roots and damp forest floors. Scientists believe fungal bioluminescence may play a role in attracting insects that help distribute fungal spores.

Interestingly, producing light is not simply a decorative feature. In nature, it can serve several survival purposes. Some deep-sea creatures use glowing organs to attract prey, while others produce flashes to confuse predators or escape danger. Certain marine animals even release glowing substances into the water as a distraction.

Despite decades of research, scientists continue to explore the possibilities of bioluminescence. Its chemistry has already helped researchers develop important scientific tools, particularly in medical research, where light-producing reactions can help track biological processes inside cells.

Nature's ability to create light without fire or electricity reminds us that extraordinary discoveries are often hidden in ordinary surroundings. The next time a firefly flashes in a garden or waves shimmer under a dark sky, it is worth remembering that these are not magical tricks, but remarkable examples of science at work.

The Hidden Cities Beneath Our Feet

A World That Exists Underground

While modern cities continue to expand upwards with skyscrapers and high-rise buildings, another fascinating world exists beneath the Earth's surface. Hidden passageways, underground settlements, ancient chambers and forgotten tunnels reveal how human beings have used the space below their feet for thousands of years. Some of these underground structures are so extensive that they resemble complete cities.

One of the most remarkable examples is the ancient underground city of Derinkuyu in Cappadocia, Turkey. Carved into soft volcanic rock, this extraordinary settlement contains multiple levels of interconnected rooms, narrow passages, storage areas, ventilation shafts and communal spaces. It was designed to provide shelter and protection during periods of danger. Its complicated layout demonstrates the remarkable engineering skills of the people who created it.

Derinkuyu is believed to have accommodated thousands of people at different times. Heavy stone doors could be rolled across entrances to protect residents from outside threats. The underground settlement also included facilities for storing food and keeping animals, allowing people to remain below ground for extended periods.

Although its exact construction history remains debated, it is among the world's most impressive examples of underground architecture.

Underground living was not limited to ancient Turkey. In parts of China, traditional cave dwellings known as yaodong have provided homes for generations. Built into hillsides or excavated into the ground, these houses naturally maintain relatively comfortable indoor temperatures. Their thick earth walls help protect residents from extreme summer heat and winter cold.

Another interesting example is Coober Pedy in Australia, a mining town where many residents live in underground homes known as dugouts. The region experiences extremely hot summers, making underground living a practical choice. These homes may include bedrooms, kitchens, living rooms and even underground hotels.

Modern cities have also developed extensive underground spaces, although their purpose is often different. Subway networks, pedestrian tunnels, underground shopping centres, parking facilities and utility corridors form an invisible infrastructure beneath busy streets.

Cities such as Montreal have developed large interconnected underground pedestrian networks that allow people to move between buildings and transport stations, particularly during harsh winter weather.

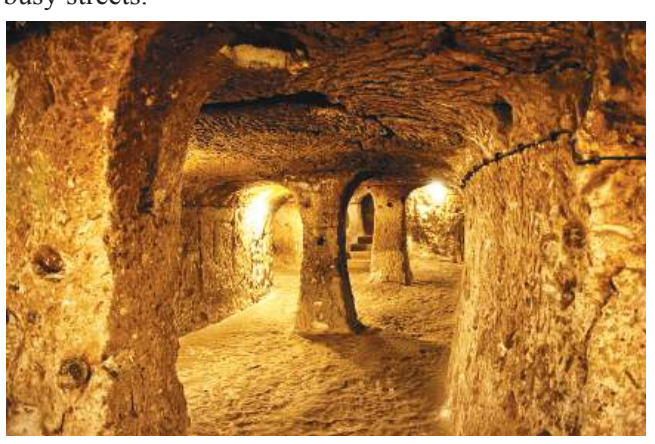
Underground construction also offers environmental advantages. Structures built below the surface can benefit from natural temperature stability, reducing the need for excessive heating or cooling.

However, ventilation, lighting, drainage and emergency access remain important engineering challenges.

These hidden worlds reveal a different chapter of human civilisation.

While buildings above ground often represent ambition and visible progress, underground settlements tell stories of survival, adaptation and ingenious planning.

They also remind us that the history of human architecture is not limited to what we can see. Sometimes, the most extraordinary examples of human creativity are buried beneath our feet.



Places on Earth That Look Like Another Planet



There are places on Earth where the landscape appears so unusual that visitors often struggle to believe they are standing on the same planet. Vast mirror-like deserts, colourful lakes, smoking volcanic fields and strangely shaped rock formations create scenes that seem more suitable for a science-fiction film than the natural world. Yet these extraordinary destinations are real, and their appearance is the result of fascinating geological and environmental processes.

One of the most spectacular examples is the Salar de Uyuni in Bolivia, the world's largest salt flat. During the dry season, its surface becomes an enormous white expanse stretching towards the horizon. However, during the rainy season, a thin layer of water covers the salt crust and creates a remarkable mirror effect. The sky, clouds and surrounding mountains appear reflected on the ground, making it difficult to distinguish where the earth ends and the sky begins.

Another extraordinary destination is the Danakil Depression in Ethiopia. Known for its extreme temperatures and unusual geological activity, the region contains colourful mineral deposits, acidic hot springs and volcanic landscapes. Yellow, orange and green shades appear across parts of the terrain because of different minerals and chemical reactions. The region is also one of the hottest places on Earth, making it an environment where life must adapt to particularly challenging conditions.

In Mexico, the famous pink lakes of Las Coloradas create another unusual natural spectacle. Their striking colour is associated with high salt concentrations and microorganisms, including certain algae and bacteria. Under suitable environmental conditions, these organisms produce pigments that give the water its distinctive pink appearance. The intensity of the colour can vary depending on weather, water conditions and salinity.

The island of Socotra, located in the Arabian Sea near the Horn of Africa, looks equally extraordinary. Its unusual landscape is home to the famous dragon blood tree, which has a distinctive umbrella-shaped canopy and produces a deep red resin. Many of the island's plant species are found nowhere else on Earth. Its isolated location and unique evolutionary history have helped create an ecosystem unlike most others.

Even Antarctica offers landscapes that appear almost otherworldly. Towering ice formations, enormous glaciers and blue ice caves create breathtaking scenes.

The blue colour visible inside certain ice formations occurs because dense ice absorbs longer wavelengths of light more strongly, allowing more blue light to reach the observer.

These unusual destinations demonstrate how diverse the Earth's natural systems can be. Salt, minerals, volcanic activity, climate and millions of years of geological change have created landscapes that challenge our imagination.

Although they may resemble distant planets, these places are also reminders of the importance of protecting Earth's fragile environments. Climate change, pollution and uncontrolled tourism can threaten some of these remarkable ecosystems. Exploring them offers not only visual wonder but also a deeper understanding of the extraordinary planet we call home.

The Secret Lives of Trees

How Forests Stay Connected Underground



A forest may appear peaceful and silent, with trees standing independently and leaves moving gently in the wind. But beneath the surface, a fascinating biological world is constantly operating. Tree roots interact with fungi, exchange nutrients and respond to changes in their surroundings. Scientists studying these relationships have discovered that forests are far more interconnected than they appear.

One of the most interesting discoveries involves mycorrhizal fungi. These fungi form partnerships with the roots of many plants and trees. Their fine, thread-like structures spread through the soil, sometimes connecting with the roots of multiple plants. In this relationship, fungi help trees absorb essential nutrients, particularly phosphorus, as well as water. In return, trees supply the fungi with sugars produced through photosynthesis.

These fungal networks have sometimes been described as the "wood wide web" because of their resemblance to an interconnected communication system. The comparison is fascinating, although scientists caution that these networks should not be understood as an underground internet.

Their biological functions are complex, and researchers are still investigating how resources and chemical signals move through them.

Trees also communicate with their surroundings through chemical signals.

When certain plants are attacked by insects, they can release airborne chemicals that influence the behaviour of nearby plants. Some neighbouring plants respond by increasing their production of defensive chemicals, making themselves less attractive to herbivores. This process demonstrates how plants can respond to environmental threats without having a nervous system like animals.

Another surprising aspect of forest life is the role of old trees. Large, mature trees provide shade, shelter and habitats for countless organisms.

Their roots help stabilise soil, while fallen leaves gradually decompose and return nutrients to the ground. Dead and decaying trees are also important because they provide food and shelter for fungi, insects and other wildlife.

Forests are not only important for the organisms living within them; they also influence the planet's climate. Through photosynthesis, trees absorb carbon dioxide and store carbon in their trunks, branches, roots and surrounding soil. Forests also help regulate water cycles by releasing moisture into the atmosphere and influencing local temperatures.However, the underground relationships between trees and fungi are vulnerable to human activities. Deforestation, soil disturbance, chemical pollution and changing climatic conditions can damage these delicate systems. Removing large numbers of trees can also affect the surrounding ecosystem by altering shade, moisture and nutrient availability.The study of forest networks is changing how scientists understand nature. Rather than viewing individual trees as isolated organisms, researchers increasingly examine forests as complex ecological communities in which plants, fungi, insects, microorganisms and soil work together.What looks like silence above the ground may therefore hide a remarkable world of biological activity below it. Every forest contains relationships that are still being explored, reminding us that nature's most fascinating activities are not always visible to the human eye.