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An Israeli strike on a hospital highlights the devastation to Gaza's healthcare system

BEIRUT.(Agency).

A deadly airstrike on the biggest hospital in the southern Gaza Strip highlighted the devastation that Israel's campaign has wreaked on the Palestinian territory's healthcare system over the past three years.

The strike that hit Nasser Hospital's surgical wing killed six people, including a surgeon and a 13-year-old boy, and heavily damaged operating rooms and patient wards. The Israeli military said it targeted a Hamas commander using the hospital as a base, though it did not provide evidence for the claim.Israel has carried out near daily strikes in Gaza despite a ceasefire agreement with Hamas that took effect in October 2025. Israel says it is targeting militants. Israel launched its campaign in Gaza in retaliation for Hamas' deadly October 2023 attack on southern Israel.Direct attacks on hospitals have become rarer during the truce. But Thursday's strike underscored how Gaza's halth system is still struggling to recover.Here is a look at Israel's attacks on hospitals, its accusations against Hamas and the impact on Gaza's healthcare system.

Israel has attacked Gaza hospitals frequently in the warThe Israeli military besieged multiple hospitals around Gaza throughout the war, often surrounding them for weeks and battering them with strikes and gunfire while patients and staff were trapped inside and supplies ran out. Some sieges ended with troops storming hospitals, often leaving medical equipment destroyed, or with staff and patients forced to evacuate. Troops detained hundreds of healthcare workers.

Two major raids left Gaza City's Shifa Hospital, the territory's largest, in ruins.

Aside from the sieges, hospitals and other medical facilities have frequently come under Israeli fire or been hit by airstrikes that the military says target Hamas militants. During some of the worst months, as few as 14 of Gaza's 36 prewar hospitals were functioning,



more than 1,050 attacks on health facilities in Gaza, causing more than 1,000 deaths. The U.N. says more than 1,700 medical personnel were killed in the war, including in strikes away from medical facilities. At least six medical staffers from Gaza, including three prominent doctors, have died in Israeli prisons, according to rights groups that have documented abuses in custody.Israeli forces have struck Nasser Hospital repeatedly. In 2025, the military killed 22 people when it shelled a vantage point used by reporters on the hospital roof, then hit rescue workers and journalists rushing to help the wounded. Among those killed were five journalists, including Mariam Dagga, who was working with The Associated Press.While attacks during the ceasefire have waned, some strikes in recent months have damaged medical facilities, according to the U.N.Israel accuses Hamas of using the facilities for military purposesIsael has sought to justify the assaults by accusing Hamas of using the hospitals as command-and-control centers, though it has provided limited evidence. Palestinian and hospital oficials have denied these claims.

Hamas security men have sometimes been seen in hospitals, controlling access to certain areas.

$400 Million In 18 Months: How North Korean Hackers Stole Money Using Images

world.(Agency).

North Korean state-backed hackers have stolen more than $400 million in cryptocurrency over the past 18 months using surreptitiously recorded images of people which are then used to target their contacts, the FBI said Thursday.As part of a social engineering scheme, which the FBI refers to as "FaceStealer," targets are lured to video chats on imposter versions of video meeting software such as Zoom, Microsoft Teams and Google Meet.The targets are issued invitations from genuine contacts they have previously interacted with, but whose social media and communication accounts have been compromised and whose images have been secretly recorded.Once on the call, the targets — who are also being recorded — encounter a mock technical error which requires a fix by clicking a link, which then infects the target's computer and social media accounts. The target's contacts are then used to target additional people.

Global Outage Hits Microsoft, Outlook, Other 365 Services Down

world.(Agency).

A widespread outage hit Microsoft platforms including Outlook on Thursday, with many users encountering trouble using their email accounts and other errors across the tech giant's suite of apps.Nearly 130,000 users on outage tracker Downdetector reported problems accessing Outlook just after 1 p.m. ET.

New reports have since fallen from that peak, but many said they couldn't send and receive emails, or had trouble loading their inboxes altogether.

Thousands also reported issues with Microsoft's workplace messaging app Teams, as well as its AI assistant Copilot and wider Microsoft 365 services.

Microsoft said that it was investigating disruptions, notably related to its email and Teams applications.In updates posted on social media, Redmond, Washington-based Microsoft said it was aware of users "experiencing issues accessing Exchange Online mailboxes through multiple connection methods in the Americas.

US Senator Chris Van Hollen announces bid to replace Chuck Schumer as Democratic leader

World.(Agency)

Democratic Senator Chris Van Hollen of Maryland has announced a bid to become the next Senate Majority Leader, challenging incumbent Democratic leader Chuck Schumer after the party's victories in the US midterm elections.

Van Hollen said on Thursday that he was running because "the American people called for change" and argued that Democrats needed new leadership to respond to the election result.

"It's now on us to meet this moment, and to do that we need new leadership," Van Hollen said in a statement. "This is not about any one person — it's about answering the call of the American people. That is why I'm running for Senate Majority Leader."The leadership election will be held by secret ballot in early December. It is expected to be the first contested election for the position of Democratic leader in decades, with senators privately debating whether Schumer should continue in the role.Schumer has said he has enough support to retain the position. In a statement following Van Hollen's announcement, he welcomed discussions about the future of the caucus and reiterated that he had the votes to remain its leader.

Trump bluntly tells JD Vance to shift focus from Iran to targeting 'corruption and crime' at home

WASHINGTON.(Agency)

President Donald Trump on Thursday directed Vice President JD Vance to shift his focus away from the Iran war and instead devote himself to fighting what the president says is corruption and crime in Democratic-controlled cities and states.Vance, who served as the lead negotiator for a short-lived truce in the eight-month old war, has been blunt in blaming the war — and the economic reverberations it has caused — for Republicans' sweeping losses in last week's midterm elections in the United States.But Trump brusquely told the vice president in a social media post Thursday to shift his energies away from the Iran war to what he argues is a more pressing — and perhaps more politically salient — issue after Republicans were trounced at the polls.

"We don't need a deal with Iran," Trump said in the post. "Those days have long since passed. We've got their money,



Hundreds of Billions of Dollars, and we've got their Strait!"

Trump earlier this week said he believed the war "militarily is efectively over," and appeared to double down on that message by pointedly directing Vance "to focus his complete and total attention" on his anti-fraud campaign.

Democrats have promised intense oversight of Trump's business dealings and other targets when they take control of Congress in January after voters identified corruption as one of their top concerns. Trump's post about Vance and the Iran war was, in part, responding to a flurry of reports about Democrats' plans.But it also came after

The Wall Street Journal reported Wednesday evening that Vance was weighing engaging in a new round of direct talks with a senior Iranian oficial.The vice president's ofce did not respond to a request for comment.The White House press ofice, in an email, responded to a query by highlighting that Trump made clear in his post that he sees no need to negotiate with Iran.

New York building collapse: 8 dead, 18 injured in Brooklyn; Two children among victims

world.(Agency)

Eight people, including two children and two construction workers, were killed and 18 others injured after a three-storey building collapsed in Brooklyn, New York. City authorities have launched a wider investigation after an earlier inspection report reportedly flagged cracks in the building's structure.New York City Mayor Zohran Mamdani confirmed that six people died at the scene, while two others succumbed to their injuries at nearby hospitals. The injured included 14 civilians and four firefighters."As of now, we have confirmed that two of those who died were construction workers," Mamdani said while briefing reporters on Thursday (local time).

Providing an update on the injured, the mayor said most of those receiving treatment in hospitals were in stable condition, although one person remained critical."The vast majority of those still being treated in hospitals are in stable condition. One person is in critical condition," he said.According to CNN, law enforcement sources identified seven of the eight deceased as Mamadou Barry, 23; José Luis Caguana Cosquillo, 26; an unidentified man in his early 30s; Kevin Santiago Reyes Gonzalez, 10; Juan Daniel Salvada Guzman, 31; Nicole Daniela Salvala Rodriguez, 9; Edgar Sapon, 26; and Gabriel Siguencia, 22.

Brooklyn Building Collapse: Earlier Report Flagged Cracks

Questions have emerged over the building's condition before the collapse, after an inspection report filed with the New York City Department of Buildings in March reportedly raised concerns about cracks in its north facade.

What we know after Jensen Huang resigns as Nvidia's CEO

world.(Agency).

Nvidia CEO Jensen Huang has resigned from his top post at the chipmaker he co-founded, after reports of the tech titan's extramarital afairs came into the spotlight this week.One of those relationships has raised national security concerns. The New York Times reported that Huang had an affair with a businesswoman U.S. intelligence suspects to be a Chinese spy, which Beijing denies. Separately, the outlet and later others reported that Nvidia employees said Huang had another affair with an executive who reported to him directly — compounding calls for him to step down.Nvidia announced Huang's resignation on Thursday, effective immediately. The California-based company said that Colette Kress — who has been Nvidia's chief financial officer and executive vice president since 2013 — will step into the role of interim CEO.The scandal marks the most tumultuous chapter yet for Nvidia, whose high-end chips have emerged as the leading building blocks for artificial intelligence. Huang himself has become a key face in the AI race, both across the industry and often on U.S. President Donald Trump's side in Washington.Nvidia's new leadership

Nvidia said Kress is now interim CEO. Prior to joining Nvidia over 13 years ago, Kress worked at Cisco, Microsoft and Texas Instruments.In a statement about her new post on Thursday, Kress said Nvidia's "strength has always come from its people" and that she's "committed to building on the extraordinary foundation Jensen created over the last 33 years."

Huang co-founded Nvidia, alongside Chris Malachowsky and Curtis Priem, back in 1993 — and until Thursday had led the company ever since, with no clear successor in sight. Huang's ouster has led to a scramble for a new permanent CEO, and Nvidia said it's considering both "internal and external candidates."

The company's board of directors also said Thursday that it has named its first-ever chairman, Harvey C. Jones.

Afairs in the spotlight

Over the weekend, following news reports of Huang's relationship with a woman identified as former Megaspeed executive Alice Huang, Nvidia's then-CEO apologized for being "unfaithful to my wife.

Houthis Claim Drone Strikes On Riyadh, Saudi Military Sites



Riyadh.(Agency)

Yemen's Houthi militia has claimed to have carried out a series of drone and missile attacks targeting Saudi Arabia, including Aramco facilities in Riyadh, a military cargo plane at Sharurah Airport and Khamis Mushait Air Base, while the Saudi-led Coalition Forces said they intercepted and destroyed drones in the Eastern Region and Riyadh.In statements issued on Telegram, Houthi military spokesperson Brigadier General Yahya Saree claimed that the group's forces had targeted the Aramco company in the Saudi capital with a drone, adding that the operation had achieved its objective."Our armed forces have just targeted the Aramco company in the enemy Saudi capital, Riyadh, with a drone, and the operation achieved its objective successfully," Saree said.In another statement, Saree claimed that the Houthis had targeted a military cargo plane at Sharurah Airport using a drone and carried out a separate ballistic missile strike on Khamis Mushait Air Base.The Houthis "targeted a military cargo plane at Sharurah Airport with a drone, and the operation achieved its objective, thanks be to God. Another operation targeted Khamis Mushait Air Base with a ballistic missile, and the strike was direct, thanks be to God," he said.The Houthi spokesperson also claimed that the group's forces had again targeted pumping station number 7 along Saudi Arabia's East-West pipeline using a drone.

US Envoys Meet Zelensky After Putin Signals No Compromise

Ireland.(Agency)

US envoys met Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky Thursday in Dublin to brief him on talks with Vladimir Putin, after the Russian leader indicated Moscow will not compromise on its hardline demands to end almost five years of war.Putin said he would not water down his demands to control parts of Ukraine that Russia claims to have annexed and ruled out agreeing to foreign peacekeeping troops in Ukraine -- a deployment that he said would be a "continuation of war".Washington's envoys, Jared Kushner and Steve Witkoff, were in Moscow after two days of talks in Abu Dhabi on ending Europe's worst conflict since World War II. Putin's comments appeared to douse hopes that a peace deal could be within reach, after Zelensky said there was a "window of opportunity" to achieve "a result" before 2027.The Americans, meanwhile, urged Putin to allow European representatives to sit at the table for the next round of talks.

Moscow has pushed to reframe the discussions on the war as part of a wider discussion about European security.

But Kyiv and European leaders have urged against a new "Yalta" -- a reference to the WWII-era deal to carve the continent into spheres of influence after the war -- and said Russia must stop hostilities first.Witkof and Kushner left the Kremlin on Thursday afternoon and headed to Dublin for follow-up talks with Zelensky, who was attending a European summit there.In the Irish capital, Zelensky said fresh restrictions had been placed on the Starshield satellite internet service, key to Ukraine's frontline communications.The limits hamper Kyiv's ability to intercept Russia's jet-drones, meaning "more of our people are killed", Zelensky said.Continuation of war'Usually held behind closed doors, the Kremlin chose to televise a lengthy opening exchange between Putin and the US envoys.The Russian leader rejected talk of a possible territorial settlement involving "grey" -- or demilitarised -- zones between Ukrainian and Russian positions."For us, there is only one line of demarcation: the state border. Because then it will be clear and obvious: here are we, and here are you," he said.Russia has seized swathes of eastern and southern Ukraine since launching its full-scale offensive in 2022, in addition to Crimea, which it annexed in 2014, and territory that was under the control of Russian-backed separatists.Moscow has formally annexed four regions of Ukraine -- Donetsk, Kherson, Lugansk and Zaporizhzhia -- despite not having full control over them.

The annexations are rejected by Kyiv and the West as illegal and not recognised by the international community.Advances by Russia's army have slowed throughout 2026 and hundreds of thousands have been killed in the conflict. Millions more people have been forced to flee their homes.

Centre extends ban on Islamic preacher Zakir Naik's foundation for another 5 years

Delhi.(Agency)

The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) on Friday extended the ban on the Islamic Research Foundation (IRF), founded by Islamic preacher Dr Zakir Naik, for another five years under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA), 1967, declaring it an unlawful association.

In a notification issued on November 13, the Centre said the organisation's activities posed a threat to India's sovereignty, integrity and security. It cited the activities and statements by the organisation's founder as key reasons for extending the ban.According to the Home



Ministry, Naik's speeches and statements were objectionable and had the potential to create disharmony in society. The ministry said that his remarks promoted hatred and hostility among different religious communities.The Centre also expressed apprehension that the organisation could resume its activities if the ban was not extended. It maintained that continuing the restrictions was necessary to prevent such activities and safeguard national security.This marks the third extension of the ban on the IRF, which was first imposed in 2016.Founded in Mumbai in February 1991, the IRF is a non-profit organisation established by Naik.The organisation has faced several allegations, including radicalising young people, promoting activities detrimental to national security and involvement in money laundering.

Aadhaar made mandatory for claiming EV incentives for purchase, scrapping in Delhi

Delhi.(Agency)

Individuals seeking purchase or scrapping incentives under the Delhi Electric Vehicles (EV) Policy, 2026, will now have to mandatorily furnish their Aadhaar card numbers and undergo an OTP-based authentication to avail the benefits, according to a gazette notification issued by the transport department.The process will be integrated into the online application system through the EV Incentive Portal designated by the transport department.As per the notification, the applicants will have to authenticate their Aadhaar details electronically through a



One-Time Password (OTP) during the submission and processing of applications for purchase and scrapping incentives.The department has also clarified that the incentives will remain subject to the eligibility criteria, conditions, financial ceilings, timelines and other requirements specified under the EV Policy, 2026, and its operational guidelines, as amended from time to time under sections of the Aadhaar Act.

The notification stated that Aadhaar numbers and associated data collected during the application process must comply with the Aadhaar Act and its regulations. For individuals who do not possess an Aadhaar number or have not yet enrolled, the notification requires them to apply for Aadhaar enrolment before registering on the EV Incentive Portal.This provision will apply to those eligible to obtain Aadhaar under Section 3 of the Aadhaar Act. Such applicants will have to visit an authorised Aadhaar enrolment centre, with the list of centres available on the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) website.

Nearly 90% of legacy waste cleared from Delhi's Bhalswa landfill, civic body steps up disposal



Delhi.(Agency)

Nearly 90% of the legacy waste accumulated at the national capital's Bhalswa landfill has been cleared, an official said on Thursday. This came as Delhi Mayor Pravesh Wahi and Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) Commissioner Sanjeev Khirwar reached the site to review ongoing bio-mining and waste disposal operations.Speaking on the occasion, Wahi said, "One crore and two lakh metric tonnes (MT) of legacy waste have already been cleared from the Bhalswa landfill site and the remaining 23 to 25 lakh MT will be disposed of within the stipulated time frame." He added,"A contract has been awarded to a new agency for waste disposal at the Bhalswa site, and officials have been instructed to accelerate the pace of the waste disposal process." Wahi added that the progress report on the waste disposal work will be reviewed on a daily basis.

Wahi mentioned that the process of disposal of fresh waste will also be accelerated. "The number of machines deployed for waste disposal will be increased and a state-of-the-art machine named 'Vajra' is being installed for this purpose," he stated, assuring the public that the mountain of waste at the landfill would be completely cleared soon.This comes just a few weeks after the MCD extended the deadline for clearing the waste at the site for the sixth time. Officials had attributed the reason for the extension to the change of the agency working in the clearance operations as the contract of the previous agency had expired.The civic body's Department of Environmental Management Services (DEMS) chairman, Sandeep Kapoor, said, "The deadline, earlier set for December 2026, had been extended by two months following a change in concessionaire and the replacement of old machinery. To expedite the process, the civic body has installed a new machine, Vajra 300, which has increased the waste-processing speed threefold."He further clarified that the larger estimates of 18–25 lakh MT of waste left at the site include material beyond the original legacy mound.

Continuous dumping of waste impedes operations

Between 2020 and 2021, clearance operations at the landfill began with a legacy waste mound of approximately 70 to 75 lakh metric tonnes. However, continuous dumping of fresh waste every year pushed the total volume past one crore metric tonnes, according to officials

Delhi consumer court orders bank to refund Rs 70,084 lost by woman in 2016 cyber fraud

Delhi.(Agency)

A consumer court in Delhi has ordered a private bank to refund Rs 70,084 to a woman who had lost the amount in an online fraud in July 2016.The court held that, as per Reserve Bank of India (RBI) guidelines, the customer bears no liability for a third-party breach once she has notified the bank within three working days.A bench of the District Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission (south district) comprising president Monika Aggarwal Srivastava and member Ritu Garodia also ordered



the bank to pay an additional compensation of Rs 25,000 and cover the litigation costs."The RBI circular is unequivocal in stating that in cases of third-party breaches, where neither the bank nor the customer is at fault, and if the customer provides intimation within three working days, the liability rests with the bank," the commission observed, adding,"In this case, the complainant had duly informed the bank on July 10, 2016, about the unauthorised transactions. The opposite party bank failed to reverse the transaction."The commission held that the bank failed to establish any negligence on the part of the complainant and did not reverse the fraudulent debits despite receiving timely notification.

Dead fish in Yamuna again: Government says filing FIR to investigate 'fake' info, 'role' of AAP workers

"The department is filing an FIR today. An investigation will be conducted to identify who these people are and whether they have any connection to AAP workers," he claimed.

Delhi.(Agency)

A day after hundreds of dead fish were spotted in the Yamuna near Sonia Vihar – the second such incident in less than a month – the Delhi Irrigation and Flood Control department approached the police on Thursday seeking an FIR over social media posts alleging that chemicals were being sprayed into the river ahead of Chhath Puja.

In its complaint, the department termed the allegations "fake information" circulated with "malafide intentions" to create panic and tarnish the government's image ahead of the festival on November 15 and 16.Delhi Water Minister Parvesh Sahib Singh alleged that some people were deliberately dumping dead fish. "As soon as ferry services started operating on the Yamuna, just a day later, officials from our department informed me that some people were dumping dead fish into Yamuna," he told mediapersons.

"The department is filing an FIR today. An investigation will be conducted to identify who these people are and whether they have any connection to AAP workers," he claimed.The latest fish deaths were reported on Wednesday, a day after the launch of the Namo Yamuna River Safari, an electric river cruise. On October 14, large numbers of dead fish were spotted along the Burari stretch, with industrial effluents entering through drains 2 and 8 suspected to be have contributed to the deaths.The latest incident coincided with a deterioration in the quality of raw water drawn from the Yamuna, with ammonia levels rising to around 1.3 mg/l. This had forced the Delhi Jal Board (DJB) to curtail production at its Sonia Vihar Water Treatment Plant for nearly five hours on Wednesday.A senior DJB official said that all water treatment plants had been functioning normally since Wednesday evening.The



problem of high ammonical nitrogen concentration in Yamuna during winter is not new. As the amount of water in the river drops due to lack of rain post-monsoon and during winter, the concentration of pollutants increases.DJB's plants can treat raw water containing up to 1 ppm of ammonia. Under such circumstances, raw water in Yamuna is either diluted with fresh water from Upper Ganga Canal or Munak Canal. However, the rise in ammonia levels on Wednesday coincided with the closure of the Upper Ganga Canal for annual maintenance, hence water was not available for dilution in Yamuna, affecting the plants' production capacity temporarily, officials said.Ammonia is a nitrogen-containing compound that can enter water bodies through untreated sewage, industrial effluents, agricultural runoff and the decomposition of organic matter. Studies have shown that elevated concentrations and high phosphate content can be harmful to aquatic life. Ammonia can also contribute to the depletion of dissolved oxygen in water, which can stress or kill fish.Dr Shiv Singh Rawat, a water expert and former Haryana Irrigation department engineer, said investigators should examine sewage and industrial discharges from drains 2 and 8, elevated ammonia levels, and the alleged use of polyaluminium chloride, a chemical used to reduce water discolouration, settle suspended particles and address .

Delhi's air quality turns hazardous as AQI touches 494

According to Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) data, IIT Delhi recorded an AQI of 488, followed by ITO at 455, Anand Vihar at 419, Rohini at 413 and Rajokri Border at 402, all falling in the severe category.

Delhi.(Agency)

Delhi's air quality deteriorated to hazardous levels on Friday morning, with the overall Air Quality Index (AQI) touching 494 at 7.31 am.



Dense fog and pollution enveloped the national capital, reducing visibility across several areas, while multiple monitoring stations recorded severe pollution levels.According to Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) data, IIT Delhi recorded an AQI of 488, followed by ITO at 455, Anand Vihar at 419, Rohini at 413 and Rajokri Border at 402, all falling in the severe category.Other areas also reported very poor air quality, with R K Puram recording an AQI of 391, Mandir Marg 378, Dwarka Expressway 369, Uttam Nagar 363 and Lodhi Road 341.

The area around Dhaula Kuan recorded an AQI of 161, placing it in the moderate category.The Delhi government has been undertaking pollution-control measures, including deploying water sprinklers across the city, to minimise the impact of particulate matter.Meanwhile, AAP leader Saurabh Bharadwaj on Thursday accused the BJP government of misrepresenting Delhi's pollution levels and questioned the credibility of the CPCB's AQI readings. Citing a report by the Centre for Research on Energy and Clean Air (CREA), he alleged that actual pollution levels were 49 per cent higher than those displayed on official government websites.Speaking to ANI, Bharadwaj claimed that an AQI reading of 370 could have corresponded to an actual level of 560 or higher."CREA showed that the pollution shown for Delhi was 49% higher than what you were told—meaning it was almost one and a half times higher," he said.Bharadwaj also questioned the CPCB's explanation on the limits of its monitoring system, alleging that readings exceeding 999 were not displayed."The CPCB said that when our pollution level hits 999, we don't even consider that level, because we can't measure above 999 and we don't display 999. So it's just shown as zero," he told ANI.He alleged that the discrepancy amounted to a fraud against Delhi's two crore residents, saying it put the health of children and elderly people at risk.

Student groups protest Delhi's worsening air quality, demand action from Centre and state government

NSUI staged a demonstration on Raisina Road, while SFI raised concerns over missing pollution-monitoring data during peak pollution hours.

Delhi.(Agency)

Protests continued in the city amid a worsening air quality index. The National Students' Union of India (NSUI) staged a protest against the rising pollution levels in the national capital on Wednesday, demanding urgent measures to tackle deteriorating air quality and protect public health.The protest was held at the NSUI headquarters on Raisina Road and was led by its national president, Vinod Jakhar.The student organisation said that the demonstration highlights the growing pollution crisis and its adverse impact on the health and daily lives of ordinary citizens. NSUI members and students held oxygen masks to their noses and held up placards saying, "Students demand clean air for a healthy Delhi."The Student Federation of India (SFI), Delhi University, has also staged a protest at the Arts Faculty against the alarming deterioration of air quality in the capital. They raised concerns about deteriorating AQI and alleged a lack of transparency in pollution monitoring, citing reports of missing data during peak pollution hours.

In a statement, the student organisation held the Delhi and Union governments accountable for failing to address the recurring air pollution crisis in the city, arguing that it wasnot merely a seasonal or meteorological problem but the result of unregulated urbanisation, construction



activities, vehicular emissions, and industrial pollution.

Noida directs strict ban on construction activities

The Gautam Buddh Nagar administration directed officials to strictly enforce ban on construction and demolition activities under GRAP-3, warning of action against violators.

"Taps My Phone": Rahul Gandhi's Big Charge Against PM Modi, Then Debate Dare

New Delhi . (Agency).

Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi on Friday accused Prime Minister Narendra Modi of tapping his phone. During an online interactive session, Gandhi held up his phone and said he has all the proof against the Prime Minister in his phone, while reiterating his challenge for a one-on-one debate on a host of issues."The proof is in this phone, and the PM knows it since he taps my phone,' he said holding up his phone.The Leader of the Opposition, however, did not present any verifiable technical evidence during the session to substantiate the allegation of phone tapping.He made the allegation during an interactive 'Ask Me' session on Instagram, where he responded to questions from supporters and reiterated his demand for a direct public debate with the Prime Minister.Rahul Gandhi has in past also alleged phone tapping claiming that he and many other politicians had their phones bugged with Pegasus to enable Central agencies to tap them. "I myself had Pegasus on my phone. Large number of politicians have Pegasus on their phones. I've been called by Intelligence officers who say please be careful of what you say on your phone as we are recording the stuff," Gandhi had alleged in 2023.

RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat's defence of firecrackers: 'Once purified atmosphere'

New Delhi(Agency).

Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) chief Mohan Bhagwat said on Tuesday, November 10, that earlier variants of firecrackers were made without chemical substances that helped kill insects and pests, and purify the environment, as he explained the 'scientific rationale' behind several practices during festivals, including lighting diyas.Mohan Bhagwat's remarks have come as several cities, including Mumbai and Delhi, bear the brunt of the aftereffects of firecrackers post-Diwali.Speaking at a 'Deepawali Milan' programme in Nagpur, Mohan Bhagwat said there was a scientific rationale behind several traditional practices associated with festivals. He said that in the past, firecrackers were used since there were no alternative means available to achieve the same purpose."The firecrackers of earlier times were not made using chemical substances as they are today. Their smoke helped kill insects and pests, particularly around the harvest season, and in a way, purified the atmosphere," he said.Explaining the purpose of lighting ghee and oil diyas on Diwali, Mohan Bhagwat said, "When lamps fuelled by ghee or oil were lit, they created a particular kind of air in the environment. There is science behind these practices as well."Urging people to understand the significance of such traditional practices and observe festivals in their proper spirit, Bhagwat said it would benefit both humans and the environment. He also asserted that festivals and celebrations have been an integral part of society and would continue despite opposition.

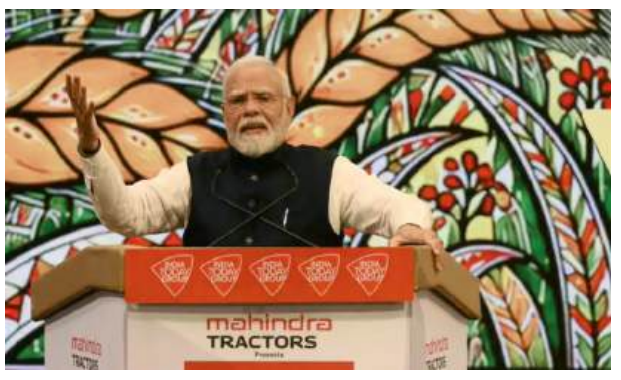
Every farm to get solar power: PM Modi urges makers to develop solar farm equipment

Prime Minister Narendra Modi urged manufacturers, startups and MSMEs to develop solar-powered farm machinery. He said solar energy and AI-led tools could raise productivity, reduce costs and boost farmers' incomes.

New Delhi (Agency).

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday urged agricultural equipment manufacturers, startups and small-scale industries to develop solar-powered machinery, saying the government was working to ensure that every farm in the country had access to solar energy.

Addressing the India Today Group's Kisan Tak Bharat Agriculture Conference 2026 at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi, PM Modi said solar power could trigger another major revolution in Indian agriculture, much like electric vehicles were transforming the automobile sector."I urge those in the manufacturing sector, particularly companies making equipment for farmers, and startups to ensure that whatever equipment they develop runs on solar power because we are going to bring solar power to every farm," he said."I am in favour of making every type of equipment used in agriculture run on solar power. I am making considerable efforts in this direction," the Prime Minister added.Appealing to micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs), PM Modi said they should focus on developing solar-powered



agricultural machinery, describing it as a sector with the potential to drive a major revolution.

PM-KUSUM SCHEME HAS PROVIDED 12 LAKH SOLAR PUMPS

Highlighting the government's push towards solar energy in agriculture, PM Modi said the solar power revolution had transformed farmers from food providers into energy providers.Under the PM-KUSUM scheme, around 12 lakh solar pumps had been provided so far, he said. These pumps were helping farmers reduce their electricity bills, while solar installations on agricultural land were enabling them to generate electricity and earn additional income.The Prime Minister said the government's focus was not limited to increasing agricultural production but also extended to improving productivity and boosting farmers' incomes.

AI-POWERED EQUIPMENT TO HELP FARMERS REDUCE COSTS

PM Modi also highlighted the growing role of engineering, artificial intelligence and sensor-based technology in agriculture.He said agricultural scientists, engineers and young entrepreneurs were developing equipment and machinery that could reduce cultivation costs and make sowing and harvesting easier.

Fake Nirmala Sitharaman video offers high returns, Keralam woman loses Rs 49.2 lakh

A Kozhikode woman approached police after losing Rs 49.2 lakh in an online trading fraud. The case underscores the growing misuse of AI-generated ministerial videos for financial scams.

Kozhikode.(Agency)

A 45-year-old woman allegedly lost Rs 49.2 lakh in an online trading fraud after being lured by a fake Facebook video featuring Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, police said.The Kozhikode Rural Cyber Crime Police registered a case on Wednesday after the woman complained that the fraudsters had neither returned her investment nor paid the promised profits.The complainant, a resident of Maikkavu in Thamarassery, came across the fake video on Facebook. It purportedly showed Sitharaman claiming that online trading could generate high returns, police told news agency PTI.Believing the claims, the woman clicked



on a link accompanying the video and began investing as instructed by the fraudsters. Between July 15 and September 22 this year, she transferred a total of Rs 49.2 lakh from her accounts with the State Bank of India and Puthuppadi Service Cooperative Bank to various bank accounts provided by the accused, police said.After the accused failed to return the money or pay the promised profits, the woman approached the police.

A case was registered under various sections of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita and the Information Technology Act.Police said they were tracking the bank accounts to which the money had been transferred and were trying to freeze them.They said AI-generated videos featuring Union ministers and purportedly promoting investment schemes had been circulating on social media platforms. Advisories have repeatedly warned people against falling prey to such cyber frauds.

'It will be too late by the time guns fall silent': Farooq Abdullah calls for dialogue between India, Pakistan

Jammu(Agency).

Making a strong pitch for dialogue between India and Pakistan, National Conference (NC) president and former J&K chief minister Farooq Abdullah on Thursday said that the recent terrorist attacks in Kulgam and Kishtwar indicate that threats continue to persist and concrete measures are needed to eliminate them."I have already said that such incidents are still happening," he told media persons here, adding that "one never knows where the next attack might take place".Expressing concern over Delhi's claims that terrorism has ended in J&K, Abdullah said that bullets and military confrontation cannot resolve political disputes and called on India and Pakistan to start a meaningful engagement."Ab aap intezaar karenge, jab tak aap sabki goliyan band ho jayengi, tab tak raat ho jayegi (If you keep waiting for everyone to stop firing, it will be too late by the time the guns fall silent)," he said.

"Nothing can be achieved through terrorism. The process of dialogue must begin because a way forward can only be found through talks," he said.Reacting to the recent twin terror attacks in Kulgam and Kishtwar districts, which resulted in the killing of two Special Police Officers (SPOs) and the injuring of three CRPF personnel, Abdullah said that those harboring ambitions of snatching Kashmir must abandon such notions.

"Kashmir is, was, and will remain an integral part of India," he said, adding that terrorism would never succeed in its nefarious designs.The NC leader also called for the revival of SAARC, saying that countries in the South Asian region must come together, citing the European Union as an example of former adversaries building a common future through cooperation."We must revive SAARC so that all of us can sit together, resolve our disputes, and work towards progress and development," Abdullah said.

Andhra Pradesh plans to enact law for investment protection

VISAKHAPATNAM(Agency).

Andhra Pradesh is planning to enact an Investment Protection Act to safeguard investments and ensure continuity of policy commitments across successive governments.Minister for IT, Electronics and Real-Time Governance Nara Lokesh announced the proposal at the 31st CII Partnership Summit in Visakhapatnam on Thursday, stating that the bill would be tabled in the upcoming Assembly session."Many investors have asked me about this. We are the State actively considering it, and we will enact it," Lokesh said, urging Union Minister for Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal to facilitate the necessary policy clearances, and explore the implementation of a similar legislation at



the national level.The proposed legislation seeks to address investor concerns over political uncertainty, policy changes, the State's fiscal position, and the fulfilment of investment commitments, particularly industrial incentives.The government is also working on an escrow mechanism to ensure timely payment of incentives to industries. Under the proposed arrangement, a portion of the State's tax collections equivalent to the incentives due would be transferred to an escrow account for disbursement.Lokesh maintained that the mechanism would ensure that approved incentives reached industries without administrative delays or government interference. The IT Minister termed it a key measure to improve investor confidence.

Karnataka Investors Meet on April 20-22: Govt unveils Aerospace and Defence Policy

BENGALURU(Agency).

The Global Investors Meet 2027 will be held from April 20 to 22 at Palace Grounds in Bengaluru. At a curtain-raiser of the meet, themed 'Powering what's Next', here on Thursday, the Karnataka government launched the new Aerospace and Defence Policy (2026–31) and the KIADB Digital Industrial Land Bank.



Unveiling the curtain raiser for the Global Investors Meet (GIM) – Invest Karnataka 2027, Chief Minister D K Shivakumar announced that Karnataka aims to attract investments worth Rs 7.5 lakh crore and generate 20 lakh jobs by 2030.Inviting investors from India and across the world to partner with Karnataka's growth story, the CM said the state was positioning itself as a leading destination for investments in emerging and future-oriented sectors, including semiconductors, aerospace, space technology, artificial intelligence, clean energy, life sciences and electric mobility."This is not just an investment summit. It is an opportunity to shape Karnataka's future. Bring your ideas. Bring your investments.

We will build the future together," he said.Stressing the need to make doing business easier, he said nodal officers would guide investors through approvals and clearances, with the government committed to reducing delays and expediting decisions. "Investors should build factories, not chase files. The entire government must stand with an investor, not just one department," he said.

'No information on special Parliament session on delimitation': Priyanka says Opposition not consulted

New Delhi(Agency).

Congress MP Priyanka Gandhi Vadra on Friday said Opposition parties had not been informed of any government move to convene a special sitting of Parliament to take up the proposed delimitation legislation, amid growing speculation over the Centre's plans to revive the bills."They have not intimated the rest of us. So, if they are planning it, I don't know. As of now, I have no information," she told reporters during a four-day visit to her constituency, which began on Wednesday.The government is reportedly considering an early special sitting to secure the passage of a Constitution amendment bill linked to the implementation of 33 per cent reservation for women in Parliament and state Assemblies. However, no dates or duration have been officially announced.Neither the Lok Sabha nor the Rajya Sabha has met since the Monsoon Session was adjourned sine die on August 13. The session, however, has not been formally prorogued by President Droupadi Murmu. As of Friday, it had



remained unprorogued for 91 days, surpassing the previous record of 87 days set in 2008.Keeping the session open allows the government to reconvene Parliament at shorter notice. An extended sitting within the existing session requires a minimum notice of two days, compared with at least 14 days for a fresh session. The government has also not announced the dates for the Winter Session.The proposed legislation follows the defeat of the Constitution (131st Amendment) Bill in the Lok Sabha on April 17. The bill, introduced alongside the Delimitation Bill and the Union Territories Laws (Amendment) Bill, sought to enable the implementation of women's reservation by increasing the strength of the Lok Sabha from 543 to a maximum of 850 seats through delimitation.

The amendment failed to secure the required two-thirds majority, with 298 members voting in favour and 230 against. The Centre is now seeking to revive the proposals, with government sources expressing confidence that it can secure the numbers needed for passage.The proposed delimitation exercise has drawn opposition from several parties, particularly over concerns that a population-based redistribution of seats could affect the representation of southern states.

Traditions and Titans

Govardhan Puja is tomorrow, and I thought you might enjoy discovering the fascinating slice of religion, culture and history it embodies on the southern outskirts of Delhi NCR, particularly in the twin villages of Asola and Fatehpur Beri. If you rejoice in having friends with deep rural roots, you get invited to their pujas, weddings and family feasts, and experience a side of Old India that we city sparrows rarely get to see.

My old neighbours, who became friends, had centuries-old ancestral lands in Asola and Fatehpur Beri and took me there to observe Govardhan Puja. It is dedicated to Sri Krishna's feat of lifting Mount Govardhan to save his people from Indra Dev's tempestuous fury. On my first visit, we got there an hour before sunset. I walked with them around the cattle sheds, marking the cows' foreheads with tilak and hanging marigold garlands around their necks. Of course, I spent the nicest time with the endearing little calves, whom I tried to coax near me to eat a handful of grass freshly cut for this ceremony.The village barber's wife, who received clothes, money and sweets for this ceremonial rite, had fashioned a large outline in cow dung of a man on the ground of a mud courtyard. Marigolds were sprinkled around it, and clay lamps and stalks of sugarcane were set about it. This was the Govardhan Purush or Giriraj Maharaj.

The farmhands and the men of the house circled it seven times, ceremonially singing Sri Krishna's name. After which, we all sat together to eat our simple but satisfying dinner. We had chhaach—real village buttermilk, the kind Sri Krishna must have drunk in Gokul—together with stuffed parathas out of a big, round stainless steel box brought from home. The prasad drew a surprised laugh from me the first time I saw it. It was gulgule, little fried dumplings of wheat flour, ghee and jaggery. An old-fashioned sweet, much like the rice-flour, ghee and jaggery adhirasam of South Indian festivals. What ancient choices of the subcontinent was that testimony to?

Cowbells sounded in the background, and the gentle chimes drew a smile. Like many people in cities, I had hung a wind chime on my balcony, and when my neighbours dropped by, they said the sound reminded them of the cows in their village. The peaceful twilight, the clean air, the scent of grass and vegetation, and the wind in the trees were relaxing and meditative.

My friends took me to the next holding, where a group of seniors in white dhoti-kurtas, wearing turbans, sat on cane chairs and puffed by turn on a hookah. After we paid our respects, my friends said, "Please tell our friend here (meaning me) something about the history of our village."We took our places on string cots set out near them. Steel glasses of ginger tea and more gulgule magically appeared, and I waited expectantly.Do you know anything about our village already?" asked one elder. "Tauji (elder uncle), I know you're the strongest men in India," I said. The elders laughed indulgently because it was true. If you search for 'India's Strongest Village' on the net, the results show links related to Asola and Fatehpur Beri. It is famous as the 'Bouncer Hub', supplying hundreds of nightclub bouncers, private security personnel and bodyguards across New Delhi. It has a famously strong physical culture. Young men in the community are massively focused on traditional wrestling, high-protein diets.

Time to practise what we preached on climate

As COP31 in Antalya focuses on implementation of existing global climate commitments, India should focus on something it proposed at COP26 in Glasgow—Lifestyle for Environment Mission. Smart messaging for behavioural shifts may help achieve a sense of responsibility that decades of law-making hasn't been able to

There have been two broad approaches to environmental management—command and control (C&C), and environmental fiscal reforms. In India, the C&C approach has been the main tool, anchored in environmental laws such as the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, Forests (Conservation) Act, 1980, Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, and Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981.

Unlike in many developed countries, it may be premature for India to adopt market-based instruments anchored in eco-taxes, as consensus across states would be key for implementation, including integration in the goods and services tax regime. But what if the everyday choices of the population are based not only on laws, taxes and rules, but also on the way those choices are presented to them?

Take the case for acting against pollution. Individual behaviours contribute immensely to emissions through consumption patterns, choice of transportation, and waste disposal, among other things. This is where the India-led global Lifestyle for Environment (LiFE) mission, proposed at five years ago at the Glasgow COP, can be transformative in pursuing behavioural shifts among citizens towards adopting eco-friendly lifestyles.

Behavioural nudges are small changes in the way choices are presented that encourage people to choose a desired action without altering their choices. They influence behaviour in subtle, yet powerful ways. Such nudges could be implemented through framing effects and information campaigns, exercising smart defaults, influencing social norms, designing incentives and environmental alterations by removing external barriers that influence choices.To do this effectively, identifying actions contributing to pollution would be key—zeroing in on transportation, household energy use, waste management and consumption. Solutions for transportation must identify inadequate first- and last-mile connectivity, access barriers, safety concerns and extreme congestion during peak hours that constrain daily commuters from using public transport. Experiments that have used personalised, point-to-point travel information with clear route maps and specific information on time-saving and emission-reduction have proved better at increasing the use of public transport in richer countries. In Hong Kong, for example, a 25 percent pre-peak time fare discount for morning commutes to one of the 29 heavy-use stations eased peak train crowding by 3 percent.In India, transport systems could display a public report showing the emissions per mode of transport. Commuters who select the lower-emission modes may be rewarded with travel credits, which could be redeemed while paying for future trips. Tech-driven behavioural studies in Bengaluru show such efforts can



remove barriers to taking public transport, resulting in higher metro use. Signage on step counts and calories burned through walking in public transport spaces could nudge those conscious of completing their daily quotas.Switching off car engines at traffic signals is not a common habit in India. At a railway crossing in England's Canterbury, carefully-worded road signage reduced the number of drivers leaving the engine on during waits. What worked were messages focused on outcome (improvement of air quality), social norm (being a responsible driver) and self-regulation (thinking about own action).Linking outcomes with rewards and gamification to drive small but consequential 'power habits' can be explored. A campaign on these lines would need to be rolled out in each state. Provision for energy-saving exchange coupons and such innovations could also be thought of as part of this strategy.

Another area, and a key cause of concern in developing economies, is waste management and consumption. A formal arrangement needs to be explored in the 'refuse and reuse' mindset, for which educating the public is key, wherein specialised sessions on properly segregating dry waste, wet compost and, in cases, hazardous electronic waste. The Haritha Keralam Mission, which has a dedicated team of trained supervisors and workers for doorstep waste collection and segregation with a predictable schedule and user fees to feed into recycling units, could be replicated and scaled up for municipalities across India. For e-waste, substantive exchange offers for those who use electronic items for a longer period could be devised. This will promote mindful tech purchases and maintenance, rather than replacing gadgets quickly.

India has explored behavioural approach earlier. The best example is in the energy sector, whose lessons would need to be scale up. Power-rating labels and operating cost information on electrical devices have nudged consumers towards buying energy-saving appliances. The Give It Up campaign for LPG subsidy, launched in 2015, has intensively used behavioural approaches, enabling effective redirection of government resources.

A widespread information campaign with practicable energy-saving steps, along with technical support to industrial consumers, launched in Japan after the Fukushima incident, resulted in reduced energy consumption. Similar strategies on energy efficiency could be replicated for implementation across states through local bodies.A behavioural approach is not a substitute. It will be effective only when complemented with adequate institutional support, robust infrastructure and interesting incentives.

Fund alone can't cover India's statistics blind spot

While improving data collection is essential, it represents only one aspect of addressing the problem

In order to achieve its goal of becoming a developed economy by 2047, India must know accurately how its people work, make money, spend money and live. Hence, the Union Cabinet has approved ₹4,371 crore for the Viksit Bharat Initiative for Statistical Transformation, Analytics and Research (VISTAR)—a five-year programme that runs until 2030-31 to update the nation's statistical infrastructure, conduct more surveys, use AI to process data and improve data collection at both the state and district levels. The initiative is designed to address one of the primary weaknesses of policy making: that any decision about economics is only as good as the information used to make it. A large and diverse India cannot be understood through national averages that often mask significant differences among states, districts and communities.VISTAR aims to provide for 59 surveys over five years—as opposed to 43 major surveys previously—as well as an eighth Economic Census that will locate non-farm businesses and their employees down to gram panchayats and municipal wards. VISTAR will also monitor services and small businesses through



mobile phone, retail and e-commerce data to supplement the traditional survey approach. These improvements are particularly important for an economy where informal employment, small enterprises and rapidly-growing digital businesses are difficult to measure using conventional means. State governments can determine which districts are producing jobs and which are lagging, know at a granular level where families are spending less money, and the challenges small businesses are facing. They can assess if public funds are reaching targeted segments. Furthermore, state governments can use VISTAR to evaluate whether government schemes are improving citizens' lives.

While improving data collection is essential, it represents only one aspect of addressing the problem. Historically, issues related to credibility, timeliness and comparability of official statistics have made working with mountains of data difficult. Although more surveys and advanced technologies promise to improve availability, if the resulting data is not consistent and easily scrutinisable—that is, presented in formats that are uniformly user-friendly—the benefits will be minimal.

Achieving India's objective of being a developed economy requires not only more precise information, but reliable, usable sets that can help guide policies, track progress and hold government officials accountable.

Numbers point to maelstrom forming in global finance

Traditional checks are weaker just when financial markets are getting overstretched like rarely before. It won't be easy for central banks to chart a course out of this trouble

Psychologist James Reason's 'Swiss cheese model' holds that major disasters in complex systems are the result of the accumulation and alignment of multiple failures—the 'eyes' or holes in some kinds of cheese. Today, several risks—overvaluation, high debt, cash flow shortfalls, volatility, rising interest rates, interconnections, financial games, poor safeguards—are creating the perfect conditions for a financial crash.Valuations are stretched. Cyclically adjusted 10-year US price-to-earnings (CAPE) ratios are at their highest levels since the 19th century, above the levels of 1929 and only slightly below the peak of the dotcom boom. They are around 41 times earnings and over 67 times earnings if current exaggerated incomes are normalised. In comparison, CAPE reached 32.6 times and 44.2 times earnings before the crashes in 1929 and 2000, respectively.

The ratio of US share market's capitalisation to GDP, known as the Buffett indicator, is over 230 percent of GDP, the highest recorded level. Valuations of non-US equities are also extended, although to a lower degree. Property, the largest repository of global wealth, is overvalued by up to 50 percent using price-to-affordability metrics, although there are significant locational discrepancies.Price rises have outstripped underlying cash flows. Across 10 countries that account for 60 percent of global GDP, as of 2025, $620 trillion in real assets—like machinery and equipment, infrastructure, buildings, natural resources, and intellectual property—support over $1,800 trillion in financial assets representing eventual claims against the same property and cash flows. Since 2000, wealth growth has reflected valuation gains in financial assets, especially real estate, rather than changes in productive assets. For every $1 in net new investment in real assets over the past 20 years, liabilities have grown by almost $4, of which about $2 is debt.

As of mid-2026, global debt has reached around $350 trillion or 308 percent of world output, up from around $210 trillion a decade ago. There are layers of leverage with investors, fund and businesses borrowing at the same time against the underlying cash flows.

Debt must be repaid or refinanced. Much of this borrowing was taken out during periods of near-zero rates and renewals, if possible, will be at a higher cost. Cash insufficiency threatens failures and credit losses. As interest rates rise, there are already pockets of distress amongst less creditworthy borrowers.

In parallel, investors, pension funds and insurers rely on cash flows from their investments to finance spending or meet contractual payouts. Lack of distributions and write-offs reduce available funds that underpin economy activity creating adverse feedback loops. Simultaneously, higher volatility feeds risk models, triggering margin calls and involuntary deleveraging as lenders tighten liquidity.The cost of capital is rising. The era of low government bond yields may have ended. Higher-for-longer rates are probable due to cost pressures from wars, disruption of supply chains, and national-security-driven reshoring. Premiums for risky assets, which have declined to historical lows, will rise to compensate for increased instability. The rising gap between required returns and cash generation undermines asset prices.



Linkages between financial institutions, derivatives and securitisation create multiple paths that will rapidly transmit shocks, making it difficult to isolate and control problems. Investment behaviours exacerbate strains, as passive indexed investments and rule-based quantitative trading styles relying on momentum increase fragility.

There are familiar financial misdemeanours. True indebtedness is understated by the proliferation of off-balance-sheet financing arrangements, which at Alphabet, Microsoft, Amazon, Meta and Oracle alone have reached $1.65 trillion, compared to $1.35 trillion in on-balance-sheet debt. Post-Enron auditor reforms are being watered down to make share listings 'great again'.Traditional buffers are weaker. With consolidation in banking markets, market-making—which, in a crisis, plays a critical role in warehousing risk purchased at a discount—is weaker. It is dominated by investors and quantitative trading firms, who when volatility increases frequently withdraw from trading. This lower trading liquidity is creating potential larger dislocations where there is forced selling or multiple participants simultaneously unwind positions. Regulators are perverely reducing bank capital requirements at a time when they are likely to be needed. The decreases, lobbied for by the banks, are intended to boost economic growth by more debt-financed consumption and investment ignoring existing elevated levels of borrowing. The argument is that the changes will simplify rules and lower compliance costs.Given ongoing issues at individual institutions, it is unclear whether the changes are justified. Regulators argue the need for recalibrating standards to better match actual asset risks. Given that by most measures actual exposures have become riskier, it is difficult to make the case for reductions. In reality, the relaxation is designed to enhance profitability on shareholder's funds and also allow more distributions to shareholder and share buybacks.

The ability of governments and central banks to intervene is uncertain. Public finances are stretched by intractable budget deficits and the highest levels of government debt outside of war. The average budget deficit across the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development is 4.6 percent of GDP, with few countries in surplus. The average government debt-to-GDP ratio in OECD countries now exceeds 112 percent—well above the pre-2007 average of around 72 percent. A sizeable portion of this is now funded not by long-term holders, but by hedge funds.

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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 পুণ্যাৰ্থীসকলৰ হৃদয়গ্ৰাহী প্ৰাৰ্থনাৰ সঙ্গে পুৰো পৰিবেশ মুখৰিত ছিল। আবেগঘন পৰিবেশে পুত্ৰসকলে তেওঁলোকৰ মাতাৰ জন্য পিণ্ডদান কৰিলে, কন্যাসকল কান্দোনেৰে তেওঁলোকৰ পিতামাতাৰ প্ৰতি বিদায় জনাইলে, আৰু এক শান্তিৰ ভাব প্ৰায়ে সকলো ঠাইতে তৰ্পণ অৰ্পণ কৰি উপস্থিত সকলোৰ মনক স্পৰ্শ কৰিছে।

এই অনুষ্ঠান, যি হিন্দু ঐতিহ্যৰ গভীৰ অংশ, জীৱিত ও প্ৰয়াতসকলৰ মাজত পবিত্ৰ সম্পৰ্ক প্ৰতীক, যি প্ৰজন্মৰে আত্মাৰ শান্তি ও মুকুলি আশ্বাস দিয়ে বুলি বিশ্বাস কৰা হয়।

দীঘলীয়া ও দাহক তাপ সত্ত্বেও ভক্তসকল তেওঁলোকৰ অটল নিষ্ঠা প্ৰদৰ্শন কৰিলে। বিশেষভাবে নিৰ্মিত পদ্মক্ষেত্ৰত জল, তিল ও পিণ্ডদান কৰি নদীত পবিত্ৰ স্নান কৰিলে।

পুৰোহিতসকলে ভাবগম্ভীৰপূৰ্ণ নিয়মেৰে সমস্ত অনুষ্ঠান পৰিচালনা কৰে পূজাপৰে আধ্যাত্মিক পৰিবেশ আৰও বৃদ্ধি কৰিলে। গয়া, যি গদাধৰ-এৰ ভূমি হিচাপে পৰিচিত, পিতৃ পৰ্বৰ সময়ত বিশেষ তাৎপৰ্য ধাৰণ কৰে। এ সময় দেশৰ কোণাকুণি থকা এবং বিদেশ থকাও হাজাৰো পুণ্যাৰ্থী এখানে আহে। স্থানীয় কৰ্তৃপক্ষই জানিছে, এই বছৰৰ উপস্থিতি প্ৰত্যাশাৰ অনেক ওপৰে গৈছে, যি প্ৰাচীন ঐতিহ্যৰ প্ৰতি অটুট শ্ৰদ্ধাৰ পৰিচায়ক।

একজন ভক্তই বলিলে, "এই ৰীতিনীতি কেৱল একটি ঐতিহ্য নহয়, এটি পিতৃপুৰুষৰ প্ৰতি কৃতজ্ঞতা প্ৰকাশ এবং আমাদৰ পবিত্ৰ কৰ্তব্য পালনৰ মাধ্যম।"

সন্ধ্যাৰ দিকে যেতিয়া আকাশ ধীৰে ধীৰে অন্ধকাৰাচ্ছন্ন হৈ আহিল, ফাল্গুৰ পাৰত প্ৰদীপৰে আলো নদীত ভাহিবলৈ ধৰিলে, যি চিৰন্তন স্মৃতিৰ প্ৰতীক হিচাপে ঝলমল কৰিছিল।

शेयर बाजार हल्की बढ़त के साथ बंद

मुंबई ।

घरेलू शेयर बाजार गुरुवार को हल्की तेजी के साथ बंद हुआ। दुनिया भर से मिले कमजोर संकेतों से बाजार पर दबाव बना रहा। इसी कारण बाजार पर अंकुश लगा रहा। दिन भर के कारोबार के बाद 30 शेयरों पर बीएसई सेंसेक्स 31.61 अंक की मामूली बढ़त के साथ 81,911.01 पर और 50 शेयरों वाला एनएसई निफ्टी 44.30 अंक की तेजी के साथ 25,299.35 पर बंद हुआ। यह बढ़त मुख्य रूप से रियल्टी और वित्तीय क्षेत्रों के अच्छे प्रदर्शन के कारण आई है। जिसने बाजार को स्थिरता मिली है।

दिन के अंत में रियल्टी शेयरों ने अच्छा प्रदर्शन किया, निफ्टी रियल्टी सूचकांक तेजी के साथ शीर्ष पर रहा। इसके अतिरिक्त, निफ्टी मीडिया त, निफ्टी पीएसयू बैंक, निफ्टी फाइनेंशियल सर्विसेज , निफ्टी प्राइवेट बैंक , निफ्टी इंडिया डिफेंस बढ़त के साथ बंद हुए। हालांकि, कुछ क्षेत्रों में गिरावट भी दर्ज की गई, जिसमें निफ्टी ऑटो , निफ्टी पीएसई , निफ्टी एफएमसीजी , निफ्टी ऑयलएंडगैस और निफ्टी कमोडिटीज की गिरावट के साथ बंद हुए।

प्रमुख सूचकांकों में आई हल्की तेजी के विपरीत, मिडकैप और स्मॉलकैप शेयरों में बड़ी खरीदारी रही। निफ्टी मिडकैप 100 इंडेक्स 519.90 अंक की उछाल के साथ 62,039.00 पर बंद हुआ, जबकि निफ्टी स्मॉलकैप 100 इंडेक्स ने 217.40 अंक की और भी मजबूत बढ़त दर्ज की, जो 19,706.75 पर पहुंचा।

आज सेंसेक्स पैक में, बजाज फाइनेंस, एसबीआई, बीईएल, बजाज फिनसर्व, आईसीआईसीआई बैंक, अदाणी पोर्ट्स, एचडीएफसी बैंक और



कोटक महिंद्रा बैंक जैसे प्रमुख शेयरों ने हरे निशान में कारोबार किया, जिससे सूचकांक को समर्थन मिला। दूसरी ओर, एचयूएल, पावर ग्रिड, मारुति सुजुकी, टीसीएस, एमएंडएम, टाइटन, एनटीपीसी, एचसीएल टेक, एलएंडटी, अल्ट्राटेक सीमेंट, टाटा स्टील, एशियन पेंट्स और भारती एयरटेल जैसे कई दिग्गज शेयरों में मुनाफावसूली के चलते गिरावट रही।

वहीं इससे पहले आज सुबह बाजार की तेज शुरुआत हुई। सेंसेक्स 169 अंकों की बढ़त पर कारोबार करता दिखा, जबकि निफ्टी में भी 48 अंकों का उछाल आया।

रुपया गिरावट के साथ बंद

मुंबई ।



अमेरिकी डॉलर के मुकाबले भारतीय रुपया गुरुवार को 32 पैसे की गिरावट के साथ ही 94.03 पर बंद हुआ। गुरुवार को शुरुआती कारोबार में रुपया छह पैसे टूटकर 93.77 प्रति डॉलर पर आ गया। अमेरिकी डॉलर में मजबूती से घरेलू मुद्रा पर दबाव बढ़ा। विदेशी मुद्रा कारोबारियों ने बताया कि अमेरिका में महंगाई तथा रोजगार के नवीनतम आंकड़ों से अमेरिकी कोष बॉन्ड पर प्रतिफल और डॉलर मजबूत हुए हैं। हालांकि, कच्चे तेल की कीमतों में गिरावट के साथ घरेलू शेयर बाजारों में मजबूती और विदेशी पूंजी का प्रवाह रुपये को समर्थन दे सकता है। अंतरबैंक विदेशी मुद्रा विनिमय बाजार में रुपया करीब 93.73 प्रति डॉलर पर खुला। फिर टूटकर 93.77 प्रति डॉलर पर खुला जो पिछले बंद भाव से छह पैसे की गिरावट है। रुपया बुधवार को छह पैसे मजबूत होकर 93.71 प्रति डॉलर पर बंद हुआ था। इस बीच दुनिया की छह प्रमुख मुद्राओं के मुकाबले डॉलर की स्थिति को दर्शाने वाला डॉलर सूचकांक 0.12 फीसदी की बढ़त के साथ 103.03 पर आ गया।

पिछले पांच माह से घरेलू सिलेंडर के दाम अपरिवर्तित

बांग्लादेश में 52 फीसदी की वृद्धि और पाकिस्तान में भी महंगाई की मार

नई दिल्ली ।

जहां एक ओर भारत में घरेलू रसोई गैस (एलपीजी) सिलेंडर की कीमतें पिछले करीब पांच महीनों से स्थिर बनी हुई हैं, वहीं पड़ोसी देश बांग्लादेश और पाकिस्तान में उपभोक्ताओं को लगातार बढ़ती कीमतों का सामना करना पड़ रहा है। यह स्थिति भारतीय परिवारों के मासिक बजट के लिए बड़ी राहत लेकर आई है, जबकि पड़ोसियों के लिए एलपीजी अब एक महंगा बोझ बन गई है। बांग्लादेश में नवंबर में 12 किलो एलपीजी सिलेंडर का दाम 2,060 टका हो गया है, जो फरवरी से अब तक करीब 52 फीसदी की भारी वृद्धि दर्शाता है। पाकिस्तान में भी एलपीजी की कीमतें आसमान छू रही हैं; 11.8 किलो का घरेलू सिलेंडर अब लगभग 3,470 पाकिस्तानी रुपए का हो गया है। मीडिया रिपोर्टों के अनुसार, पाकिस्तान के कुछ इलाकों में यह खुले बाजार में 600 रुपए प्रति किलो तक बिक रहा है, जो आम जनता के लिए बेहद चुनौतीपूर्ण स्थिति है। इसके विपरीत, भारत में 14.2 किलो वाले घरेलू एलपीजी सिलेंडर के दाम जून 2023 से अपरिवर्तित हैं, दिल्ली में यह 942 रुपए पर कायम है। हालांकि भारत अपनी अधिकांश एलपीजी आयात करता है और अंतरराष्ट्रीय बाजार में बढ़ती कीमतें तथा आपूर्ति मार्गों में रुकावट के कारण आयात लागत बढ़ी है, सरकार और सरकारी तेल कंपनियां लागत का बड़ा हिस्सा स्वयं वहन कर रही हैं। जानकारों के मुताबिक, 1,600 रुपए से अधिक की वास्तविक आपूर्ति लागत के बावजूद, ग्राहकों को केवल 942 रुपए चुकाने पड़ रहे हैं।

सोने की शुद्धता की गारंटी बढ़ी, 6 और नए जिलों में बढ़ा हॉलमार्किंग का दायरा

बिहार, दिल्ली, गुजरात, यूपी व उत्तराखंड के जिले शामिल; ग्राहकों को मिलेगी शुद्धता की गारंटी

नई दिल्ली ।

सोने की खरीदारी करने वाले ग्राहकों के लिए सरकार ने एक महत्वपूर्ण निर्णय लिया है। अनिवार्य गोल्ड हॉलमार्किंग का दायरा अब देश के 6 और जिलों तक बढ़ा दिया गया है, जिससे कुल 398 जिलों में बिना हॉलमार्क वाले सोने की बिक्री करना दंडनीय अपराध बन गया है। इस कदम का सीधा लाभ उपभोक्ताओं को सोने की शुद्धता की शत-प्रतिशत गारंटी के रूप में मिलेगा। उपभोक्ता मामले विभाग द्वारा हाल ही में जारी अधिसूचना के तहत, भारतीय मानक ब्यूरो अधिनियम, 2016 के प्रावधानों के अंतर्गत यह चौथा संशोधन आदेश लागू किया गया है। इसके बाद, अब 26 राज्यों और केंद्र शासित प्रदेशों के 398 जिलों में बिना बीआईएस स्टैंडर्ड मार्क और एचयूआईडी (हॉलमार्क यूनिक आइडेंटिफिकेशन) के सोने के आभूषणों का निर्माण, भंडारण या बिक्री गैरकानूनी मानी जाएगी। नए शामिल किए गए 6 जिलों में बिहार का पश्चिमी चंपारण, दिल्ली का दक्षिण पश्चिम दिल्ली, गुजरात का पंचमहल, उत्तर प्रदेश के बुलन्दशहर और संत कबीर नगर, तथा उत्तराखंड का रुद्रप्रयाग शामिल हैं। यह नियम 14के से 24के तक की विभिन्न शुद्धता वाले सोने के आभूषणों पर लागू है, और इन जिलों के सभी ज्वेलर्स को बीआईएस पोर्टल पर



पंजीकरण कराना अनिवार्य होगा। इस विस्तार से ग्राहकों को सोने की खरीद पर धोखाधड़ी से मुक्ति मिलेगी।

हॉलमार्किंग यह सुनिश्चित करती है कि उपभोक्ता जो सोना खरीद रहे हैं, वह बिल पर दर्ज शुद्धता के अनुरूप ही हो। प्रत्येक हॉलमार्क वाले आभूषण पर मौजूद एचयूआईडी नंबर के जरिए, ग्राहक बीआईएस केयर मोबाइल ऐप पर सोने की पूरी जानकारी सत्यापित कर सकते हैं, जिससे खरीद में पूरी पारदर्शिता और विश्वास बना रहेगा।

भारत को एआई अर्थव्यवस्था में सक्रिय भागीदारी बढ़ाने की जरूरत

नई दिल्ली ।

भारत को आर्टिफिशियल इंटेलिजेंस (एआई) से बदल रही वैश्विक अर्थव्यवस्था में केवल निवेश और तकनीकी लाभ हासिल करने वाले देश के बजाय एक सक्रिय भागीदार बनना होगा। विशेषज्ञों के अनुसार एआई कारोबार, रोजगार और काम करने के तरीकों में क्रांतिकारी बदलाव लाएगा। भारत के पास अपनी तकनीकी प्रतिभा व मजबूत घरेलू बाजार के दम पर इस क्षेत्र में नेतृत्व करने का बेहतरीन अवसर है, जबकि अमेरिका और चीन अभी अग्रणी हैं।

भारतीय कंपनियों को वैश्विक प्रतिस्पर्धा में बने रहने के लिए नई तकनीकों के अनुरूप खुद को तैयार करना होगा। इस बीच, यूरोप और ब्रिटेन में कुछ कंपनियों के कम मूल्यांकन से भारतीय फर्मों के लिए विदेश में वैश्विक ब्रांड, तकनीक और कारोबारी क्षमताएं हासिल करने के अवसर बढ़े हैं, खासकर औद्योगिक, स्वास्थ्य सेवाओं और प्रौद्योगिकी क्षेत्रों में।



घरेलू पूंजी बाजार भी मजबूत स्थिति में है, जहां सात-आठ बड़े आईपीओ को मंजूरी मिल चुकी है। विशेषज्ञों का अनुमान है कि उचित मूल्यांकन पर आईपीओ, एफपीओ और ब्लॉक डील के माध्यम से अगले वर्ष भी लगभग 50 अरब डॉलर की पूंजी जुटाई जा सकती है। विदेशी निवेश आकर्षित करने के लिए बेहतर विकास संभावनाओं वाली कंपनियां और मजबूत कारोबारी माहौल अनुकूल कर व्यवस्था से अधिक महत्वपूर्ण हैं।

बजाज फाइनेंस क्यूआईपी से 11,700 करोड़ जुटाएगी



नई दिल्ली ।

बजाज फाइनेंस ने कारोबार विस्तार के लिए पात्र संस्थागत नियोजन (क्यूआईपी) के जरिये 11,700 करोड़ रुपये की पूंजी जुटाने की पेशकश शुरू की।कंपनी ने शेयर बाजार को दी गई सूचना में कहा कि निदेशक मंडल की विशेष समिति ने बैठक में पेशकश की शर्तों के अनुरूप पात्र संस्थागत खरीदारों के लिए निर्गम खोलने को मंजूरी दी।

गैर-बैंकिंग वित्तीय कंपनी (एनबीएफसी) ने बताया कि समिति ने भारतीय प्रतिभूति एवं विनिमय बोर्ड (सेबी) के आईसीडीआर नियमों में निर्धारित मूल्य निर्धारण प्रक्रिया के आधार पर प्रति इक्विटी शेयर 992.25 रुपये का न्यूनतम मूल्य भी तय किया है।

अमूल-मदर डेयरी ने 2 से 4 रुपए तक बढ़ाए दाम

12 नवंबर से पूरे देश में नई दरें लागू

नई दिल्ली ।

महंगाई की मार झेल रहे आम लोगों को एक और झटका लगा है। देश की दो प्रमुख डेयरी कंपनियों, अमूल और मदर डेयरी, ने 12 नवंबर गुरुवार से दूध की कीमतों में 2 से 4 रुपए प्रति लीटर तक की बढ़ोतरी की घोषणा की है। यह वृद्धि पूरे देश में लागू होगी, जिससे रसोई का बजट और प्रभावित होगा। गुजरात सहकारी दुग्ध विपणन महासंघ (जीसीएमएमएफ) के अनुसार अमूल दूध की कीमतों में करीब 4 से 5 प्रतिशत तक का इजाफा हुआ है। अमूल ताजा टोंड दूध (3 फीसदी फैट) अब 2 रुपये महंगा होकर 59 रुपये प्रति लीटर मिलेगा, जबकि अमूल गोल्ड (6 फीसदी फैट) की कीमत में 4 रुपये की बढ़ोतरी हुई है, जिससे यह 74 रुपये प्रति लीटर हो गया है। इसी तरह, मदर डेयरी ने भी अपनी विभिन्न किस्मों के दाम 2 से 4 रुपये प्रति लीटर बढ़ाए हैं।



कंपनियों ने इस वृद्धि का कारण दूध उत्पादन और प्रसंस्करण लागत में लगातार हो रही वृद्धि को बताया है। पशु आहार जैसे हरा और सूखा चारा, खली, मक्का और शीरा के दाम बढ़ने के साथ-साथ पैकेजिंग फिल्म और ईंधन की कीमतों में भी इजाफा हुआ है। जीसीएमएमएफ ने यह भी बताया कि अनियमित बारिश के कारण पशुपालकों को चुनौतियों का सामना करना पड़ रहा है।

स्टैंड-अप इंडिया योजना 2031 तक बढ़ी, नए उद्यमियों को मिलेगा लाभ

केंद्र सरकार ने योजना को 31 मार्च 2031 तक जारी रखने की मंजूरी दी

नई दिल्ली ।

केंद्र सरकार ने महिलाओं, अनुसूचित जाति और अनुसूचित जनजाति वर्ग के लोगों को कारोबार शुरू करने में मदद करने वाली स्टैंड-अप इंडिया योजना को 31 मार्च 2031 तक बढ़ा दिया है।

प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी की अध्यक्षता में केंद्रीय मंत्रिमंडल ने इस विस्तार को मंजूरी दी, साथ ही योजना के तहत दिए जाने वाले कर्ज की गारंटी के लिए 4,111 करोड़ रुपये का फंड भी स्वीकृत किया। इस कदम का उद्देश्य अगले पांच वर्षों में 2.5 लाख अतिरिक्त उद्यमियों को आर्थिक सहायता प्रदान करना है। अप्रैल 2016 में शुरू हुई इस योजना ने अब तक 2.75 लाख से अधिक महिला और अनुसूचित जाति-जनजाति वर्ग के उद्यमियों को लाभान्वित किया है। इसके तहत पात्र आवेदक 10 लाख रुपये से 1 करोड़ रुपये तक का बैंक ऋण प्राप्त कर सकते हैं, जिसका उपयोग नया कारोबार स्थापित करने, मशीनरी खरीदने और शुरुआती खर्चों को पूरा करने में किया जा सकता है। योजना परियोजना की कुल लागत का अधिकतम 85 फीसदी तक ऋण कवर करती है। यह योजना विनिर्माण, सेवा, व्यापार और कृषि से जुड़ी सहायक गतिविधियों में नया उद्यम शुरू करने के लिए सहायक है।

इसका मूल उद्देश्य पूंजी की कमी के कारण कारोबार शुरू करने में असमर्थ लोगों को अवसर प्रदान करना है। सरकार द्वारा स्वीकृत 4,111 करोड़ रुपए का गारंटी फंड ऋण राशि के 85 प्रतिशत तक का कवर प्रदान करेगा, जिसके लिए सामान्य गारंटी शुल्क 0.50 प्रतिशत निर्धारित है। विशेषज्ञों का मानना है कि इस विस्तार से महिलाओं और वंचित वर्गों के लिए स्वरोजगार के अवसर बढ़ेंगे, हालांकि ऋण की अंतिम मंजूरी आवेदक की पात्रता और बैंक के नियमों पर निर्भर करेगी।

किसानों को बड़ी राहत,गैर-यूरिया उर्वरकों पर रिकॉर्ड सब्सिडी

सरकार ने 62,370 करोड़ रुपये किए आवंटित

नई दिल्ली ।

केंद्र सरकार ने किसानों को बढ़ती उर्वरक कीमतों के बोझ से बचाने के लिए एक बड़ा कदम उठाया है। गैर-यूरिया उर्वरकों पर सब्सिडी में उल्लेखनीय वृद्धि की गई है, जिसके तहत पोषक तत्व आधारित सब्सिडी व्यवस्था के लिए 62,370.02 करोड़ रुपये आवंटित किए गए हैं। इस फैसले से चालू वित्त वर्ष में गैर-यूरिया उर्वरकों पर कुल सब्सिडी बढ़कर रिकॉर्ड 1.03 लाख करोड़ रुपये हो जाएगी, जो बजट अनुमान से 92.41 प्रतिशत अधिक है। यह कदम अंतरराष्ट्रीय बाजार में कच्चे माल की कीमतों में तेजी, विशेषकर सल्फर में भारी वृद्धि को देखते हुए उठाया गया है। सरकार ने विशेष रूप से सल्फर पर सब्सिडी में सबसे अधिक बढ़ोतरी की है, जो 2.87 रुपये से बढ़कर लगभग 10.42 रुपये प्रति किलोग्राम हो गई है। नाइट्रोजन पर 94.21 रुपये और फॉस्फोरस पर 66.11 रुपये प्रति किलोग्राम सब्सिडी तय की गई है। यह वृद्धि अंतरराष्ट्रीय बाजार में कच्चे माल, खासकर सल्फर की कीमतों में 213 प्रतिशत से अधिक की



बढ़ोतरी के जवाब में की गई है। सरकार ने घरेलू सल्फर और सल्फ्यूरिक एसिड उत्पादकों के लिए भी विशेष सहायता पैकेज घोषित किया है, जिसके तहत उन्हें वास्तविक खरीद लागत का 20 प्रतिशत समर्थन मिलेगा। आयातित और घरेलू ट्रिपल सुपर फॉस्फेट (टीएसपी) तथा आयातित मोनो-अमोनियम फॉस्फेट (डीएपी) के लिए विशेष प्रावधानों को भी आगे बढ़ाया गया है, साथ ही सिंगल सुपर फॉस्फेट (एसएसपी) पर मालभाड़ा सब्सिडी जारी रहेगी। विशेषज्ञों का मानना है कि इस कदम से जटिल एनपी और एनपीकेएस उर्वरकों की कीमतों को नियंत्रित करने में मदद मिलेगी, जिनका घरेलू उत्पादन लागत बढ़ने के कारण प्रभावित हुआ था। यह निर्णय उर्वरक कंपनियों को उत्पादन बढ़ाने और किसानों को संतुलित पोषक तत्वों वाले उर्वरकों के उपयोग के लिए प्रोत्साहित करेगा।

प्रत्यक्ष कर संग्रह में मजबूत उछाल,लक्ष्य का 53 फीसदी

नई दिल्ली । सरकारी आंकड़ों के अनुसार चालू वित्त वर्ष में 1 अप्रैल से 10 नवंबर के बीच देश का प्रत्यक्ष कर संग्रह 11.76 प्रतिशत बढ़कर लगभग 14.42 लाख करोड़ रुपये हो गया है। यह आंकड़ा सरकार के वार्षिक लक्ष्य का 53 प्रतिशत दर्शाता है, जो राजस्व संग्रह में मजबूत गति का संकेत है। इस अवधि में, शुद्ध कॉरपोरेट कर संग्रह 18 प्रतिशत की वृद्धि के साथ 6.32 लाख करोड़ रुपये रहा, जबकि व्यक्तिगत करदाताओं, कंपनियों और हिंदू अविभाजित परिवारों (एचयूएफ) से प्राप्त शुद्ध गैर-कॉरपोरेट कर संग्रह 5.3 प्रतिशत बढ़कर लगभग 7.56 लाख करोड़ रुपये हो गया। प्रतिभूति लेनदेन कर (एसटीटी) से मिलने वाले राजस्व में 52 प्रतिशत की प्रभावशाली वृद्धि दर्ज की गई, जो 54,078 करोड़ रुपये तक पहुंच गया। सरकार ने इस दौरान करदाताओं को 3.08 लाख करोड़ रुपये का रिफंड भी जारी किया, जो पिछले वर्ष की तुलना में 26 प्रतिशत अधिक है। सकल आधार पर प्रत्यक्ष कर संग्रह 14 प्रतिशत बढ़कर 17.50 लाख करोड़ रुपये रहा। सरकार ने चालू वित्त वर्ष के लिए प्रत्यक्ष करों से 26.97 लाख करोड़ रुपये जुटाने का महत्वाकांक्षी लक्ष्य रखा है, जिसमें से 10 नवंबर तक 53 प्रतिशत से अधिक का लक्ष्य हासिल कर लिया गया है।



यह सच है कि खूबसूरती ईश्वर की देन है, पर उसे उभारना भी है एक कला। किस तरह का मेकअप आपको सूट करेगा, इसके लिए जरूरी है चेहरे के आकार को समझना



अब मिनटों में करें मेकअप

फाउंडेशन आपकी स्किन टोन से एकदम मेल खाता हुआ होना चाहिए। अधिक गहरा या अधिक हलका आपके कॉम्प्लेक्शन को खराब कर सकता है। साथ ही अच्छी तरह ब्लेंड होना भी जरूरी है। चेहरे पर ग्लो लाने के लिए फाउंडेशन लगाने से पहले शिमर मॉयस्चराइजर लगाएं। या फिर थोड़ा सा शिमर पाउडर मॉयस्चराइजर में मिलाकर चेहरे पर लगाएं। फिर फाउंडेशन लगाएं।

कंसीलर- पर्याप्त नींद न ले पाने, धूम्रपान अधिक करने और एनीमिक होने के कारण आंखों के आसपास काले घरे हो जाते हैं। इन्हें छिपाने के लिए कंसीलर का प्रयोग करें। यह चेहरे के किसी भी दोष को छिपाने में मदद करता है। अपनी अंगुली के पोर पर हलका सा कंसीलर लेकर चेहरे पर लगाएं। या फिर किसी मुलायम फ्लैट ब्रश पर लें और प्रभावित स्थान पर अच्छी तरह लगाएं।

अगर आपकी त्वचा रूखी है, तो आपको लिक्विड कंसीलर इस्तेमाल करना चाहिए।

एक्ने और दाग-धब्बों को छिपाने के लिए सॉलिड कंसीलर ठीक रहता है। अगर आप लिक्विड या क्त्रीम बेस्ड फाउंडेशन प्रयोग कर रही हैं तो फाउंडेशन के बाद कंसीलर लगाएं। क्त्रीम टू पाउडर फाउंडेशन लगाने पर कंसीलर पहले लगाएं। अपनी त्वचा के रंग से हलका शेड कभी न चुनें। ऐसा करने पर आपका रंग दबा हुआ लेगगा। इस बात का ध्यान रखें कि कंसीलर बहुत ज्यादा न लगाएं। आपको चेहरे पर हलका टिंट देना देना है न कि मास्क लगाना है। कंसीलर के बाद ट्रास्लूसेंट पाउडर से डस्टिंग करना न भूलें।

ट्रिक्स - कंसीलर सा फाउंडेशन में येलो आईशैडो मिलाकर आंखों के काले घेरों को छिपाने के लिए इस्तेमाल करें। इसी तरह त्वचा की लकीरों को छिपाने के लिए अपने फाउंडेशन या कंसीलर में ब्ल्यू या ग्रीन आईशैडो मिलाएं। झाईयों को छिपाने के लिए पिंक आइशैडो कंसीलर से पहले लगाएं।

कॉम्पेक्ट पाउडर - चेहरे की जरूरत से अधिक चमक को कम करने के लिए लूज पाउडर का इस्तेमाल करें। ऐसा कॉम्पैक्ट पाउडर खरीदें, जो त्वचा से मेल खाए और उसमें समा जाए। इसे बडे ब्रश से आहिस्ता से लगाएं।

उपाय- फाउंडेशन लगाने के बाद अपने चेहरे पर एक टिश्यू पेपर रखकर हलका सा दबाएं ताकि त्वचा का अतिरिक्त तेल या पसीना हट जाए। इसके बाद पाउडर लगाएं।

आजमाएं- लोरियल आइडियल बैलेंस कॉम्पैक्ट ब्लश -यह आपके चेहरे के उभार को आकर्षक बनाने में मदद करता है। रात के मेकअप में खास तौर पर इसका प्रयोग जरूर करें। ब्लश लगाने के बाद अगर आपको मेकअप अधिक गहरा लगे तो टेंशन न लें। एक स्पॉन्ज से थपथपाकर कम कर दें।

आजमाएं- मेबलिन एक्सपर्ट वेयर ब्लश या मैक क्त्रीम ब्लश।

होंठ - लिप कलर हमेशा स्किन टोन, बाल और आखों केरंग से मेल खाना चाहिए। रात में ड्रामेटिक इफेक्ट देने के लिए गहरे लिप शेड्स का प्रयोग करें। जबकि दिन में टिंटेड या क्लियर लिप ग्लॉस इस्तेमाल करें।

उपाय- अपनी पसंद की लिपस्टिक शेड खुद बनाएं। लिपस्टिक के ऊपर स्पार्क्लिंग आईशैडो लगाएं या फिर थोडी सी वैसलीन के साथ मनपसंद आइशैडो मिलाकर एक नया शेड बनाएं। अगर आपके पास लिपस्टिक को ढंग से लगाने का समय नहीं होता तो रात में सोने से पहले होंठों पर नैचरल शेड की लिपिस्टिक लगाएं। और सुबह चेहरा साफ करके लिप ग्लॉस लगाएं। जल्दी में कभी भी लिपलाइन न बनाएं। लिपलाइन बनाने से होंठ प्रॉमिनेंट नजर आते हैं, लेकिन जल्दीबाजी में सही शेप न बन पाने से होंठों का लुक खराब लगेगा।

आजमाएं- रेवलॉन की रेड अर्थ, मेबलिन कॉपर शेड, लक्मे मेटैलिक शेड

आंखें - आंखों में काजल पेंसिल से बीच से बाहरी कोनों तक एक लाइन खींचें। आइलाइनर आप जैसा चाहें लगा सकती हैं। मेकअप में आंखों का मेकअप सबसे महत्वपूर्ण होता है। आइलाइनर पतला और स्ट्रेट लाइन में लगाएं। समय कम हो तो सिर्फ ट्रासपेरेंट मस्कारा नीचे और ऊपर दोनों आईलैश पर लगाएं। दिन में हलका आई मेकअप करें, रात में थोड़ा गहरा। रात में ब्रो बोन में शिमरिंग हाइलाइटर लगाने से आखें बेहद खूबसूरत लगती हैं। आजकल मिनिमल लुक चलन में है। इसलिए मिनटों में मेकअप करना आसान हो गया है। अगर आपने आंखों पर खास ध्यान दिया है तो होंठों के लिए ग्लिटरी लिप ग्लॉस ही काफी है। अगर होंठों पर गहरा मेकअप किया है तो आखों में हलका काजल और मस्कारा ही लगाएं।

उपाय- आंखों को खूबसूरत दिखाने के लिए आइलाइनर से पतली लाइन खींचें, फिर आईशैडो के साथ ब्लेंड कर दें। लोअर आईलैशेज पर ब्राउन या गोल्डेन आई पेंसिल से हलकी रेखा जरूर खींचें।

आजमाएं- मैक का फ्लूइड आइलाइनर, मेबलिन ट्रासपेरेंट मस्कारा या मैरी के का

एक्स्ट्रा वॉल्यूमाइजिंग मस्कारा

मस्कारा - अपनी आइलैशेज के लिए परफेक्ट मस्कारा चुनें और उसे हमेशा अपने साथ रखें। चाहे आपको ग्लैमर लुक देना हो या गर्ल नेक्स्ट डोर लुक, मस्कारा हर लुक के लिए जरूरी है। अपने लिए मस्कारा चुनने से पहले कुछ बातों पर जरूर ध्यान दें -

अगर आपकी आइलैशेज बहुत छोटी हैं तो लाइटनिंग मस्कारा चुनें। अगर आइलैशेज काफी पतली और हलकी हैं तो ऐसा मस्कारा चुनें जो उन्हें वॉल्यूम दे। यानी वॉल्यूमाइजिंग मस्कारा। अगर आपकी आईलैशेज लंबी और घनी हैं तो आप किस्मत वाली हैं, लेकिन इन्हें और आकर्षक बनाने के लिए आपको कर्लिंग मस्कारा चुनना चाहिए।

उपाय- मस्कारा लगाने पर एक जगह जमा न हो जाए, इसके लिए पहला कोट पतला लगाएं। अगर फिर भी लैशेज पर मोटा-मोटा जम जाए तो आइलैशेज कोम्ब से आहिस्ता से कंघी करके लैशेज को अलग-अलग कर लें।

जब आप अपने लिए परफेक्ट मस्कारा चुन लें, फिर कलर्ड मस्कारा भी लगा सकती हैं। अपने कॉम्प्लेक्शन के मुताबिक कलर्ड मस्कारा भी आजमा सकती हैं। ब्लैक एंड ब्राउन मस्कारा हर अवसर के लिए मुफीद होता है और यह आपके परिधानों के साथ मेल भी खाता है।

आजमाएं- मेबेलिन लैश स्टाइलिश मस्कारा लोरियल पेरिस वॉल्यूम शॉकिंग मस्कारा

आप स्विमिंग की योजना बनाती हैं या खुशी के अवसर पर आपके आंसू निकल जाते हैं, आप जल्दी भावविभोर होकर रोने लगती हैं तो बेहतर होगा कि आप वॉटरप्रूफ मस्कारा लगाएं। यह तीन रंगों में आसानी से उपलब्ध है-ब्लैक, ब्राउन और ब्ल्यू।

आप चाहें तो कर्लर से आखें कर्ल भी कर सकती हैं।

टैटूज का मतलब अलग लोगों के लिये अलग होता है कुछ लोग अनूठेपन के स्टेटमेंट के लिये टैटू चुनते हैं जबकि कुछ लोगों के लिये टैटू या क्लॉन को सिम्बॉलाइज़ करता है।

कितने प्रकार के टैटू



एमेच्योर टैटूज

ये शुरूआती टैटूज हैं जो अपने नेचर में क्रूड होते हैं क्योंकि ये ऐसे व्यक्ति द्वारा बनाये जाते हैं जिसे स्पेशलाईज्ड एक्सपीरियंस नहीं होता। ये टैटूज एस्थेटिक नेचर के नहीं होते और अस्वच्छ दशाओं में डाईंग के लिये इस्तेमाल होने वाले असामान्य तत्वों द्वारा बनाये जाते हैं। इनसे इंफेक्शन का खतरा काफी अधिक होता है क्योंकि इन्हें बनाने वाले प्रोफेशनल नहीं होते।

कल्चरल या धार्मिक टैटूज

कुछ एथनिक ग्रुप्स के टैटूज का छुपा हुआ अर्थ होता है। ये किसी नेटिव ग्रुप में रैंक और एचिवमेंट्स को सिम्बलाइज करते हैं। इनको बनाने की पारंपरिक विधिया काम में लाई जाती हैं।

प्रोफेशनल टैटूज

ये टैटूज ऐसे लोगों द्वारा बनाये जाते हैं जिनको बनाने वाले प्रोफेशनल्स टैटूइंग में स्पेशलाइज्ड होते हैं। नीडिल्स वाली एक टैटू मशीन त्वचा को पंक्चर करती है और रंग को त्वचा लेयर के अंदर डालती है।

कॉस्मेटिक टैटूज

टैटूज को मेकअप के रूप में बालों की इमिटेटिंग फीचर्स को उभारने में जैसे कि लिप्स (लिप लाइनर्स) या आखें (आईब्रोज, आई लाइनर) और यहा तक कि मोल्स के लिये भी किया जाता है। त्वचा के डिस्कलरेशन को टैटू बनवाकर छिपाया जा सकता है।

मेडिकल टैटूज

ऐसा टैटू बनवाने वाले किसी इमर्जेन्सी के समय किसी खास मेडिकल कंडीशन या ब्लड ग्रुप की किस्म के संकेत के लिये इसे बनवाते हैं। ब्रेस्ट रिकास्ट्रक्शन के कुछ रूपों में टैटू का उपयोग एरोला बनाने के लिये किया जा सकता है।

ट्रॉमाटिक टैटूज

ये टैटूज जानबूझकर नहीं बनवाये जाते बल्कि किसी एक्सीडेंट के दौरान शरीर में कोई बाहरी चीज धंस जाने से बनते हैं। उदाहरण के लिये पेंसिल अनायास चुभने पर त्वचा लेयर के नीचे ग्रेफाईट रह सकती है जो काले बिंदु के रूप में दिखती है।

व्यक्तित्व में निखार लाएं मोती जैसे दांत



दांत खाना खाने के लिए तो जरूरी है ही, मोहक, प्रभावशाली व्यक्तित्व के लिए भी महत्वपूर्ण है। कुछ लोग यूं तो बहुत खूबसूरत होते हैं, लेकिन मुंह खोलते ही उनका आकर्षण खत्म हो जाता है। कुछ ऐसा ही हुआ मनाली के साथ। उसके हाथ से मॉडलिंग का अवसर सिर्फ इसलिए छूट गया, क्योंकि उसके दांत छोटे-बड़े हैं और पीले भी पड़ गए हैं। ऐसा कुछ आपके साथ न हो, इसलिए शुरू से ही दांतों की उचित देखभाल जरूरी है।

जब बच्चों के दांत उग आएं, तभी से सुबह व रात में सोते समय ब्रश की आदत डाल देनी चाहिए। खाते समय भोजन के कण दांतों के बीच फंस जाते है, जो ब्रश करने से निकल जाते है। यदि इन्हे न निकाला जाए तो ये सड़ने लगते हैं, जिससे दांतों में सड़न और कैविटी पैदा हो जाती है। इस कारण दांतों में तेज दर्द हो सकता है व असमय दांत टूट सकते है। लोग सोचते है दूध केदांत तो टूट जाते है। इतनी देखभाल क्यों करे? दूध के सभी दांत एक साथ नहीं टूटते। एक-एककर टूटते जाते हैं और उनकी जगह नए दांत आते-जाते हैं। अगर कोई पुराना सड़ा हुआ हो तो वह नए दांत को भी सड़ा सकता है।

जरूरी है दांतों की सफाई

बच्चों को टॉफियां खासतौर से पसंद होती है। ध्यान रखें कि कुछ भी मीठा खाने के बाद बच्चे कुल्ला जरूर करें। कुछ लोग समझते हैं कि टूथपेस्ट का अधिक इस्तेमाल करने से दांत ठीक से साफ होते है। ऐसा नहीं है, बल्कि अधिक टूथपेस्ट दांतों की ऊपरी सुरक्षा परत इनामेल को नुकसान पहुंचा सकता है। सामान्यतया ऐसे टूथपेस्ट का उपयोग करना चाहिए जिसमें फ्लोरीन हो। फ्लोरीन हड्डियों में पाया जाने वाला एक तत्व है। यह दांतों को मजबूत बनाता है। लेकिन ज्यादा फ्लोरीन भी दांतों को पीला और खराब कर सकता है। इस बीमारी को फ्लोरोसिस कहते है। जिस क्षेत्र के पानी में फ्लोरीन की मात्रा अधिक हो, वहां के लोगों को फ्लोरीन वाले टूथपेस्ट से बचना चाहिए।

विटामिंस का करें भरपूर उपयोग

दांतों के साथ मसूड़ों की देखभाल भी जरूरी है। ब्रश के बाद मसूड़ों की उंगलियों से हलकी - हलकी मालिश करें। कुछ बीमारियों के बाद मसूड़े ढीले पड़ जाते हैं और दांत हिलने लगते है। कभी-कभी मसूड़ों में छाले भी पड़ जाते है। ऐसे में भोजन में नमक-मिर्च आदि का उपयोग कम करे, क्योंकि उनसे जलन होती है। साथ ही ध्यान रखना चाहिए कि दांतों पर कोई आघात न पहुंचे क्योंकि उस समय ये टूट सकते है। खाने में विटमिन बी कॉम्प्लेक्स व विटामिन सी का भरपूर प्रयोग करे और डॉक्टर की सलाह का पालन करे ताकि आपके मसूड़े जल्द से जल्द स्वस्थ हो जाएं। विटामिन सी आंवला, संतरा, मौसमी, टमाटर, साग-सब्जियों में मिलता है। इसका नियमित सेवन आपको स्कर्वी और पायरिया से दूर रखेगा। पायरिया मसूड़ों की बीमारी है जो एंट अमीबा जिंजिवेलिस नाम के कीटाणु से होती है। इसमें मुंह से दुर्गंध तथा मसूड़ों से खून आने की शिकायत होती है। पायरिया होने पर डॉक्टर के परामर्श का पालन करे। दवाओं के साथ-साथ हाइड्रोजन-पर-ऑक्साइड से कुल्ला करना भी लाभदायक हो सकता है।

दूर करें कैविटी

दांत अगर सड़ जाएं और उसमें कैविटी बनने लगे तो कैविटी को भरवाया जा सकता है। इससे पहले दांत को अच्छी तरह से साफ व कीटाणुमुक्त करना पड़ता है। ताकि कैविटी भरने के बाद अंदर कोई कीटाणु न रह जाए और दांत को फिर से सड़ने से बचाया जा सके। ज्यादा सड़े या जड़ों से कमजोर दांतों को निकलवाकर उनकी जगह नकली दांत या नए दांतों का सेट लगवाया जा सकता है।

दांतों का सौंदर्य बढ़ाएं

दांत पीले पड़ गए हों या दो दांतों के बीच अधिक दूरी हो, दांत छोटे-बड़े या बाहर की ओर निकले हों तो इससे भी चेहरे के सौंदर्य पर विपरीत प्रभाव पड़ता है। ऐसे में डेंटिस्ट से अवश्य मिलें। डेंटिस्ट की सलाह पर पीले दांतों की सफाई करवाएं। बाहर की ओर निकले या दूरी वाले दांतों पर कुछ दिनों के लिए क्लिप लगवाएं। बड़े दांतों को घिसवा सकती है। छोटे दांतों में नीचे से दांतों जैसा दिखने वाला पदार्थ जोड़कर उन्हे समान आकार का बनवाया जा सकता है।

आकर्षक मुस्कान के लिए

सौंदर्य विशेषज्ञा डॉ. ब्लॉसम कोचर के मुताबिक, आपके चेहरे की कंप्लीट स्माइल मेकओवर भी की जा सकती है। इसमें आपके चेहरे के आकार को देखकर ये आकलन किया जाता है कि इस पर कैसी मुस्कान और दांत अच्छे लगेंगे। फिर उसके अनुसार हम बेहतर मुस्कान का अभ्यास कराते है। स्माइल मेकओवर क्लासेस में हंसने के तरीके के साथ ही चेहरे के हाव-भाव के बारे में भी बताया जाता है। ताकि हंसते समय आपके चेहरे का प्रभाव दूसरे पर अच्छा हो।

चेहरे के आकार को देखकर हम यह अनुमान लगाने की कोशिश करते है कि आप पर कैसे दांत व कैसी मुस्कान अच्छी लगेगी। फिर असली दांतों का आकार बदला जाता है व जरूरत पड़ी तो नकली दांत लगा दिया जाता है। दांतों का पूरा सेटअप बदलने के साथ यह बताया जाता है कि आपके लिए किस तरह हंसना ठीक रहेगा। हालांकि यह मौके पर निर्भर करता है। यानी मनचाही मुस्कान जिसमें सब कुछ आकर्षक हो, वैसा हो, जैसा आप चाहे, हासिल की जा सकती है। एक प्यारी सी मुस्कान कई अनकही बातें कह जाती है और कई दिल जीत लेती है। आप इन बातों का ख्याल रख सकें तो चमचमाते दांत आपके व्यक्तित्व में चार चांद लगाएंगे और हर कोई कहेगा-स्माइल प्लीज।

4th ODI: Fiery Gurnoor Brar gets umpire's warning, Virat Kohli plays peacemaker

New Delhi.(Agency)

The sun was back out in New Zealand as the fourth ODI between India and New Zealand got underway at Bay Oval in Mount Maunganui on Friday. And with the bright sunshine came some heat on the field, with India's tall fast bowler Gurnoor Brar and New Zealand opener Tim Seifert involved in a fiery exchange. "Brar, who has made it a habit to get under the skin of opposition batters, kept needling Seifert as the New Zealand opener took the attack to India's new-ball bowlers. Seifert and Will Young had given the



hosts a flying start after stand-in captain Shreyas Iyer won the toss and opted to field. But Brar eventually had the last word in their contest.Having been taken for runs earlier in the innings, the 6ft 5in Punjab fast bowler returned to dismiss Seifert with a sharp bouncer. The New Zealand opener attempted to take on the short ball, only to get a top edge that was brilliantly pouched by wicketkeeper Ishan Kishan. Brar, however, was not content with the wicket alone. He walked towards Seifert and celebrated animatedly, getting right in the batter's face.Seifert was visibly unhappy with the send-off and appeared ready to confront the Indian pacer. Virat Kohli, however, stepped in and pulled Brar away, preventing the exchange from escalating further. The moment caught the attention of the on-air commentators, who expressed their surprise at Kohli playing the peacemaker, given his own history of animated on-field exchanges and confrontations with opposition players.

Once coached by Rahul Dravid, Chhattisgarh's Amandeep Khare chases his India dream

New Delhi.(Agency)

Andhra's spinners were making life hard for Chhattisgarh at the DVR Ground in Mulapadu, near Vijayawada. Saurabh Kumar, Tripurana Vijay and Lalith Mohan kept the scoring slow and kept taking wickets, and at the other end, Amandeep Khare could see his partners getting out trying to play shots. So he



stopped trying to score quickly. He defended for long spells, switched between a middle-stump and a leg-stump guard to find the odd gap, and stayed until Chhattisgarh had gone past Andhra's 231. When the last wicket fell, he was unbeaten on 89, 11 runs short of a hundred, and his side led by six.That turned out to be enough. Andhra declared their second innings on 184 for 3, which set a target of 179, and Chhattisgarh chased it down in 35.1 overs for the loss of five wickets. Khare made 30. It was Chhattisgarh's first win of the Ranji Trophy Elite season, and when he spoke to IndiaToday.in, that mattered more to him than the missed hundred.He had scored runs in the first two matches as well, and neither ended in a win. "It does not feel that good when you score runs but your team does not win," he said. This time Chhattisgarh got the lead, and he thinks that changed the game.

Harry Kane breaks England record, Italy stun France in Nations League thriller

Harry Kane marked a historic night for England with his 92nd international goal, while Italy stunned France with a memorable comeback. Spain maintained their perfect Nations League run, setting up a high-stakes clash with England for Group A3 top spot.

New Delhi.(Agency)

Harry Kane celebrated a landmark night for England with another match-winning performance as the Three Lions defeated Croatia 2-1 in the UEFA Nations League on Thursday. The England captain became his country's most-capped men's international before scoring his 92nd goal to secure qualification for the quarter-finals.

Italy produced one of the night's biggest results, recovering from an early setback to beat France 3-1 at San Siro. Pio Esposito scored twice as Italy registered their first home victory against France since 1962, leaving both sides level on points at the top of Group A1.World champions Spain continued their impressive run with a 2-0 victory over the Czech Republic, maintaining their perfect record in the competition. Alex Baena and Marc Pubill were on target as Spain extended their unbeaten run to 43 matches.Belgium also kept their qualification hopes alive with a 2-1 comeback win against Trkiye, while Thursday's results set up an intriguing final round of group fixtures. England and Spain have already secured quarter-final places, but their meeting in Madrid on Sunday will determine who finishes top of Group A3.



KANE MAKES HISTORY VS CROATIA

Kane's 126th appearance took him past Peter Shilton to become England's outright record holder for men's international caps. He marked the occasion by extending his national scoring record, converting a second-half penalty to seal a 2-1 win at Wembley.Morgan Rogers opened the scoring in the 24th minute after Jude Bellingham helped create the opportunity.

Croatia responded through Petar Sucic in the 59th minute, but England regained the lead five minutes later after Jarell Quansah was brought down inside the box.Kane stepped up and converted from the spot to take his international tally to 92 goals.

"It's a perfect opportunity now Sunday to try to prove ourselves," Kane told ITV Sport, looking ahead to the meeting with Spain.England need to beat Spain by at least two goals to finish top of the group, having lost 3-2 in the reverse fixture in September.

ITALY'S HISTORIC COMEBACK VS FRANCE

Italy had to recover from an early setback after Michael Olise capitalised on a mistake by Gianluigi Donnarumma to put France ahead. Pio Esposito restored parity in the 26th minute, finishing Nicol Cambiaghi's delivery to bring the hosts back into the contest.

Kumamoto Masters: Lakshya beats crowd favourite to reach semis, Srikanth ousted

New Delhi.(Agency)

Lakshya Sen continued his impressive run at the Kumamoto Masters Japan Super 500, producing a composed performance to beat home favourite Yushi Tanaka in straight games and reach the men's singles semifinals on Friday.The eighth-seeded Indian needed just 40 minutes to overcome the World No. 31, winning 21-16, 21-15 at the Kumamoto



Prefectural Gymnasium. Despite the vociferous home support behind Tanaka, Lakshya rarely looked troubled, using his attacking game and quick follow-up shots to keep his opponent under pressureThe victory is significant for Lakshya, who is chasing a place in the season-ending BWF World Tour Finals in China. The Indian is currently 12th in the World Tour rankings with 64,980 points and needs to break into the top eight to qualify. A title run in Kumamoto would give his chances a considerable boost.Lakshya will face sixth seed Alwi Farhan of Indonesia in the semifinals. The Indian has lost both his previous meetings against the World No. 10, making Saturday's contest another important test.Lakshya is bidding for his second successive title on the BWF Tour after winning the Hylo Open in Germany last month. Having skipped the Korea Masters, he has made an encouraging return to competition in Japan, dropping no games in his last two matches.

Lakshya gradually took control of the opening game after a tight start, with Tanaka briefly threatening a comeback before the Indian pulled away to take the lead.The second game followed a similar pattern, with the pair locked in a close contest until Lakshya's attacking play helped him open up a decisive four-point cushion. Tanaka struggled to keep up as the Indian maintained the pressure, eventually closing out th match without much fuss.

SRIKANTH BOWS OUT

Meanwhile, former World No. 1 Kidambi Srikanth's campaign came to an end after a 22-24, 15-21 defeat to Japan's Koki Watanabe in 41 minutes.

The unseeded Indian had enjoyed an encouraging run in Kumamoto, beating Denmark's Rasmus Gemke in the opening round before producing one of the upsets of the tournament by defeating fifth seed and World No. 8 Kodai Naraoka in a three-game battle on Thursday.

Usman Khawaja 100 percent wrong, his Sandpapergate story irresponsible: Pat Cummins

Sydney.(Agency)

Pat Cummins has hit back at Usman Khawaja over his recent revelations surrounding Australia's 2018 Sandpapergate scandal, accusing his former teammate of being casual with people's lives and reputations. The Australian captain, who considers Khawaja a friend, said he was particularly troubled by the former opener's admission that he had warned Cameron Bancroft to be careful while using sandpaper during the infamoAddressing the media for more than an hour in Sydney on Friday, Cummins strongly denied knowing that sandpaper was being taken onto the field and dismissed suggestions that he and other members of Australia's bowling attack were architects of the ball-tampering plan. He also questioned why Khawaja had waited eight years to reveal what he knew about the incident."Usman is a friend, but friends aren't casual with each other's lives and reputations. In his book he's been casual with my life and the lives of many others and I think Australian cricket," Cummins said in his opening statement.While acknowledging Khawaja's right to tell his story, the Australia captain stressed that there was a responsibility attached to making allegations that could affect other people's lives.us Cape Town Tes"I support him to tell his story, 100%. I'm glad he feels like he can but we have to be accountable for the things that we say and do," he said.CUMMINS DENIES INVOLVEMENT

Cummins was unequivocal in rejecting Khawaja's suggestion that Australia's bowling group knew about the sandpaper being taken onto the field during the third Test against South Africa in Cape Town in March 2018."When he says we all knew, if by that he means we knew sandpaper was going out on the field, he's 100% wrong," Cummins said.

"I said that consistently for the last eight years. I did not know that was happening.



But I think Usman actually says things that are far more serious than that.

"He says that I and others were architects of a scheme to ball tamper with sandpaper. That's complete and utter nonsense."However, it was Khawaja's revelation about his interaction with Bancroft that appeared to have particularly unsettled Cummins. The Australia captain said he was shocked to learn that his former teammate had allegedly warned Bancroft to be careful while using the sandpaper.

Pat Cummins threw Khawaja under the bus: David Warner on Sandpapergate denial

David Warner has thrown his weight behind Usman Khawaja's Sandpapergate revelations, accusing Pat Cummins of throwing his former teammate under the bus after the Australia captain dismissed the claims as 'utter nonsense'.

New Delhi.(Agency)

Former Australia opener David Warner has hit back at Pat Cummins after the Australia captain rejected Usman Khawaja's revelations about the 2018 ball-tampering scandal, accusing him of throwing his former teammate under the bus. Warner said he stood firmly by Khawaja's account of the infamous Sandpapergate episode and was disappointed with Cummins' public response.Speaking on Fox Cricket ahead of Australia's first ODI against England, Warner said Khawaja had told the truth in his autobiography, Sabr, and deserved support rather than criticism.eleased players ahead of the auction."I still stick by Uzzy, and what he's written in that book, because it is the truth, and I really, really support him," Warner said."I actually feel for him at the moment. I actually feel that today, the captain threw Uzzy under the bus, and I'm very, very disappointed about that."Warner's comments came after Cummins addressed the controversy in an hour-long press conference, strongly rejecting Khawaja's claims about the extent of the Australian team's knowledge of the ball-tampering episode during the 2018 Cape Town Test against South Africa.

"If by that he means that we knew



sandpaper was going out in the field, he's 100 per cent wrong. I've said that consistently for the last eight years. I did not know that was happening," Cummins said.The Australia captain also took issue with Khawaja's suggestion that he and other members of the team were architects of a plan to alter the condition of the ball."That's complete and utter nonsense," Cummins said, adding that he was disappointed with the way Khawaja had handled the revelations.Cummins said the book had been casual with his life and the reputations of others, and questioned why Khawaja had not intervened when he allegedly knew that sandpaper was being used. He also said the revelations had reopened a painful chapter for those involved.

A LIFE PUNISHMENT

Warner, however, believes the consequences of the scandal have continued to follow the three players who were punished by Cricket Australia. Warner, Steve Smith and Cameron Bancroft were handed suspensions of varying lengths after the incident, with Warner and Smith receiving 12-month bans and Bancroft being suspended for nine months.All three of us have paid a big price in this thing. I hadn't spoken about it in eight years, but at the end of the day, we've got to live with these consequences daily. We've been served a life punishment," Warner said.The former opener said the focus on the three players had overlooked the emotional and personal cost they had endured since the scandal.

"When other people talk about how they've been affected by it, there's nothing worse for me, Steve and Cam, who have to walk out there every day and we cop abuse."Yes, we accepted it, but at the end of the day, my wife and I paid the greatest price. We lost a baby during that time. That's why it really hurts me the most until the truth is accepted," he added.

Who is Mahli Beardman? Australia's wild thing bags debut fifer vs England

New Delhi.(Agency)

Australia has a new wild thing in their ranks, and his name is Mahli Beardman. The moniker was initially held by Shaun Tait for his ferocious pace and his unique bowling action, and then given to Beardman's West Australian teammate Lance Morris after he was



thrust into the Australian Test squad a few years ago.Now, the young Beardman lived up to the moniker as he ripped apart England's batting lineup in front of his home crowd in Perth. The 21-year-old picked up five wickets in the first 28 balls of his ODI career, breaking multiple records along the way.Beardman made an immediate impact on his international debut, striking twice in quick succession to remove England captain Harry Brook and former skipper Joe Root. His double blow left the visitors reeling at 55/4 after 14 overs, with the Perth Stadium surface ofThe Australia Under-19 World Cup star was far from finished, though. He continued to rip through the England batting order, sending Jordan Cox, Sam Curran and Liam Dawson back to the pavilion to cap a memorable five-wicket haul.ering plenty of pace and bounce.The Australia Under-19 World Cup star was far from finished, though. He continued to rip through the England batting order, sending Jordan Cox, Sam Curran and Liam Dawson back to the pavilion to cap a memorable five-wicket haul.With this, he became the second Australian male cricketer to pick up a five-wicket haul on his ODI debut after Tony Dodemaide.



Nora Fatehi

Summoned By Delhi Court As Witness In Rs 200 Crore Sukesh Chandrashekhar Extortion Case

Bollywood actor Nora Fatehi has been summoned to appear before Delhi's Rouse Avenue Court as a prosecution witness in the Rs 200 crore extortion case involving alleged conman Sukesh Chandrashekhar.The court has directed her to appear on November 2. Fatehi is listed as witness LW-3 in the third supplementary chargesheet filed in the case.The case relates to allegations that Chandrashekhar, while lodged in Delhi's Rohini Jail, impersonated senior government officials and allegedly extorted around Rs 200 crore from Aditi Singh, wife of former Ranbaxy promoter Shivinder Mohan Singh, during 2020-21.He allegedly promised to secure her husband's release from jail in exchange for money. The Delhi Police's Economic Offences Wing (EOW) investigated the alleged extortion and filed a chargesheet under the Features Maharashtra Control of Organised Crime Act (MCOCA).



Fatehi was earlier questioned by the EOW in connection with her alleged association with Chandrashekhar and his wife Leena Maria Paulose. Police had recorded her statement under Section 164 of the CrPC and subsequently named her as a prosecution witness in the supplementary chargesheet.The actor had told investigators that her interaction with Chandrashekhar was through his wife. She had also been questioned about an event she attended in Chennai in December 2020.

Sai Pallavi

Says She Relied On Prayer And Meditation To Play Sita Maa In Ramayana: 'I Was Simply Praying'

Actress Sai Pallavi, who is set to portray Sita Maa in the upcoming film 'Ramayana', opened up about her preparation for the revered character.Appearing on the popular quiz reality show, Kaun Banega Crorepati, Sai said that she relied on prayer and meditation to approach the role with the dignity it deserves.During a conversation with megastar Amitabh Bachchan, Sai Pallavi spoke about the immense responsibility of portraying a figure as revered as Sita Maa.She emphasised that the film would go beyond being a cinematic experience and become a part of history for generations to come.Emphasizing the reverence attached to the role, Sai Pallavi shared by saying, "Maine iss patra ke liye sirf prayer kiya aur prarthana kiya ki main jitne bhi obstacles ho mujhe voh patra karne mein, voh saare obstacles nikal jaaye. Kyuki hum jo film bana rahe hain, voh sirf film nahi hain voh itihaas bhi banega aur aage ka generations bhi dekhega, aage ka future dekhega tab hum sab yaha nahi honge. Uss samay voh dignity honi chahiye, toh main sirf prarthana hi kar rahi thi for this role."



(For this role, I only prayed and asked that whatever obstacles I might face in portraying this character would be removed. Because the film we are making is not just a film; it will also become a part of history, and future generations will watch it. People in the future will look back at it when none of us will be here. At that time, the portrayal should have dignity. So, I was simply praying for this role)Speaking on how mindfulness helped her navigate high-pressure filming, Sai Pallavi added by saying, "Aisa nahi hain, actually agar main meditate nahi karungi toh mujhe aur saare thoughts aate hain. Toh most of the times, even when I was playing this character of Sita Maa, I believed in doing meditation.

During playing this character, I learnt ki main jabhi bhi koi stressful situation mein hoon, I realised you should just witness it rather than just acting towards it. Whenever I used to come across a stressful situation, I started thinking how Sita Maa would have reacted so this is what I feel I learnt from Sita Maa's character."



Palak Tiwari And Ibrahim Ali Khan Break Up?; Shraddha Kapoor Reveals What Drew Her To Eetha

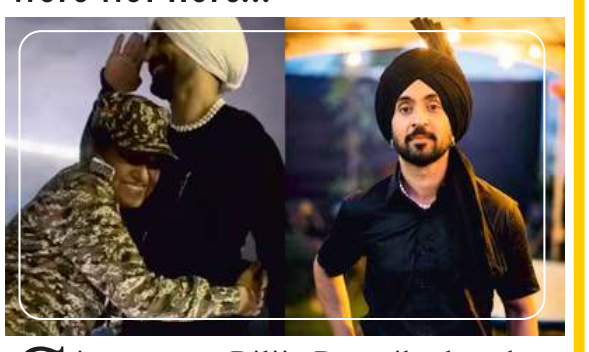


Actors Palak Tiwari and Ibrahim Ali Khan have reportedly called it quits after dating for over three years. According to a report by Hindustan Times, the couple has parted ways amicably, with Ibrahim reportedly taking the decision to end the relationship. However, neither Palak nor Ibrahim has publicly confirmed the breakup as of now.Shraddha Kapoor has opened up about working on Eetha, Laxman Utekar's upcoming biographical musical inspired by the life of legendary Tamasha and Lavani performer Vithabai Bhau Mang Narayangaonkar. Speaking at the film's trailer launch in Mumbai, the actress discussed the opportunity to be part of the project, the preparation required for the role and the film's focus on artists and their struggles.Veteran English actor Patrick Stewart passed away at the age of 86 at his Los Angeles home. The "Star Trek" and "X-Men" star was surrounded by family and friends in his final moments. His estate took to X, formerly Twitter, and shared the news.Jiya Shankar has addressed the growing speculation around her engagement to Kaaran Dhanak, aka KD, after fans noticed changes in her social-media activity and began questioning whether the couple had parted ways.



Maddock Films and Kathputli Creations have unveiled the grand trailer of EETHA, starring Shraddha Kapoor as Eetha Bai. An epic musical drama inspired by the life of a Lavani legend, the film brings to life the extraordinary journey of a woman who defied conventions, challenged the odds and rose above every obstacle to carve an unforgettable place in history.

Diljit Dosanjh Says He Could See His Mother In A Delhi Police Officer At His Concert: 'If You Were Not Here...'



Singer-actor Diljit Dosanjh shared an emotional moment with a woman police officer during his live concert in Delhi on Friday. He saluted the personnel for their service and said that seeing the officer reminded him of his mother.The singer, who was performing in the national capital, paused his performance to acknowledge the security personnel present at the venue and urged the audience to give them a big round of applause.As the crowd cheered, Diljit saluted the personnel and expressed his gratitude towards them, saying, "If you were not here, we wouldn't feel safe." He then shared a heartfelt moment with a woman officer in uniform, whom he called on stage. The singer affectionately placed his hand on her head and revealed that he could see his mother in her."I get to meet my mother once or twice a year. But when you were standing there, I thought my mother was standing," he said. "Today my mother called me. She said, 'Take care of yourself.' I said, 'Good things will happen, don't worry.' Looking at you today, I thought it was my mother who was standing with me," he added.

The singer also appeared to acknowledge the efforts of the entire police team in ensuring the smooth conduct of his concert. Taking to his social media account after the concert, Diljit gave a special shoutout to his Delhi fans. He wrote, "Shoutout to Delhi FANS. Delhi Police, the CRPF, the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) and BookMyShow Live. LOVE LOVE LOVE LOVE LOVE LOVE."Talking about his gesture towards the police personnel, it comes at a time when the Delhi Police has recently been in the spotlight following a series of confrontations during protests at Jantar Mantar. During the Cockroach Janta Party (CJP)-led march towards Parliament in July, many videos of clashes between protesters and security personnel went viral on social media.The confrontations saw police personnel facing allegations of excessive use of force, while videos also showed heated exchanges and physical altercations between the two sides.

Big Blow to Zakir Naik: Centre Extends IRF Ban for 5 More Years Under UAPA

by Ashis Sinha

New Delhi: The Centre has extended the ban on Islamic preacher Zakir Naik-founded Islamic Research Foundation (IRF) for another five years, declaring the organisation an unlawful association under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA), 1967.

The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) issued a fresh notification on Friday, November 13, citing alleged activities prejudicial to India's national security, public order and communal harmony. The decision comes just a day before the existing five-year ban was scheduled to expire on November 14.

The government has accused the organisation and its founder, Zakir Abdul Karim Naik, of promoting religious disharmony, encouraging hostility between communities and spreading statements that could threaten the country's sovereignty, integrity and security.

The latest order means the IRF will remain banned for another five years from the date of publication of the notification in the Official Gazette, subject to the statutory legal process under the UAPA.

Why has the Centre extended the ban?

According to the Home Ministry's notification, the government believes that the IRF and its members, particularly its founder and president Zakir Naik, have encouraged followers to promote enmity, hatred and ill-will between different religious communities.

The ministry has cited several grounds for its decision, including:

- *Allegedly objectionable and subversive speeches and statements made by Zakir Naik.*
- *Promotion of hostility and hatred among different religious communities.*
- *Alleged attempts to inspire young people in India and abroad to engage in terrorist activities.*
- *Dissemination of radical statements and speeches through international satellite television networks, the internet, print publications and social media.*

The government has further expressed apprehension that, without continued restrictions, the organisation could reorganise its absconding activists, promote communal disharmony, encourage separatist activities and support militancy.

These are allegations and assessments cited by the government in its notification and should be distinguished from independently established criminal findings against individual members.

Third major extension since 2016

The Islamic Research Foundation was established by Zakir Naik in Mumbai in February 1991. The organisation was first declared an unlawful association by the Centre on November 17, 2016, under Section 3 of the UAPA.

The prohibition was subsequently extended on November 15, 2021, for another five years.

The Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Tribunal confirmed the original declaration in May 2017 and the subsequent extension in March 2022.

The latest notification, issued on November 13, 2026, marks the third five-year period of prohibition since the organisation was first banned. The government acted immediately before the existing prohibition was due to expire.

What does the UAPA provision mean?

The latest decision has been taken under Sections 3(1) and 3(3) of the UAPA, which empower the Central Government to declare an association unlawful and specify the duration of such a declaration.

However, the law also provides for judicial scrutiny through an Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Tribunal under Section 4. The tribunal examines whether sufficient cause exists for declaring an organisation unlawful.

The latest notification states that the five-year prohibition will remain subject to any order that may be passed under Section 4.

Thus, the extension is not merely an administrative restriction without legal oversight; it is subject to the statutory adjudication process prescribed under the Act.

Who is Zakir Naik?

Zakir Naik, a former medical doctor, founded the Islamic Research Foundation in Mumbai in 1991. He became widely known for his religious lectures and comparative-religion programmes, which attracted audiences through television and online platforms.

His speeches and public statements have repeatedly attracted controversy and scrutiny from Indian authorities. The government has accused him of promoting religious hatred and radicalising sections of his audience.

Naik left India in 2016 and has since been based in Malaysia. He has rejected allegations against him and has maintained that his statements have been misrepresented.

The Indian government's actions against the IRF and Naik have consequently remained a significant subject of legal and political attention.

Focus on national security and communal harmony

The Home Ministry has maintained that the organisation's activities could affect India's internal security and social stability. The government has also expressed concern over the reach of Naik's speeches through international media platforms, arguing that their influence extends beyond India's borders.

The latest decision reflects the Centre's continued position that restrictions on the IRF are necessary to prevent activities it considers detrimental to national security and communal harmony.

The extension also places the organisation under another five-year period of prohibition, while leaving the statutory tribunal process available under the UAPA.

ONGC Conducts Cleanliness Drive at Rivers, Ponds in Gomia



Bokaro: ONGC's CBM Asset Bokaro organised a cleanliness drive across rivers, ponds and other water bodies in several rural areas of Gomia block under its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative.

The drive, conducted under the guidance of Asset Manager Rajiv Kumar Sinha, covered Gomia, Hosir East, Siyari, Dhendhe Basti, Birsa Gram, Tenughat Dam, Mahali Bandh and Khajuria. The campaign involved removing plastic and other waste, cleaning waterbody banks and undertaking sanitation activities to promote a cleaner environment.

ONGC's CBM Asset is engaged in coal bed methane exploration and production in Jharkhand, covering Gomia, Parbatpur and Jharia in Bokaro district, besides Barkagaon in Hazaribagh's North Karanpura block.

India to Host CAVA Men's Volleyball League for First Time; Jaideep Sarkar Nominated



RNS: Jaideep Sarkar, Chief Coach at the Sports Authority of India (SAI), Ahmedabad, has been nominated as a Technical Official for the CAVA Men's Volleyball League 2026, being hosted in India for the first time.

The prestigious international tournament, organised by the Central Asian Volleyball Association (CAVA), will be held at KIIT Deemed to be University, Bhubaneswar, from November 15 to 22.

The Odisha Volleyball Association (OVA) formally nominated Sarkar for the championship and requested SAI to spare his services from November 13 to 23.

Sarkar previously served as Chief Coach of the Indian Men's Volleyball Team at the 2023 Asian Games. OVA Honorary General Secretary Dr Gaganendu Dash communicated his nomination to the Centre In-charge and Deputy Director of SAI's National Centre of Excellence, Ahmedabad, through a letter dated November 12.

India's maiden hosting of the CAVA Men's Volleyball League marks a significant milestone for the country's international volleyball calendar.

DVC Plans Major Investment in Jharkhand; 1,600 MW Thermal Power Project in Focus



Bokaro: Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC) Chairman Rajesh Pandey (IAS) has announced plans for significant investment in Jharkhand, with a proposed 1,600 MW supercritical thermal power plant to be developed jointly with Coal India.

During his visit to DVC's Chandrapura Thermal Power Station (CTPS), following an inspection of the Bokaro Thermal Power Plant, Pandey directed officials to expedite preparations for the proposed project, comprising two 800 MW units. He said the investment would generate employment and contribute to the economic development of the region.

The chairman also called for public cooperation, stressing that the prosperity of local communities was linked to the growth of DVC. He directed officials to ensure efficient operation of the existing plant and integrate Chandrapura's training institute with nearby technical and educational institutions.

During the visit, Pandey inaugurated an office and a Smart Training Centre for the proposed power project and inspected the plant's control room. He also inaugurated a solar tree and a modern TB diagnostic centre.

Bokaro Deputy Commissioner Ajay Nath attended the programme and emphasised the promotion of theatre and performing arts in Chandrapura and adjoining areas.

The chairman also reviewed CSR initiatives and visited the plant hospital. Representatives of labour unions and displaced communities met him and welcomed the proposed power project. Those present on the occasion included Executive Directors Rajesh Kumar, Sanjeev Srivastava, and Aman Jyoti; Chief General Manager and Project Head Ram Kumar Anubhav; Senior General Manager Rajesh Kumar; Deputy General Managers Neeraj Sinha, Rajiv Kumar, Rajiv Ranjan, Lalan Prasad Gupta, Amit Kumar, Dr. P.K. Ghosh, Manik Mandal, Satyendra Kumar, Mohammad Imtiaz, Avishek Ghosh, Mukesh Kumar, Roshan Kumar Singh, Rajkumar Chaudhary, Sudhanshu Ranjan, Ajay Kumar, R.P. Singh, Ajay Satish Toppo, Pawan Kumar, Surya Kumar Dalai, Taruneshwar Prasad, Kanchan Smita Toppo, Meera Baksla, Rohit Kumar, Vinod Baruri, Rajiv Kumar Tiwari, Braj Vibhuti Bilochan, Golam Moinuddin, Tanveer Akhtar, Subodh Kumar Paswan, Abhinandan Kumar, Rakesh Kumar Srivastava, Akshay Kumar, Jayanto Sarkar, Satyendra Singh, Umesh Kumar Sharma, Ravi Ranjan Singh, Tapan Kumar Das, Dhruv Kumar and others.

BSL Organises Millet-Based Culinary Competition on Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas



Bokaro: Bokaro Steel Plant (BSL) organised a millet-based culinary competition at its HR/L&D Retreat to mark Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas 2026. The event, organised by the Human Resources Department, was themed around 'A Confluence of Tribal Heritage and the Nutritional Value of Millets'.

Sixteen spouses of BSL employees participated in the competition, preparing a variety of nutritious millet-based dishes that showcased Jharkhand's traditional tribal cuisine and indigenous food culture. The participants combined traditional cooking methods with creative presentation, highlighting the nutritional benefits and culinary versatility of millets.

CGM (HR) attended the event and encouraged the participants. The dishes were evaluated by J.N. Hansda, CGM (Shops & Foundry), and Sunita Minz, GM (RCL), who appreciated the participants' creativity, culinary skills and diversity of preparations.

The initiative aimed to promote millets as nutritious traditional food grains while celebrating the culinary heritage and cultural diversity of Jharkhand's tribal communities.

Shorties

'Run for Cleanliness' on Jharkhand Foundation Day



Ranchi: The Ranchi district administration will organise a 'Run for Cleanliness' on November 15 to mark Jharkhand's 26th Foundation Day, following directions from the state government.

The run will begin at 7 am from Bapu Vatika, Morabadi, and conclude at Albert Ekka Chowk. The initiative aims to promote public participation in the cleanliness drive and spread the message of a 'Clean Jharkhand – Healthy Jharkhand'.

Students, youth, families, government employees and citizens from all walks of life have been invited to participate. The administration has urged participants to arrive ahead of time and join the campaign to promote cleanliness and civic responsibility.

Spyware, Drone Secrets and WhatsApp: How IAF Officer Was Allegedly Trapped

New Delhi: An Indian Air Force (IAF) Wing Commander allegedly fell victim to a Pakistani intelligence-linked honey trap and shared sensitive military information with a suspected operative, according to the Delhi Police chargesheet in the espionage case.

Police allege that the officer came into contact with a woman through WhatsApp after receiving a message from an unknown number. The conversation reportedly developed into personal and intimate exchanges, which investigators suspect were used to manipulate and compromise him.

According to the chargesheet, the officer allegedly shared classified information relating to military operations, drone capabilities, troop deployments, movements of combat aircraft and coordinates of sensitive installations.

Investigators have also alleged that he was asked to facilitate the installation of spyware on the devices of five of his subordinates.

The officer was arrested on May 30, 2026, and booked under the Official Secrets Act. The chargesheet was filed on July 30, and he remains in judicial custody as the case proceeds.

The IAF has maintained a zero-tolerance approach towards espionage and any breach of national security. The allegations are yet to be established in court."

Diwali Smartphone Sales Crash 20% in India as Online Discounts Hit Offline Retailers



Bokaro: India's offline smartphone retail market witnessed an estimated 18–20% year-on-year decline in sales volume during the 2026 Diwali festive season, despite steady customer footfall at retail outlets, according to the All India Mobile Retailers Association (AIMRA).

The association's Diwali Retail Performance Report, cited by Moneycontrol, found that many customers visited stores between Dhanteras and the day after Diwali but left without making purchases. Rising smartphone prices and significant price differences between online and offline platforms were identified as major reasons. The report also highlighted a nearly 40% decline in smartphone sales during the week preceding Diwali, as consumers postponed purchases in anticipation of festive discounts and promotional offers.

Mid-range phones dominate demand

The ₹30,000–₹60,000 segment attracted the highest consumer interest during the festive period, followed by premium smartphones. Apple and Motorola reportedly performed well, with sustained demand for models including the iPhone 15, 16 and 17.

Realme, however, witnessed a sales decline of more than 50% across several markets, attributed to higher prices, limited new launches and less attractive festive offers.

Samsung also faced challenges in offline retail, particularly because of price differences between online and physical stores for models such as the Galaxy S25, S25 Ultra and Z Fold 8.

Budget segment takes the biggest hit

Retailers selling smartphones below ₹15,000 were among the worst affected. Some customers postponed purchases or opted for older and refurbished devices instead of buying new smartphones.

Large retail chains performed relatively better, benefiting from pre-purchased inventory and discounts of around 12–15%.

The slowdown comes amid broader weakness in India's smartphone market. According to the report's cited Counterpoint Research data, smartphone shipments declined 20% year-on-year in the July–September quarter, reaching their lowest level in a decade.

Rising memory costs and higher device prices have further pressured demand, highlighting the growing challenge for traditional retailers competing with aggressive online discounts.

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मणिपुर में सुरक्षाबलों ने हथियारों और विस्फोटकों का जखीरा किया बरामद

- इसमें रॉकेट, चीन में बने चार मोर्टार और छह इम्प्रोवाइज्ड एक्सप्लोसिव डिवाइस

इंफाल, एजेंसी। मणिपुर के चुराचांदपुर जिले में सुरक्षाबलों ने एक बड़े ऑपरेशन के दौरान हथियारों और विस्फोटकों का जखीरा बरामद किया है। इसमें करीब 10 फीट लंबा रॉकेट, चीन में बने चार मोर्टार और छह इम्प्रोवाइज्ड एक्सप्लोसिव डिवाइस शामिल हैं। पुलिस के मुताबिक यह कार्रवाई बुधवार को कांगवई सब-डिवीजन के पी जेलजांग गांव के आसपास जंगल में की गई। खुफिया जानकारी मिलने के बाद जिला पुलिस और सेना की संयुक्त टीम ने इलाके में तलाशी अभियान चलाया था। इसी दौरान जंगल में छिपाकर रखे गए हथियार और विस्फोटक मिले। पुलिस के मुताबिक तलाशी में चार 82 एमएम के मोर्टार मिले, जो चीन में बने हैं। इसके अलावा पांच चीनी ग्रेनेड, एक सीएमजी, एक पिस्टल और दो सिंगल बैरल राइफल भी बरामद की गईं। सुरक्षाबलों को अलग-अलग क्षमता के कुल 30 मोर्टार बम भी मिले। इनमें 82एमएम और 51 एमएम के बम शामिल हैं। इसके साथ ही 5.6एमएम के पांच कारतूस भी बरामद किए गए। इतनी बड़ी मात्रा में हथियार और विस्फोटक मिलने के बाद सुरक्षा एजेंसियों के लिए इनके स्रोत और इस्तेमाल की जांच में जुटी हैं।

धान कटाई सीजन में अब तक पंजाब में पराली जलाने की 5,517 घटनाएं दर्ज

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चंडीगढ़, एजेंसी। पंजाब में धान की कटाई के साथ ही पराली जलाने की घटनाएं एक बार फिर तेजी से बढ़ने लगी हैं। 11 नवंबर को राज्य में पराली जलाने के 515 नए मामले सामने आए। इससे पहले 10 नवंबर को 345 घटनाएं दर्ज की गई थीं यानी एक ही दिन में पराली जलाने के मामलों में 170 की बढ़ोतरी हुई। 15 सितंबर से शुरू हुए मौजूदा धान कटाई सीजन में अब तक पंजाब में पराली जलाने की कुल 5,517 घटनाएं दर्ज की जा चुकी हैं। पिछले साल के मुकाबले इस बार पंजाब में पराली जलाने की घटनाएं लगातार बढ़ी हैं। 11 नवंबर 2025 तक राज्य में 4,507 मामले दर्ज किए गए थे, जबकि इस साल इसी अवधि में यह आंकड़ा बढ़कर 5,517 हो गया है यानी पिछले साल की तुलना में इस बार 1,010 ज्यादा घटनाएं सामने आई हैं. जोकि बेहद चिंताजनक है। पराली जलाने के मामलों में पंजाब के पांच जिले सबसे आगे हैं। फिरोजपुर 728 घटनाओं के साथ पहले स्थान पर है। तरनतारन में 687, संगरूर में 628, बठिंडा में 499 और पटियाला में 374 मामले दर्ज किए गए हैं। इन पांच जिलों में ही राज्य में पराली जलाने की कुल घटनाओं का आधे से ज्यादा हिस्सा सामने आया है. ये जिले इस सीजन में पराली जलाने के प्रमुख हॉटस्पॉट बने हुए हैं।

सोलापुर हवाई अड्डे पर ट्रेनिंग विमान की हार्ड लैंडिंग, रनवे पर फंसा विमान, महिला पायलट सुरक्षित

सोलापुर, एजेंसी। महाराष्ट्र के सोलापुर हवाई अड्डे पर गुरुवार को एक बड़ा विमान हादसा होते-होते टल गया। पायलट प्रशिक्षण के लिए इस्तेमाल किए जा रहे एक छोटे विमान की रनवे पर अचानक हार्ड लैंडिंग हो गई। लैंडिंग इतनी जोरदार थी कि विमान असंतुलित होकर रनवे पर ही एक तरफ झुक गया और वहीं फंस गया। हालांकि, इस घटना में किसी के हताहत होने की खबर नहीं है। विमान उड़ा रही महिला प्रशिक्षु पायलट पूरी तरह सुरक्षित बताई जा रही है। प्राप्त जानकारी के अनुसार, रेडबर्ड एविएशन ट्रेनिंग अकादमी में पायलट का प्रशिक्षण ले रही एक महिला प्रशिक्षु गुरुवार को अपनी सोलो क्रॉस कंट्री उड़ान पर थी। यह एक लंबी दूरी की उड़ान थी, जिसमें प्रशिक्षु पायलट अकेले विमान उड़ाती है। इसी दौरान जब वह सोलापुर हवाई अड्डे पर विमान उतार रही थी, तभी अचानक विमान का संतुलन बिगड़ गया और उसकी जोरदार हार्ड लैंडिंग हुई। इसके बाद विमान रनवे पर ही एक खतरनाक स्थिति में फंस गया।

बीजेपी विधानसभा चुनाव में कई एमएलसी को मैदान में उतारने पर कर रही विचार

-पार्टी का केंद्रीय नेतृत्व यूपी में उम्मीदवारों के चयन का बदलने जा रहा पूरा खाका



नई दिल्ली , एजेंसी। 2027 में होने वाले यूपी विधानसभा चुनावों के लिए बीजेपी ने अपनी चुनावी रणनीति पर काम तेज कर दिया है। सूत्रों के मुताबिक बीजेपी का केंद्रीय नेतृत्व यूपी में अपने उम्मीदवारों के चयन का पूरा खाका बदलने जा रहा है। पार्टी इस बार अपने ज्यादातर विधान परिषद सदस्यों को सीधे 2027 के विधानसभा चुनाव के मैदान में उतारने पर विचार कर रही है। पार्टी के शीर्ष सूत्रों ने बताया कि बीजेपी आलाकमान ने अपने सभी एमएलसी को चुनाव की तैयारियों में जुटने और अपने-अपने प्रभाव वाले इलाकों में मजबूत जीत की संभावना वाली विधानसभा सीटों की पहचान शुरू करने का संदेश दे दिया है।

रिपोर्ट के मुताबिक इस संभावित फैसले से यूपी के कई बड़े मंत्रियों और सांगठनिक दिग्गजों की सीधी विधानसभा चुनाव में एंट्री होने जा रही है। जिन प्रमुख एमएलसी को चुनावी मैदान में उतारे जाने की चर्चा है, उनमें डिप्टी सीएम केशव प्रसाद मौर्य, कैबिनेट मंत्री एके शर्मा, जलशक्ति मंत्री एवं पूर्व प्रदेश अध्यक्ष स्वतंत्र देव सिंह, कैबिनेट मंत्री दारा सिंह चौहान और पूर्व बीजेपी प्रदेश अध्यक्ष भूपेंद्र सिंह चौधरी शामिल हैं।

पार्टी नेतृत्व का मानना है कि इन अनुभवी नेताओं को सीधे जनता के बीच चुनावी मैदान में उतारने से राज्य में पार्टी कार्यकर्ताओं और समर्थकों का उत्साह दोगुना होगा और उन क्षेत्रों में बीजेपी की स्थिति मजबूत होगी। बीजेपी का यह नया दांव केवल एमएलसी को मैदान में उतारने तक सीमित नहीं है, बल्कि इसके जरिए पार्टी अपने मौजूदा विधायकों पर बड़े पैमाने पर गाज गिराने की तैयारी में है। जनता और कार्यकर्ताओं की नाराजगी से निपटने के लिए बीजेपी 2027 में अपने कई मौजूदा विधायकों के टिकट काट सकती है। पार्टी आंतरिक सर्वे, क्षेत्रीय जातीय समीकरणों, जनप्रतिनिधि के रूप में प्रदर्शन और सांगठनिक फीडबैक के आधार पर ही अंतिम टिकट तय करेगी। एमएलसी को टिकट देने से जहां अनुभवी सांगठनिक नेताओं को सीधे विधानसभा में लाया जा सकेगा, वहीं कमजोर सीटों पर नए और मजबूत चेहरों को मौका देने की गुंजाइश भी बनेगी। यूपी बीजेपी की राजनीति और राष्ट्रीय राजनीति का सबसे अहम गढ़ है। 2027 के चुनाव से काफी पहले आलाकमान की तरफ से एमएलसी को तैयारी में जुटने के निर्देश देना यह साफ दर्शाता है कि बीजेपी इस बार किसी भी स्तर पर ढिलाई बरतने के मूड में नहीं है।

दिल्ली से गुजरात तक छठ पूजा की तैयारियां तेज, घाट पर किए खास इंतजाम

- अहमदाबाद में साबरमती नदी के किनारे पूजा में शामिल होंगे 25 हजार श्रद्धालु

नई दिल्ली , एजेंसी। छठ महापर्व को लेकर दिल्ली से गुजरात तक तैयारियां तेज हो गई हैं। दिल्ली में मुनक नहर के किनारे करीब 11 किलोमीटर लंबा छठ घाट बनाया गया है। वहीं, गुजरात के अहमदाबाद में साबरमती नदी के किनारे तैयारी की गई हैं। दिल्ली में छठ पूजा के लिए मुनक नहर के किनारे बने घाट पर खास इंतजाम किए गए हैं। यहां साफ-सफाई, रोशनी और सुरक्षा की व्यवस्था की गई है। घाट का उद्घाटन गुरुवार को किया जा रहा है। मीडिया रिपोर्ट के मुताबिक गुजरात के अहमदाबाद में भी छठ पूजा की तैयारियां पूरी कर ली गई हैं। छठ महापर्व आयोजन समिति के अध्यक्ष के मुताबिक इस बार शाम की पूजा में 25 हजार से ज्यादा श्रद्धालुओं के पहुंचने की उम्मीद है। पिछले 25 साल से अहमदाबाद में छठ पूजा का आयोजन किया जा रहा हैं। उन्होंने बताया कि साबरमती नदी के किनारे छठ पूजा के लिए खास जगह तय कराने में तत्कालीन सीएम नरेंद्र मोदी की पहल रही थी। इसके बाद आनंदीबेन पटेल ने इस घाट को मंजूरी दी और विजय रुपाणी सरकार के दौरान इसका उद्घाटन हुआ। अहमदाबाद में बिहार, झारखंड और पूर्वांचल के करीब 10 लाख लोग रहते हैं। इनमें से कई लोग छठ पूजा के लिए अपने घर नहीं जा पाते। ऐसे लोगों की सुविधा के लिए शहर में 10 से ज्यादा जगहों पर छठ पूजा के इंतजाम किए गए हैं। इस बार भी साबरमती रिवरफ्रंट पर बड़ी संख्या में श्रद्धालु सूर्य की उपासना करेंगे। दिल्ली की मुनक नहर से लेकर गुजरात के साबरमती तट तक छठ महापर्व की तैयारियां दिखाई दे रही हैं।

पीएम मोदी के बेंगलुरु और मैसूरु दौरे को लेकर सुरक्षा कड़ी, हजारों पुलिसकर्मी तैनात

- कई इलाके अस्थायी नो-फ्लाई जोन घोषित, ड्रोन और उड़ने वाली वस्तुएं रहेंगी बैन

बेंगलुरु , एजेंसी। पीएम नरेंद्र मोदी के शुक्रवार को प्रस्तावित कर्नाटक दौरे को देखते हुए बेंगलुरु और मैसूरु में सुरक्षा कड़ी कर दी गई है। एसपीजी की टीम भी पूरे सुरक्षा इंतजाम पर नजर रख रही है। पीएम के आने-जाने वाले रास्तों, कार्यक्रम स्थलों और आसपास के संवेदनशील इलाकों की गहन जांच की जा रही है। सुरक्षा व्यवस्था में तीन संयुक्त पुलिस आयुक्त, 15 पुलिस उपायुक्त, 20 सहायक पुलिस आयुक्त, 30 पुलिस निरीक्षक, 100 से ज्यादा उपनिरीक्षक और एक हजार से ज्यादा पुलिसकर्मी तैनात किए गए हैं। एसपीजी की टीम करीब 10 दिन पहले ही शहर पहुंच गई थी। मीडिया रिपोर्ट के मुताबिक पीएम मोदी के काफिले के गुजरने वाले मार्गों पर स्थित ऊंची इमारतों और संवेदनशील स्थानों पर अतिरिक्त सुरक्षाकर्मी तैनात किए गए हैं। आसपास के अपार्टमेंट की भी जांच की गई। पुलिस ने अपार्टमेंट प्रबंधन को निर्देश दिया है कि किसी भी नए या संदिग्ध व्यक्ति की गतिविधि की जानकारी तत्काल अधिकारियों को दें। इसके अलावा मार्गों पर लगे सीसीटीवी कैमरों की जांच कर उनकी कार्यक्षमता तय करें। सुरक्षा के मद्देनजर बेंगलुरु के पुलिस आयुक्त ने शुक्रवार सुबह 7 बजे से शाम 4 बजे तक तीन तय स्थानों के एक किलोमीटर के दायरे में अस्थायी नो-फ्लाई जोन घोषित किया है। इस दौरान ड्रोन और अन्य उड़ने वाली वस्तुओं पर प्रतिबंध रहेगा। पीएम मोदी अपने दौरे की शुरुआत आरए मंदुरकर अग्निशमन एवं आपातकालीन सेवा प्रशिक्षण केंद्र परिसर के हेलीपैड से करेंगे। इसके बाद वे तावरेकेरे मेट्रो स्टेशन का उद्घाटन करेंगे और भारतीय प्रबंधन संस्थान, बेंगलुरु के सभागार में आयोजित कार्यक्रम में हिस्सा लेंगे। इसके बाद पीएम मैसूरु पहुंचकर चामुंडी पहाड़ी की तलहटी में विकसित भारत वन का उद्घाटन करेंगे। यह वन नम्मा मैसूर, नम्मा कोडुगे पहल के तहत तैयार किया गया है। इसके अलावा वे भारत के पहले झुके हुए गुंबद वाले एलईडी तारामंडल का उद्घाटन करेंगे। भारतीय खगोल भौतिकी संस्थान और मैसूरु विश्वविद्यालय ने इसे 118 करोड़ रुपए की लागत से तैयार किया है। इसमें करीब 150 लोगों के बैठने की व्यवस्था है। कार्यक्रमों के बाद पीएम मोदी हवाई अड्डे से भारतीय वायुसेना के विमान से दिल्ली रवाना हो जाएंगे।

ओवैसी-आजाद ने बनाया सामाजिक परिवर्तन मोर्चा

यूपी चुनाव में सीएम का चेहरा होंगे चंद्रशेखर

लखनऊ , एजेंसी। उत्तर प्रदेश में अगले साल होने वाले विधानसभा चुनाव के लिए राजनीतिक सरगर्मियां तेज हो गई हैं। इसी कड़ी में, ऑल इंडिया मजलिस-ए-इत्तेहादुल मुस्लिलिमीन (एआईएमआईएम) के प्रमुख असदुद्दीन ओवैसी और आजाद समाज पार्टी (कांशीराम) के अध्यक्ष चंद्रशेखर आजाद ने हाथ मिला लिया है। दोनों दलों ने मिलकर सामाजिक परिवर्तन मोर्चा के नाम से चुनाव लड़ने का ऐलान किया है, जिसमें चंद्रशेखर आजाद को मुख्यमंत्री पद का उम्मीदवार बनाया गया है। यह गठबंधन राज्य की करीब 150 विधानसभा सीटों पर अपने उम्मीदवार उतारेगा।

जानकारी के अनुसार, ओवैसी और चंद्रशेखर आजाद के बीच लखनऊ में करीब ढाई घंटे तक गहन बैठक चली, जिसके बाद इस गठबंधन पर सहमति बनी। इस सीट बंटवारे के तहत, आजाद समाज पार्टी 100 सीटों पर चुनाव लड़ेगी, जबकि एआईएमआईएम 50 सीटों पर अपने प्रत्याशी उतारेगी। गठबंधन की औपचारिक घोषणा बृहस्पतिवार को लखनऊ में एक संयुक्त संवाददाता सम्मेलन में की जाएगी, जहां दोनों नेता इसकी विस्तृत जानकारी साझा करेंगे। इसके अलावा, 26 नवंबर को लखनऊ के रमाबाई अंबेडकर मैदान में होने वाली एक विशाल रैली में असदुद्दीन ओवैसी भी शामिल होंगे, जो गठबंधन की शक्ति प्रदर्शन का मंच होगा।

गठबंधन के उद्देश्यों पर प्रकाश डालते हुए, चंद्रशेखर आजाद ने कहा कि उनका मुख्य प्रयास युवाओं, किसानों तथा समाज के कमजोर और वंचित वर्गों को मजबूत करना है। उन्होंने जोर दिया कि गरीबों के अधिकारों का हनन रोकने के लिए जो भी आवश्यक होगा, वह किया जाएगा। उन्होंने पत्रकारों से बातचीत में कहा, जो भी है, आपके सामने आ जाएगा। दोनों नेताओं का मानना है कि यह गठबंधन प्रदेश में सामाजिक न्याय की नई राजनीति की शुरुआत करेगा। यह घटनाक्रम ऐसे समय में सामने आया है जब समाजवादी पार्टी और कांग्रेस जैसे बड़े दलों ने उत्तर प्रदेश में विपक्षी गठबंधन में एआईएमआईएम को शामिल करने के ओवैसी के प्रस्ताव में कोई खास दिलचस्पी नहीं दिखाई थी। ओवैसी ने इन पार्टियों को 2 अक्टूबर तक इस संबंध में फैसला लेने का समय दिया था, लेकिन उन्हें कोई सकारात्मक जवाब नहीं मिला था। अब ओवैसी और



चंद्रशेखर आजाद का साथ आना प्रदेश की राजनीति में एक संभावित तीसरे मोर्चे की पहल के रूप में देखा जा रहा है। इस नए गठबंधन की नजर विशेष रूप से राज्य के बड़े दलित और अल्पसंख्यक मतदाता वर्ग पर है, जो इसे चुनावी समीकरणों में महत्वपूर्ण बना सकता है। फिलहाल, गठबंधन में अन्य छोटे दलों के शामिल होने की संभावना को लेकर स्थिति अभी स्पष्ट नहीं है।

अजित पवार प्लेन क्रैश: एनसीपी के शक ने महाराष्ट्र में मचाई खलबली

मुंबई ,एजेंसी। नेशनलिस्ट कांग्रेस पार्टी (एनसीपी) के प्रदेश प्रवक्ता उमेश पाटिल ने महाराष्ट्र के पूर्व डिप्टी चीफ मिनिस्टर अजित पवार के प्लेन क्रैश को लेकर एक बड़ा बयान दिया है। पाटिल ने इस हादसे को कोई साधारण घटना नहीं, बल्कि एक सोची समझी साजिश करार दिया है। हालांकि, उन्होंने यह भी स्पष्ट किया कि उनके पास इस दावे को साबित करने वाला कोई पुख्ता सबूत फिलहाल मौजूद नहीं है। महाराष्ट्र के विभिन्न हलकों में इस क्रैश को लेकर लगातार सवाल उठ रहे हैं, और सरकारी जांच एजेंसियां मामले की गहनता से पड़ताल कर रही हैं। पाटिल ने अपनी गट फीलिंग के आधार पर कहा, मेरे हिसाब से अजित दादा के साथ जो हुआ, वह हादसा नहीं बल्कि साजिश थी। उन्होंने आगे बताया कि वे और पार्टी के कई सहयोगी पिछले 20 से 25 सालों से अजित पवार से जुड़े रहे हैं। अलग-अलग घटनाओं और परिस्थितियों को एक साथ जोड़ने पर उन्हें लगता है कि इसमें साजिश की पूरी संभावना है। पाटिल ने जोर देकर कहा कि प्लेन क्रैश के तकनीकी पहलुओं की पूरी जांच किए बिना किसी निष्कर्ष पर पहुंचना जल्दबाजी होगी। उन्होंने माना कि क्रैश की परिस्थितियों पर उनके भी कुछ सवाल हैं, लेकिन जांच काफी आगे बढ़ने के बाद ही कुछ और कहना सही होगा। यह घटना 28 जनवरी 2026 की है, जब अजित पवार मुंबई से बारामती के लिए रवाना हुए थे। वे जिले की जिला परिषद चुनाव की रैलियों को संबोधित करने वाले थे। वे दिल्ली की एक निजी चार्टर कंपनी वीएसआर वेंचर्स के बमबार्डियर लियरजेट 45 में सवार थे। विमान में अजित पवार समेत कुल पांच लोग यात्रा कर रहे थे। विमान ने सुबह करीब 8:10 बजे मुंबई के छत्रपति शिवाजी अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे से उड़ान भरी थी। बारामती एयरपोर्ट पर कम विजिबिलिटी के कारण पहली लैंडिंग की कोशिश असफल रही। दूसरी कोशिश के दौरान विमान रनवे थ्रेशोल्ड के पास दुर्घटनाग्रस्त हो गया और उसमें भीषण आग लग गई। इस दुखद हादसे में विमान में सवार सभी पांच लोगों की मौके पर ही मौत हो गई थी।

गुस्से में बोले अन्ना हजारे- मेरा भाजपा-आरएसएस से कोई लेना-देना नहीं

मुंबई , एजेंसी। कांग्रेस सांसद सोनिया गांधी की किताब बीलॉन्गिंग- ए जर्नी ऑफ लव में किए गए दावों को लेकर सामाजिक कार्यकर्ता अन्ना हजारे ने कड़ी नाराजगी जताई है। उन्होंने उन दावों का खंडन किया है जिनमें कहा गया है कि उनके इंडिया अगेंस्ट करप्शन आंदोलन को भाजपा और राष्ट्रीय स्वयंसेवक संघ का गुप्त समर्थन हासिल था। हजारे ने साफ किया है कि उनका इन दोनों संगठनों से कोई लेना-देना नहीं है और जिम्मेदार व्यक्ति को जिम्मेदारी के साथ बात करनी चाहिए।

सोनिया गांधी ने अपनी किताब में लिखा है, 2012 में महाराष्ट्र के एक जाने-माने कार्यकर्ता बाबूराव अन्ना हजारे इंडिया अगेंस्ट करप्शन नामक आंदोलन का मुख्य चेहरा बनकर उभरे थे। इस आंदोलन में हिस्सा लेने वाले कुछ प्रमुख लोगों ने बाद में कहा कि भाजपा और आरएसएस ने इस आंदोलन को पर्दे के पीछे से आयोजित किया था और समर्थन दिया था।

इन दावों पर अपनी प्रतिक्रिया देते हुए अन्ना हजारे ने कहा, यह गलत है। मेरा भाजपा या आरएसएस से कोई लेना-देना नहीं है। मैं उनके कार्यक्रमों में हिस्सा नहीं लेता। मेरा देश मेरी प्राथमिकता है। उन्होंने जोर देकर कहा कि वह जो कुछ भी करते हैं, समाज और देश की भलाई के लिए करते हैं और उनका किसी भी राजनीतिक दल से कोई संबंध नहीं है। उन्होंने सोनिया गांधी के इस दावे पर भी सवाल उठाए कि उनके आंदोलन की वजह से मनमोहन सिंह के नेतृत्व वाली सरकार 2014 के लोकसभा चुनाव हार गई थी। अन्ना ने कहा, न तो वह अन्ना हजारे से कभी मिली हैं और न ही मैंने अब तक उनसे मुलाकात की है। एक-दूसरे से मिले बिना ही कोई टिप्पणी कर देना, यह कहां तक उचित है? उन्होंने सलाह दी कि एक जिम्मेदार व्यक्ति को जिम्मेदारी से बोलना चाहिए और अस्पष्ट तरीके से बात करना ठीक नहीं है, क्योंकि इससे संबंधित व्यक्ति की छवि खराब होती है। उन्होंने तंज कसते हुए कहा, इंसान जैसे चश्मे पहनता है, दुनिया उसे उसी रंग की दिखाई देती है।

इस बीच, भाजपा ने भी सोनिया गांधी पर पलटवार करते हुए आरोप लगाए हैं कि उन्होंने प्रधानमंत्री पद छोड़कर सुपर प्रधानमंत्री बनने के लिए त्याग किया था। भाजपा प्रवक्ता सुधांशु त्रिवेदी ने कहा, क्या गजब का महात्याग था कि प्रधानमंत्री का पद छोड़कर वह सुपर पीएम बन गईं। उन्होंने सवाल उठाया कि दुनिया में त्याग का ऐसा उदाहरण कहीं नहीं मिलेगा, जहां प्रधानमंत्री पद छोड़कर कैबिनेट मंत्री का दर्जा स्वीकार किया गया हो। त्रिवेदी ने राष्ट्रीय सलाहकार परिषद (एनएसी) की अध्यक्ष पद का जिक्र करते हुए कहा कि यह कैबिनेट मंत्री का दर्जा और वह भी लाभ के पद के साथ था। उन्होंने आरोप लगाया कि विवाद उठने पर सोनिया गांधी को



इस्तीफा देना पड़ा और बाद में उनके नेतृत्व में मनमोहन सिंह सरकार ने नियम बदलकर एनएसी अध्यक्ष पद को लाभ के पद के दायरे से बाहर कर दिया। उधर, तेलंगाना कांग्रेस सोनिया गांधी की इसी किताब पर आधारित एक तेलुगु फिल्म बनाने की तैयारी में है।

कांग्रेस सांसद राहुल गांधी ने सेल्फ-गोल टैलेंट अपनी मां से विरासत में पाया

सोनिया गांधी की बायोग्राफी को लेकर बीजेपी नेता कंगना ने उठाए कई सवाल



नई दिल्ली, एजेंसी । अभिनेत्री और बीजेपी सांसद कंगना रनौत ने सोनिया गांधी की बायोग्राफी को लेकर कई सवाल उठाए हैं। सोनिया गांधी की बायोग्राफी को सेल्फ-गोल बताते हुए कंगना ने राहुल गांधी पर भी निशाना साधा और कहा कि उन्होंने अपना सेल्फ-गोल टैलेंट अपनी मां से विरासत में पाया है। कंगना ने इंस्टाग्राम स्टोरीज पर ये बातें लिखीं, जिनमें उन्होंने राजीव गांधी की मौत, मेनका गांधी के परिवार से अलग होने और सोनिया गांधी की नागरिकता को लेकर टिप्पणी की।

कंगना ने स्विस बैंक खातों को लेकर बिना सबूत के आरोप भी लगाए। पहली स्टोरी में कंगना ने लिखा, सोनिया गांधी की बायोग्राफी एक ऐसा सेल्फ-गोल है। वह बताती हैं कि राजीव गांधी की मौत वाले दिन थकान और सुस्ती जैसे कारणों का हवाला देते हुए वे उनके साथ जाने से कैसे बचीं। तो अब हमें पता चल गया कि राहुल गांधी को अपना सेल्फ-गोल टैलेंट कहां से मिला है। उन्हें यह अपनी मम्मी से मिला है। उन्होंने अगली स्टोरी में लिखा- राजीव सिर्फ एक शर्त पर सोनिया गांधी के पास वापस आने के लिए सहमत हुए। मेनका को जाना होगा। यह मेनका के लिए भी चौंकाने वाला था, खासकर इसलिए क्योंकि इसी समय, संजय की मौत के बाद, सोनिया गांधी ने भारत में 15 साल रहने के बाद भारतीय नागरिकता हासिल करने का फैसला किया।

कंगना ने जिक्र किया कि मेनका गांधी कहती हैं कि वह और इंदिरा गांधी दोनों एक तीसरे व्यक्ति की शिकार थीं। उन्होंने लिखा- वह तीसरा व्यक्ति कौन था? 22 साल की विधवा मेनका को बताया गया कि उन्हें जाना होगा और वह दूसरों के साथ एक ही टेबल पर बैठ भी नहीं सकतीं। सोनिया गांधी अपनी बायोग्राफी में बताती हैं कि ऐसा इसलिए था क्योंकि मेनका के विपक्ष में दोस्त थे। लेकिन हर कोई जानता है कि राजीव गांधी को राजनीति में दिलचस्पी भी नहीं थी और वह प्रधानमंत्री की भूमिका में जबरन लाए जाने के बारे में काफी खुले थे। तो मेनका को बाहर कौन चाहता था?

कंगना ने लिखा- अपने पूरे जीवन में एक भी पैसा कमाए बिना वह 1991 में दुनिया की सबसे अमीर महिला कैसे बन गईं? कथित तौर पर उनके नाम पर स्विस खातों में दो अरब डॉलर से ज्यादा रखे गए थे। वाह! परिवार के सभी लोगों की मौत के बाद कथित तौर पर गरीब, सहानुभूति मांगने वाली इतालवी विधवा अचानक अरबपति कैसे बन गईं? उनकी बायोग्राफी इसे स्पष्ट क्यों नहीं करती?

धनखड़ की तबीयत बिगड़ने पर महुआ बोलीं- मोदी सरकार रहते सुबह की सैर से बचें

नई दिल्ली, एजेंसी । पूर्व उपराष्ट्रपति और राज्यसभा के पूर्व सभापति जगदीप धनखड़ की तबीयत बिगड़ने पर तृणमूल कांग्रेस (टीएमसी) सांसद महुआ मोइत्रा ने उनके जल्द स्वस्थ होने की कामना की, लेकिन इस दौरान दिल्ली के प्रदूषण को लेकर केंद्र और दिल्ली सरकार पर सियासी तंज भी कस दिया। उन्होंने सलाह दी कि जब तक मोदी सरकार सत्ता में है, धनखड़ को सुबह की सैर से बचना चाहिए। दरअसल, 75 वर्षीय जगदीप धनखड़ बुधवार को सुबह की सैर के दौरान अचानक बेहोश हो गए थे। इसके बाद उन्हें दिल्ली के अखिल भारतीय आयुर्विज्ञान संस्थान (एम्स) में भर्ती कराया गया। सूत्रों के मुताबिक, उनका कार्डियो-न्यूरो सेंटर में इलाज चल रहा है। गुरुवार सुबह महुआ मोइत्रा ने सोशल मीडिया प्लेटफॉर्म एक्स पर धनखड़ की तबीयत से जुड़ी खबर पर प्रतिक्रिया देते हुए उनके शीघ्र स्वस्थ होने की कामना की।

एससी-एसटी आरक्षण बढ़ाने कर्नाटक सरकार ने सुप्रीम कोर्ट का दरवाजा खटखटाया

हाईकोर्ट के आरक्षण बढ़ाने वाले कानून को रद्द करने के फैसले को दी चुनौती

नई दिल्ली, एजेंसी । कर्नाटक में एससी-एसटी आरक्षण बढ़ाने के मामले में राज्य सरकार ने सुप्रीम कोर्ट का दरवाजा खटखटाया है। सरकार ने कर्नाटक हाईकोर्ट के उस फैसले को चुनौती दी है, जिसमें आरक्षण बढ़ाने वाले कानून को रद्द कर दिया गया था। सरकार चाहती है कि एससी और एसटी के लिए आरक्षण बढ़े और इसे संवैधानिक सुरक्षा मिले। साल 2022 में कर्नाटक की तत्कालीन बीजेपी सरकार ने कानून बनाकर अनुसूचित जाति (एससी) का आरक्षण 15फीसदी से बढ़ाकर 17फीसदी और एसटी आरक्षण 3फीसदी से बढाकर 7फीसदी कर दिया था। इस तरह राज्य में कुल आरक्षण 50 फीसदी से बढ़कर 56 फीसदी हो गया था। हालांकि, 12 अक्टूबर को कर्नाटक हाईकोर्ट ने इस कानून को असंवैधानिक बताते हुए रद्द कर दिया था।

मीडिया रिपोर्ट के मुताबिक कोर्ट ने कहा कि आरक्षण की सीमा 50फीसदी से ज्यादा नहीं होनी चाहिए। इसके लिए 1992 में इंदिरा साहनी मामले में सुप्रीम कोर्ट के फैसले का हवाला दिया गया। साथ ही कानून बनाने से पहले राष्ट्रीय एससी और एसटी आयोगों से सलाह नहीं लेने को भी प्रक्रिया में कमी माना गया। कर्नाटक के मंत्री जी परमेश्वर ने कहा कि सरकार बढ़े हुए आरक्षण को बचाने के लिए कानूनी लड़ाई लड़ेगी। इसके साथ ही केंद्र सरकार के सामने भी यह मामला उठाया जाएगा। राज्य सरकार ने फरवरी 2026 में 56,432 खाली पदों को भरने की मंजूरी दी थी। इसमें बढ़े हुए आरक्षण के तहत एससी-एसटी के लिए तय अतिरिक्त 6फीसदी पदों को कोर्ट का अंतिम फैसला आने तक बैकलॉग श्रेणी में सुरक्षित रखा गया है। इससे पहले 18 दिसंबर 2025 को कर्नाटक विधानसभा ने प्रस्ताव पारित कर केंद्र से 56फीसदी आरक्षण को संविधान की 9वीं अनुसूची में शामिल करने की मांग की थी। सरकार ने इसके लिए तमिलनाडु में लागू 69फीसदी आरक्षण का उदाहरण दिया था। कर्नाटक की कांग्रेस सरकार ने आरोप लगाया कि तत्कालीन बीजेपी सरकार ने 2022-23 में चुनाव से पहले आरक्षण बढ़ाने का कानून तो बना दिया लेकिन इसे संवैधानिक सुरक्षा दिलाने के लिए कोई जरूरी कदम नहीं उठाया। वहीं, केंद्र सरकार ने जुलाई 2026 में संसद को बताया था कि मामला हाईकोर्ट में विचाराधीन होने के कारण 56फीसदी आरक्षण को नौंवी अनुसूची में शामिल करने का प्रस्ताव फिलहाल रोका गया है।

BRIFF NEWS

India makes gains against TB, deaths down 38% since 2015: Centre



New Delhi, Agency: India's estimated TB deaths declined by 38% between 2015 and 2025, while the mortality rate fell from 28 to 18 per lakh population, according to the Union health ministry. The World Health Organization's Global Tuberculosis Report 2026 says India achieved the first 35% mortality-reduction milestone under its End TB Strategy in 2025, five years after the original 2020 deadline.The ministry also reported a 94% treatment success rate among patients with drug-susceptible TB, attributing the progress to intensified case-finding, rapid molecular diagnostics, AI-enabled portable chest X-rays, timely treatment and nutritional support.

Drug-resistant TB remains a challenge, with only 42% of the estimated 3.7 lakh global rifampicin-resistant TB cases in 2025 enrolled on treatment. India and four other high-burden countries account for around 60% of the global treatment gap.

The government's intensified screening campaign has meanwhile detected nearly 15 lakh people with TB who had no apparent symptoms. Between December 7, 2024, and November 8, 2026, the TB Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan covered more than 25 crore people, with over 11 crore chest X-rays and 3 crore molecular tests conducted. The campaign detected 48.64 lakh TB cases, including 14.97 lakh asymptomatic cases, according to ministry data released on Thursday.

Rs 81 lakh property of PoK terror handler seized in J&K's Rajouri



New Delhi, Agency: Jammu and Kashmir Police has attached immovable property worth Rs 81 lakh belonging to a Pakistan-occupied Jammu and Kashmir (PoJK)-based terror handler in Rajouri district, officials told news agency Media on Friday.

The attachment was carried out by Rajouri Police on Thursday under Sections 87 and 88 of the CrPC and Sections 2 and 3 of the EIMCO Act.

The property belongs to Mohd Arshad, a resident of Khablan Thanamandi, and comprises 2 Kanals and 14 Marlas of land spread across Khasra numbers 125, 128 and 160 in the village. The action comes amid an intensified crackdown on terror networks in the region. As part of the drive this year, Jammu and Kashmir Police has attached properties worth crores of rupees belonging to 10 PoK-based terror handlers, aiming to dismantle the support network of terrorism and take action against those involved in anti-national activities.

In a separate operation, Baramulla Police and security forces arrested a man and recovered two hand grenades from the Baderkoot forest area of Tangmarg, police said on Thursday.

75 PG admissions stuck across 72 institutes; MCC reopens portal for a day

New Delhi, Agency: Seventy-five postgraduate medical candidates allotted seats across 72 institutes are facing uncertainty over their admissions after the institutions failed to complete mandatory reporting on the Medical Counselling Committee (MCC) portal, prompting the regulator to reopen the Round 1 reporting window for one final day.

In a notice issued on Thursday, MCC said the institutes had failed to complete admission reporting despite repeated emails and phone calls. It warned that any admission not submitted on the portal by the college authorities would be treated as "Null & Void". Candidates whose admissions remain unreported will be considered "Not Reported", and their seats will automatically become available for allotment in the next counselling round.

Explaining the reasons behind the pendency, a senior health ministry official said the problem was a combination of errors in document uploads by candidates and delays in verification by institutes. Some candidates had uploaded



unclear or illegible certificates, which were returned for correction, but the revised documents were not uploaded. Several institutes, meanwhile, failed to complete verification or resolve discrepancies in time.

"Smaller DNB institutes, which often lack dedicated administrative staff, have faced particular difficulty with the online process. Document-upload errors by candidates and incomplete verification by institutes have left around 72 institutions affected out of a total of 1,600-1,700. We have given them a final one-day window to complete the process and expect the pending cases to be resolved by tomorrow, allowing candidates to be accommodated and Round 2 counselling to proceed," official said.

The official said that while medical colleges participating in MBBS counselling were familiar with online processes, several smaller DNB institutions lacked a structured administrative setup. In some cases, doctors involved in patient care were also handling document verification, while the work was assigned to clerical or data-entry staff.

As a one-time measure, MCC will reopen the Round 1 reporting portal on November 13 from 9.30 am to 11 pm. Institutes that have not reported candidates have been directed to complete the admission process within the stipulated window. Candidates have also been asked to ensure that their online admission letters have been generated by the respective institutes.

Indians top again: 9.3L get OECD citizenships in 5 years

New Delhi, Agency: Indians continue to top the list of people acquiring citizenship in advanced economies, with around 9.25 lakh Indian citizens acquiring the nationality of an OECD member country between 2020 and 2024, according to the 'International Migration Outlook - 2026' report released on Thursday by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), reports Lubna Kably. The figure marks a sharp increase of 41% from just over 6.5 lakh Indians who acquired citizenship of OECD member countries during 2015-2019. India remains the largest country of former



nationality among those acquiring citizenship in OECD member countries, ahead of Syria and Mexico.

India remains ahead of Syria and Mexico. whose nationals accounted for around 5.9 lakh citizenships in OECD countries each during the five-year period 2020-2024.

Interestingly, while China was the sixth largest source country whose nationals acquired OECD member country citizenship, the numbers fell by nearly 12% to 3.4 lakh in 2020-24 as compared to the previous five-year period. OECD comprises 38 member countries - notably US, UK, European nations, Australia, Canada, Japan and South Korea.

According to additional data shared with Media, during 2020-2024, OECD member countries embraced nearly 87 lakh new citizens - Indians constitute around 10% of its new citizens. In the previous five-year period, nearly 65 lakh individuals acquired citizenship of an OECD member country - once again the composition of Indians was 10%.

OECD also shared year-on-year India-specific data with Media, showing that 2.3 lakh Indians acquired citizenship of OECD member countries in 2024, mainly in Canada (87,320), US (48,820) and Australia (28,969). In 2023, the overall India-figure was marginally lower at nearly 2.2 lakh, with the same three countries accounting for most of the citizenship acquisitions.

Rs 10 lakh fine slapped on Ola for 'tip to ride' nudge

New Delhi, Agency: Central consumer protection authority (CCPA) has imposed a penalty of Rs 10 lakh on Media Technologies, which operates ride-hailing platform Ola, for misleading consumers into paying an additional fare to improve their chances of getting a faster ride.



It has also directed the platform to immediately discontinue display of all prompts, messages, interface designs, pre-set amounts, or any other dark pattern elements that "solicit, nudge, coerce or psychologically pressure consumers into paying any amount, whether described as a tip, add-on, additional fare or by any other name, over and above the upfront fare displayed at the time of booking, prior to the completion of the journey".

The action follows a similar order and Rs 10 lakh penalty in Sep against ride-hailing platform Rapido for a similar violation. CCPA had also ordered Rapido to discontinue this practice.

Government confident of holding polls in violence-hit Manipur on time

New Delhi, Agency: Amid continuing incidents of violence in ethnic-strife-hit Manipur, govt sources Thursday expressed confidence that the assembly polls in the state will be held on schedule.

The term of the Manipur assembly ends on March 13 next year, and the state is due to go to the polls alongside Goa, Punjab, Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh.

However, a long phase of ethnic violence, which has subsided but continues to persist sporadically, has left political circles wondering if the Manipur polls will be held on time. "It will be held on time," a source said when asked.

EC, which has been making preparations, put Manipur's electorate at 19.94 lakh in its draft rolls, signalling an expansion of



the voter base by nearly 2% before assembly elections expected by March. The draft rolls, prepared after a special summary revision (SSR), added 33,737 electors to the rolls published following Special Intensive Revision (SIR) in Sept.

The 60 assembly constituencies of the state registered a rise in voter numbers, with women outnumbering men by 55,437. Saikot recorded the highest gain of more than 2,600 electors.

Start a cab rental firm with 5 cars Govt proposes major rule overhaul

New Delhi, Agency: From next Jan, smaller entrepreneurs, local firms and start-ups would be able to get licences under "Rent a Cab" scheme, as govt has proposed reducing the minimum fleet requirement for such operators to five vehicles from 50, with at least two cabs per place of location.

The requirement for branches in five tourist cities is being removed, further lowering entry barriers for smaller entrepreneurs, local rental companies and start-ups. The draft Rent-a-Cab Scheme, 2026, also explicitly extends its coverage to vehicles rented with or without drivers, which will widen consumer choice. This means a person who hires a cab from a licenced operator for personal use can either drive it themselves or avail the



service of a driver provided by the operator.

The proposed scheme, which will replace the 1989 framework, introduces sweeping changes to licencing, safety, insurance and operational requirements.

Operators will be able to obtain a single electronic licence, valid across the state or Union territory, for a uniform fee of Rs 25,000, replacing separate main and branch licences. Approved operating locations can include airports, railway stations and bus terminals.

The ministry has proposed a 60-day timeline for grant and renewal of licences, which will remain valid for five years. Applications for adding or removing vehicles or operating locations will be deemed approved if authorities do not complete the process within 30 days. Electronic Vahan registers and automatic retrieval of vehicle data are also expected to reduce paperwork.

The draft introduces a nine-year age limit for vehicles and mandates valid registration, fitness and pollution certificates, payment of motor vehicle taxes and comprehensive insurance covering occupants as per the vehicle's passenger capacity.

Urine biomarker may offer new way to flag cancer risk in India, study suggests

New Delhi, Agency: With an estimated 15.6 lakh new cancer cases and 8.7 lakh deaths in India in 2024, a new study points to a possible way of identifying people at higher risk of developing cancer even before symptoms appear: a urine biomarker.

The research, published in Cancer Epidemiology, Biomarkers & Prevention last week, found that the profile of certain molecules in urine could help predict the risk of developing multiple cancers over five years.

The study followed healthy adults enrolled in the Lifelines population cohort in the Netherlands. Researchers analysed 24-hour urine samples from all 827 participants who developed cancer within five years and a random sample of 4,609 who did not. The results were scaled to estimate risk across a cohort of 1,24,436 adults.

Researchers from Lund University, the University of Liverpool, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and Elypta measured three chondroitin sulphate disaccharides in urine using mass spectrometry. They combined these measurements into a GAGome score and assessed its predictive value both independently and alongside 13



established risk factors.

The five-year risk of developing cancer was 0.18% in the low-risk group, 2.3% in the intermediate-risk group, 7.6% in the high-risk group and 32% in the very-high-risk group. A one standard deviation increase in the score was associated with a 66% higher risk of cancer, even after accounting for established risk factors.

The researchers estimated that screening people classified as high risk could identify 54% of cancers, including 54% of in-situ carcinomas, with a 17% false-positive rate.

"The association was independent of established risk factors and consistent across cancer stages, which makes this dynamic biological marker worth testing prospectively," said John Field, professor of molecular oncology at the University of Liverpool and a co-author of the study.

"Urinary GAG profiling offers a promising, non-invasive approach to identifying people at increased risk of multiple cancers. However, findings from the Dutch population cannot be directly extrapolated to India because of differences in genetic backgrounds, risk factors and cancer patterns. Large, multicentric studies in Indian populations are needed to establish its accuracy and cost-effectiveness. The test should be considered for wider screening only if it demonstrates improved early diagnosis and reduced cancer mortality," said Dr Abhishek Shankar, associate professor of radiation oncology at AIIMS.

The findings could pave the way for more personalised cancer risk assessment, but the urine biomarker is not a diagnostic test.

2 SPOs killed in J&K's Kishtwar, service rifles missing

Srinagar, Agency: Bullet-riddled bodies of two special police officers (SPOs) were found in the remote forests of J&K's Kishtwar district Thursday, with their service rifles missing, triggering a search for the attackers and renewed concerns over a possible revival of terrorism in Chenab valley.



Rashpal Kumar, 45, and Bobby Chand, 57, both residents of Kiyar Dachhan and posted with SOG Kiyar sector, had gone missing on Nov 10 while travelling to an Army post at Dharna-Marwah for rotation duty. A search was launched after they failed to reach the post. Their mobile phones were initially reachable but later switched off.

One SPO had a bullet wound to his head and the other to his back. Their bodies were shifted for autopsy. Their INSAS and .303 rifles were missing.

Sources said it was too early to link the killings to terrorism. However, Hizbul Mujahideen commander Jahangir Saroori, believed to be the longest-surviving terrorist in Chenab valley, was suspected to have been hiding in the area for decades. Mudassar, Riaj and south Kashmir terrorist Latif Bhat were also trying to revive terrorism in the region, the sources added.

The killings came as security forces intensified searches in south Kashmir's Kulgam after a terrorist fired at a CRPF checkpoint around 70km south of Srinagar Wednesday, wounding three personnel. A CRPF officer said the attack appeared to have been carried out by a lone gunman using a high-calibre weapon, possibly an AK-47, before escaping. The wounded men were out of danger. Political parties condemned both the Kulgam attack and the Kishtwar killings. J&K leader of opposition Sunil Sharma alleged terrorists had kidnapped the SPOs while they were travelling through the dense forest.

Why India Celebrates Children's Day on November 14



Every year on November 14, schools, educational institutions and communities across India celebrate Children's Day, popularly known as Bal Diwas. The occasion is dedicated to children, their happiness, education, rights and overall development. However, the date has a special historical connection with India's first Prime Minister, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, whose birthday is observed as Children's Day in the country. His affection for children and his belief in their potential made November 14 an important occasion in India's social and educational calendar.

Jawaharlal Nehru was born on November 14, 1889, in Allahabad, now known as Prayagraj. Apart from being a prominent leader of the freedom movement and the first Prime Minister of independent India, Nehru was widely known for his fondness for children. He believed that young minds represented the hopes and possibilities of a newly independent nation. Children often met him during public programmes and celebrations, and his warm interactions with them earned him the affectionate name Chacha Nehru.

Nehru believed that children should receive opportunities to grow in an environment filled with education, freedom, creativity and security. He understood that the future of India would depend considerably on how its younger generations were educated and nurtured. His vision was particularly significant in a country struggling with poverty, illiteracy and inadequate educational infrastructure after Independence.

The history of Children's Day in India also has an international connection. World Children's Day is observed on November 20, a date associated with important United Nations declarations concerning children's rights. Before India adopted November 14 as its National Children's Day, November 20 was associated with the international observance.

Following Nehru's death on May 27, 1964, his birth anniversary was chosen as the day to celebrate children in India and honour his affection for them.

Today, Children's Day is celebrated with enthusiasm in educational institutions throughout the country. Schools organise cultural performances, storytelling sessions, sports competitions, art activities and special programmes. Teachers often participate in performances and arrange activities to make students feel appreciated.

However, the significance of Bal Diwas goes far beyond celebrations and entertainment. It reminds society that every child deserves quality education, proper nutrition, healthcare, protection and equal opportunities. Millions of children still face challenges such as poverty, child labour, discrimination and limited access to education.

November 14 should therefore be an occasion to reflect on the responsibilities of families, educational institutions and governments towards children. Remembering Chacha Nehru becomes meaningful when his belief in the importance of childhood is translated into action. The true spirit of Children's Day lies in creating an India where every child can learn, dream, play and build a better future without fear or discrimination.

Chacha Nehru's Dream: Building a Nation Through the Power of Children

The development of a nation depends not only on its economic resources, political institutions and technological achievements but also on the opportunities it provides to its younger generations. Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, India's first Prime Minister, strongly believed in this principle. His affection for children was widely recognised, earning him the affectionate title Chacha Nehru. For him, children represented the hopes, dreams and possibilities of a newly independent India.

When India gained Independence in 1947, the country faced enormous challenges. Poverty, illiteracy, inadequate healthcare and limited educational facilities affected large sections of society. Nehru understood that political freedom alone could not transform the country. Building a progressive nation required investment in education, scientific thinking, healthcare and opportunities for young people.

Education occupied an important position in his vision. He believed that children should not merely acquire information from textbooks but should also develop curiosity, independent thinking and the ability to question established ideas. According to his approach, education was essential for developing responsible citizens who could participate in the country's democratic and social progress.

During his leadership, considerable attention was given to developing institutions for higher education, scientific



research and technical learning. The establishment and expansion of institutions such as the Indian Institutes of Technology reflected the ambition to build a scientifically capable nation. The development of the All India Institute of Medical Sciences also represented an important step towards strengthening medical education and healthcare.

Nehru's vision for children, however, was not restricted to academic achievement. He believed that childhood should include opportunities for sports, literature, music, cultural activities and creative expression. He wanted children to grow into confident individuals who could appreciate different cultures and contribute positively to society. His interactions with schoolchildren often reflected this friendly and encouraging attitude.

His affection for children also had a symbolic importance. In a country divided by economic inequality, caste discrimination and social differences, he wanted young generations to develop a sense of unity and national belonging. He believed that children should grow beyond narrow divisions and learn the values of cooperation, tolerance and scientific temper.

More than six decades after his death, many aspects of Nehru's vision remain relevant. India has made significant progress in expanding educational access, developing universities and introducing digital learning opportunities. Yet, challenges such as unequal educational facilities, school dropouts, poverty and inadequate infrastructure continue to affect many children.

Children's Day offers an opportunity to revisit the ideas that shaped Nehru's understanding of childhood. His legacy should not be limited to remembering his birthday or affectionately calling him Chacha Nehru. It should inspire society to invest in education, encourage creativity and provide equal opportunities to every child.

A developed India cannot be built without developing the abilities of its youngest citizens. The most meaningful tribute to Nehru's dream would be a country where every child receives the freedom, resources and encouragement needed to realise their potential.

Beyond Gifts and Celebrations

Understanding Children's Rights and Responsibilities

Every year, November 14 brings happiness and excitement to schools across India. Children participate in cultural programmes, games, competitions and special activities organised to celebrate Children's Day. Teachers distribute sweets and gifts, while students enjoy a break from their regular classroom routines. However, beyond these cheerful celebrations lies a larger social responsibility: ensuring that every child receives the rights, protection and opportunities necessary for a healthy and secure childhood.



Childhood is one of the most important stages of human development. During these formative years, children develop their physical abilities, emotional understanding, social behaviour and intellectual skills. Their surroundings, educational experiences and relationships with family members play an important role in shaping their personalities. Therefore, providing children with food and shelter alone is not sufficient.

They also need education, healthcare, emotional support, safety and freedom from exploitation.

India has introduced several laws and programmes to protect children's interests. The Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009, guarantees free and compulsory elementary education to children between six and fourteen years of age. The Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012, provides legal protection against sexual abuse and exploitation. Laws prohibiting child labour and child marriage also aim to safeguard children from harmful practices.

Despite these measures, many children continue to face difficult circumstances. Poverty remains one of the major reasons behind educational inequality. Some children are forced to work to support their families, while others struggle to access schools because of distance, inadequate infrastructure or financial difficulties.

In certain communities, girls continue to face discrimination and unequal opportunities. Children with disabilities may also experience exclusion because of inaccessible educational facilities and insufficient support.

Another important issue is the emotional well-being of children. Academic competition, family expectations, social pressure and fear of failure can create considerable stress. Children are sometimes judged according to examination marks rather than their individual abilities and interests. Such expectations can affect confidence and discourage them from expressing their feelings.

Parents and teachers have an important responsibility in addressing these challenges. Families should provide an atmosphere where children feel comfortable discussing their problems.

Schools should encourage participation, creativity, sports and independent thinking instead of focusing exclusively on academic performance. Communities must also remain alert to exploitation, abuse and discrimination.

Children's Day should serve as a reminder that children are individuals with their own rights, opinions, emotions and aspirations. They deserve to be heard, respected and protected. Their responsibilities should also be taught according to their age, encouraging values such as honesty, kindness, discipline, cooperation and respect for others.



Childhood in the Digital Age

Growing Up Between Screens Studies and Social Media

Childhood in India has undergone a remarkable transformation over the past two decades. Earlier generations often spent their free time playing outdoor games, reading storybooks, visiting friends and exploring their neighbourhoods. Today, smartphones, tablets, computers and social media have become familiar parts of children's everyday lives. Technology has introduced new opportunities for learning and creativity, but it has also raised important questions about how digital exposure is changing childhood.

The growing availability of internet services and digital devices has transformed the way children acquire knowledge. Educational applications, online libraries, interactive videos and virtual classrooms allow students to explore subjects beyond their textbooks. A child living in a small town can access science demonstrations, learn a foreign language or attend online educational sessions conducted by experienced teachers. Such opportunities have expanded the possibilities of learning beyond traditional classroom boundaries.

Digital technology has also encouraged creativity among young people. Children can explore photography, animation, music production, coding and digital art through easily accessible platforms. These activities can help them identify their interests and develop skills that may become useful in their future careers. When used responsibly, technology can become an effective tool for education and self-expression.

However, the increasing dependence on screens has created several challenges. Spending excessive time on mobile phones and computers can reduce opportunities for physical activity, outdoor games and face-to-face interaction. Long periods of screen exposure, particularly during evening hours, may also interfere with healthy sleep routines. Children who spend much of their free time indoors may miss opportunities to develop social skills through direct interaction with friends.

Social media has introduced another dimension to modern childhood. Children are increasingly exposed to online comparisons, unrealistic lifestyle images, beauty standards and the pressure to gain likes and followers. Cyberbullying and inappropriate online content can also affect their emotional well-being. Many young users do not fully understand the importance of protecting personal information or recognising potentially harmful online interactions.

Parents and teachers therefore need to develop a balanced approach towards technology. Completely restricting digital devices may not be practical in an increasingly connected world. Instead, children should be taught responsible internet use, digital privacy and online safety. Families can establish age-appropriate screen-time limits and encourage activities such as reading, sports, music and outdoor play.

Schools also have an important role in developing digital literacy. Students should learn how to identify reliable information, distinguish facts from misleading content and use technology for productive purposes. At the same time, educational institutions must ensure that digital learning does not completely replace traditional classroom interaction and practical experiences.

On Children's Day, the changing nature of childhood deserves attention. Every generation grows up in a different environment, but children's basic needs remain unchanged. They require love, security, friendship, physical activity and opportunities to discover their abilities.

The challenge before modern society is not to separate children from technology but to teach them how to use it wisely. Digital progress should make childhood more meaningful, not deprive chil-

