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Crews rescue 28 people trapped upside down high on Oregon amusement park ride in US

PORTLAND. Emergency crews in Oregon rescued 28 people Friday after they were stuck for about half an hour dangling upside down high on a ride at a century-old amusement park.

Portland Fire and Rescue said on the social platform X that firefighters worked with engineers at Oaks Park to manually lower the ride, but crews had been preparing to conduct a high-angle ropes rescue if necessary. All riders were being evacuated and medically evaluated, and there were no reports of injuries. One rider with a pre-existing medical condition was taken to a hospital for further evaluation as a precaution, Oaks Amusement Park said in a statement posted on social media. Medics released all other passengers. The ride, called AtmosFEAR, operates like a pendulum, with the capacity to swing riders completely upside down.

Chris Ryan and his wife, from nearby Gresham, were at the park for his birthday. He told The Associated Press in a Facebook post that they had just been planning to ride AtmosFEAR when they saw it was stuck and heard people saying, "Oh my God, they are upside down."

They decided to walk away because of "how scary the situation was," he said. They eventually got on the Ferris wheel and heard a loudspeaker announcement that the park was closed and that people should evacuate.

When the ride stopped, park staff immediately called 911 and emergency responders arrived about 25 minutes later, the park statement said. Park maintenance workers were able to return the ride to its unloading position minutes after first responders arrived. Portland Fire said about 30 people were on board. The amusement park statement said there were 28 riders. The ride has been in operation since 2021 and has not had any prior incidents, the park said. It will remain closed until further notice. The park said it would work with the ride's manufacturer and state inspectors to determine the cause of the stoppage. "We wish to express our deepest appreciation to the first responders and our staff for taking prompt action, leading to a positive outcome today, and to the rest of the park guests who swiftly followed directions to vacate the park to make way for the emergency responders to attend to the situation," it said.

Oaks Park first opened in 1905. Its website says it offers a "uniquely Portland blend of modern thrills and turn-of-the-century charm on a midway that has delighted generations of Northwesters."

World leaders join Ukraine summit in test of Kyiv's diplomatic clout

LUCERNE. World leaders gather in Switzerland on Saturday for a summit aimed at pressuring Russia to end its war in Ukraine, but the absence of powerful allies of Moscow such as China will blunt its potential impact. Dozens of allies of Ukraine will take part in the summit, but China is staying away after Russia was frozen out of proceedings on the grounds it had dismissed the event as a waste of time and had no interest in attending. Without China, hopes of isolating Moscow have faded, while recent military reverses have put Kyiv on the back foot. The war in Gaza between Israel and Hamas has also diverted attention from Ukraine.

The talks are expected to focus on broader concerns triggered by the war, such as food and nuclear security and freedom of navigation, and a draft of the final declaration identifies Russia as the aggressor in the conflict, sources said. "The summit risks showing the limits of Ukrainian diplomacy," said Richard Gowan, UN Director at the International Crisis Group. "Nonetheless, it is also a chance for Ukraine to remind the world that it is defending the principles of the UN Charter." Russian President Vladimir Putin said on Friday Russia would end the war in Ukraine only if Kyiv agreed to drop its NATO ambitions and hand over the entirety of four provinces claimed by Moscow - demands Kyiv swiftly rejected as tantamount to surrender.

Putin's conditions apparently reflected Moscow's growing confidence that its forces have the upper hand in the war. Moscow casts what it calls its special military operation in Ukraine as part of a broader struggle with the West, which it says wants to bring Russia to its knees. Kyiv and the West reject this and accuse Russia of waging an illegal war of conquest.

Switzerland, which took on the summit at the behest of Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, wants to pave the way for a future peace process that includes Russia. But geopolitical splits over the deadliest European conflict since World War Two have dogged the event, and Zelenskyy has even accused Beijing of helping Moscow undermine the gathering, an accusation China's foreign ministry denied.

Dutch roll' during Southwest Airlines flight causes structural damage to plane

world. A Southwest Airlines Boeing 737 Max experienced a "Dutch roll" during a flight from Phoenix to Oakland, California, on May 25, causing damage to the plane's structure, according to the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB). The incident occurred while the aircraft was cruising at an altitude of 34,000 feet but the airlines did not report the roll or the damage to the NTSB until June 7. "Following the event, SWA performed maintenance on the airplane and discovered damage to structural components," the safety board said. The extent and severity of the damage are not yet clear but a Southwest spokesperson confirmed the airline's participation in the investigation. What is a Dutch roll? A Dutch roll is an aerodynamic phenomenon characterised by a combination of yaw and rolling motions, causing the plane to sway rhythmically. Pilots are trained to recover from Dutch rolls, and modern aircraft are equipped with yaw dampers to correct the condition by adjusting the rudder.

What structural damage did it cause to the plane? According to a preliminary report by the Federal Aviation Administration, damage was found in a unit that controls backup power to the rudder after the Southwest plane landed. The damage was described as "substantial." The NTSB has downloaded data from the Boeing 737 Max 8 to help determine the duration and severity of the incident.

South Africa's Cyril Ramaphosa re-elected as President after alliance deal

The African National Congress lost its majority for the first time in an election on May 29 and spent two weeks in talks with other parties that went down to the wire on Friday morning as the new parliament was convening in Cape Town.

Cape Town,UPDATED. The African National Congress and its largest rival, the white-led, pro-business Democratic Alliance, agreed on Friday to work together in South Africa's new government of national unity, a step change after 30 years of ANC rule. Once unthinkable, the accord allowed President Cyril Ramaphosa to win a second term in office. He was re-elected

by lawmakers with 283 votes. The deal between two sharply antagonistic parties is the most momentous political shift in South Africa since Nelson Mandela led the ANC to victory in the 1994 election that marked the end of apartheid. It will once again be a privilege and pleasure to serve this great nation ... (as) president," the 71-year-old leader said in a speech to parliament, describing the coming government as an era of hope and inclusivity. "That a number of parties that had opposed each other... have decided to work together to deliver this result has given a new birth, a new era to our country," he said. The ANC lost its majority for the first time in an election on May 29 and spent two weeks in talks with other parties that went down to the wire on Friday morning as the new parliament was convening in Cape Town. "Today is a historic day for our country," DA leader John Steenhuisen said. "And I think it is the start of a new chapter ... of us putting our country, ... its interests and its future first." The National Assembly had earlier elected a DA



lawmaker as deputy speaker, after choosing an ANC politician as speaker - the first concrete instance of power sharing between the two parties. Long seen as unbeatable in national elections, the ANC lost support in recent years as voters wearied of persistently high levels of poverty, inequality and crime, rolling power cuts and corruption in party ranks. The DA's entry into national government is a watershed moment for a country still processing the legacy of the racist colonial and apartheid regimes. The party wants to scrap some of the ANC's Black empowerment programmes, saying they have not worked and have

mostly benefited a politically-connected elite. It says good governance and a strong economy would benefit all South Africans. For that reason, some ANC politicians have expressed hostility to the presence of the DA in the government. The hard-left Economic Freedom Fighters, which captured nearly 10% of the vote, meanwhile accused it of representing the interests of the privileged white minority - a charge the DA strongly disputes. "We do not agree to this marriage of convenience to consolidate the white monopoly power over the economy and the means of production," EFF leader Julius Malema said in a speech in parliament after Ramaphosa's election. "We refuse to sell out." Others took a less dismal view of the new racial dynamics. "The ANC was also failing. They need a partner so they can rise again. DA is mostly white people so if they came together we can have more power and maybe a lot can change, even jobs could be created," Bongani Msibi, 38, a street vendor in Soweto.

Family of 6, including 3 children, shot dead at home in south Mexico

This incident is a latest in a string of mass killings in Mexico. Two warring militia groups, likely backed by drug cartels, are battling for control of the town. Chiapas and Guanajuato, both hit by bloody gang turf battles, border Guatemala.



A family of six, including three children, were killed Friday by gunmen in the southern Mexico border state of Chiapas in a town marred by militia violence. Julio Pérez, the mayor of the Chiapas town of Pantelho, said the killings happened there Friday, and called it "a massacre." Two warring militia groups suspected of being backed by drug cartels have been battling for control of the town. It was the latest in a string of mass killings in which hitmen have wiped out entire families in Mexico. On Sunday, gunmen burst into a home in the north-central state of Guanajuato and killed four women and two

children. Both Chiapas, which shares a border with Guatemala, and Guanajuato have been hit by bloody gang turf battles in recent years. Local media reported that the gunmen entered the home in the city of Leon in Guanajuato looking for a male member of the family. When they found out he had already fled, they killed the women and children. The Guanajuato killings have drawn special attention because surveillance camera footage showed

five National Guard officers entering the home five minutes before the killings took place. They left the home carrying a large black plastic bag just before the killers arrived. On Friday, President Andrés Manuel López Obrador said five officers of the quasi-military National Guard had been detained for breaches of military discipline, and were in the custody of the Defense Department, but he refused to give more details on the case.

South Florida at risk of 'life-threatening' floods as torrential rain continues

Florida, US,UPDATED: More torrential downpours deluged South Florida on Thursday, adding to more than a foot (30 cm) of rain that fell on parts of the state this week and leading forecasters to issue flood watches or warnings for an area where 8 million people reside. Some areas, including portions of Broward and Miami-Dade counties, were at risk of "life-threatening flooding," as water built up on roadways and lapped up against thresholds of homes, the National Weather Service said.

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With another five inches of rain possible before Friday night, Florida Governor Ron DeSantis declared a state of emergency for five South Florida counties late on Wednesday.

Media reports and social media posts showed stalled cars and people trying to wade in streets covered in hip-deep water, or paddling in small boats and kayaks. In some areas, water has swamped lawns and pushed up to the front doors of houses and other buildings.

Parts of Interstate 95, a main north-south route along the East Coast, were closed due to flooding on Wednesday. "The problem is that there is no place for the rain to go," said Oravec. "The ground is so saturated. In some places, water is rising up from the sewers." In nearby Fort Lauderdale, Mayor Dean Trantalis declared a city-wide emergency due to flooding. He said the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission was sending boats and high-water vehicles to assist any rescues if

Trantalis urged people to stay off roadways. "It's crucial to never attempt to drive through high water," he warned in a message on the X social media platform.

New China rules allow detention of foreigners in South China Sea

SHANGHA. New Chinese coast guard rules took effect Saturday, under which it can detain foreigners for trespassing in the disputed South China Sea, where neighbours and the G7 have accused Beijing of intimidation and coercion.

Beijing claims almost the entirety of the South China Sea, brushing aside competing claims from several Southeast Asian nations including the Philippines and an international ruling that its stance has no legal basis. China deploys coast guard and other boats to patrol the waters and has turned several reefs into militarised artificial islands. Chinese and Philippine vessels have had a series of confrontations in disputed areas. From Saturday, China's coast guard can detain foreigners "suspected of violating management of border entry and exit", according to the new regulations published online.

Detention is allowed up to 60 days in "complicated cases", they say. "Foreign ships that have illegally entered China's territorial waters and the

adjacent waters may be detained." Manila has accused the Chinese coast guard of "barbaric and inhumane behaviour" against Philippine vessels, and President Ferdinand Marcos said last month called the new rules a "very



worrisome" escalation. China Coast Guard vessels have used water cannon against Philippine boats multiple times in the contested waters. There have also been collisions that injured Filipino troops. Philippine military chief General Romeo Brawner told reporters on Friday that authorities in Manila were "discussing a number of steps to be undertaken in order for us to protect

our fishermen". Philippine fishermen were told "not to be afraid, but just to go ahead with their normal activities to fish there in our Exclusive Economic Zone", Brawner said. The Group of Seven bloc on Friday criticised what it called "dangerous" incursions by China in the waterway. We oppose China's militarisation, and coercive and intimidation activities in the South China Sea," read a G7 statement at the end of a summit on Friday.

G7 criticism
The South China Sea is a vital waterway, where Vietnam, Malaysia and Brunei also have overlapping claims in some parts. Most recently, however, confrontations between China and the Philippines have raised fears of a wider conflict over the sea that could involve the United States and other allies. Trillions of dollars in ship-borne trade passes through the South China Sea annually, and huge unexploited oil and gas deposits are believed to lie under its seabed, though estimates vary greatly.

PM meets Zelenskyy at G7, assures support for peaceful solution to Ukraine conflict

Bari,UPDATED. Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday conveyed to Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy during a meeting that India would continue to do everything within its means to support a peaceful solution to the Ukraine conflict and that the way to peace is through "dialogue and diplomacy".

The upcoming Swiss peace conference for Ukraine also figured in the Modi-Zelenskyy talks held on the margins of the G7 summit in Italy's Apulia and the Ukrainian president thanked the prime minister for sending a high-level delegation to the conclave over the weekend in Switzerland. During the meeting, Modi told Zelenskyy that India believes in a "human-centric" approach to find a solution to the conflict in Ukraine. "We are very hopeful that the federal courts will have a chance to hold the FDA accountable for its unlawful actions in removing these long-standing safeguards for women," Hawley said. In a post on X, the Ukrainian president said he and Modi talked about the Peace Summit and issues on its agenda and that he thanked the Indian prime minister for sending a high-level delegation to it. Pavan Kapoor, Secretary (West) in the

Ministry of External Affairs will lead the Indian delegation at the Peace Summit, officials said. Modi described the meeting with the Ukrainian president as "very productive" and said India is eager to "further cement" bilateral relations with Ukraine.

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"Regarding the ongoing hostilities, reiterated that India believes in a human-centric approach and believes that the way to peace is through dialogue and diplomacy," he said. The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said Modi and Zelenskyy exchanged views on the situation in Ukraine and the upcoming Peace Summit in Switzerland. "The prime minister conveyed that India continues to encourage peaceful resolution of the conflict through dialogue and diplomacy, and reiterated that India would continue to do everything within its means to support a peaceful solution," it said.

It said Modi thanked President Zelenskyy for his warm wishes on his assuming office for the third term. "We discussed the development of bilateral relations and trade, in particular in the context of the

Black Sea export corridor functioning," Zelenskyy said on X. "We explored the possibility of exchanging experience in the use of new technologies in agriculture," he said.

"We also talked about the Global Peace Summit and issues on its agenda. I thank Prime Minister Modi for sending a high-level delegation to the Summit," the Ukrainian president said. Switzerland is hosting several global leaders on June 15 and 16 in an attempt to chart a roadmap for bringing peace to Ukraine. The Indian delegation at the summit is expected to be headed by a senior diplomat. External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal the two leaders reviewed bilateral relationship and exchanged views on situation in Ukraine. In a post on X, the Ukrainian president said he and Modi talked about the Peace Summit and issues on its agenda and that he thanked the Indian prime minister for sending a high-level delegation to it. Pavan Kapoor, Secretary (West) in the Ministry of External Affairs will lead the Indian delegation at the Peace Summit, officials said. Modi described the meeting with the Ukrainian president as "very productive" and said India is eager to "further cement" bilateral relations with Ukraine. "Had a

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India, Italy to collaborate on biofuels, critical minerals: PM Modi following talks with Italian PM Meloni

RNS I New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi held bilateral talks with his Italian counterpart, Giorgia Meloni, on Friday. The discussions focused on strengthening ties between India and Italy, covering areas such as commerce, energy, defense, and telecommunications. PM Modi expressed his gratitude to PM Meloni for inviting him to the G7 Summit, where India participated as an Outreach country. He was warmly welcomed by Meloni upon his arrival in Italy. Highlighting the key points of their discussions, PM Modi stated, "Our nations will work together in futuristic areas like biofuels, food processing, and critical minerals." He shared this update in a post on social media plat-



form X. During an address at an Outreach session of the G7 summit in Italy's Apulia region, Prime Minister Modi emphasized the impact of global uncertainties and tensions on the countries of the Global South. He called for collective efforts to ensure technology benefits all sections of society, aiming to remove social inequalities and expand human capabilities. "We have to collectively ensure that the benefits of

technology reach all sections of society, to realize the potential of every person in the society, to help in removing social inequalities, and expand human powers instead of limiting them. This should not only be our desire, but our responsibility. We have to convert monopoly in technology into mass usage," he said. PM Modi stressed the importance of making technology creative rather than destructive, to build an

inclusive society. He noted India's proactive approach in this regard, including the formulation of a National Strategy on Artificial Intelligence. During the G7 Summit, PM Modi also held meetings with various global leaders, including Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, Brazilian President Lula da Silva, UAE President Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, US President Joe Biden, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, UK Prime Minister Rishi Sunak, and French President Emmanuel Macron. These interactions underscored India's commitment to fostering international cooperation and addressing global challenges through dialogue and collaboration.

PM Modi Meets Pope Francis at G7 Summit, Extends Invitation for India Visit



RNS: Prime Minister Narendra Modi met Pope Francis with a warm embrace at the Outreach session of the G7 Summit in the Apulia region of southern Italy. Pope Francis, along with other world leaders, discussed pressing global issues at the summit. PM Modi engaged in a light-hearted exchange with the 87-year-old head of the worldwide Catho-

lic Church, who was in a wheelchair, as they embraced at the summit venue, Borgo Egnazia. Following the meeting, PM Modi posted photos and wrote on social media: "Met Pope Francis on the sidelines of the G7 Summit. I admire his commitment to serving people and making our planet better. Also invited him to visit India."

CCL Gandhinagar Hospital to Host Free Cardiac Clinic

Renowned Cardiologist Dr. Rajiv Rathi to Offer Consultations at Heart Disease Camp



RNS I Ranchi: The CCL Central Hospital in Gandhinagar, Kanke Road, is organizing a free heart disease medical camp on Friday, June 21, 2024, starting at 9 am. Dr. Rajiv Rathi, a Senior Interventional Cardiologist from Max Super Specialty Hospital, New Delhi, will offer consultations and medical advice to patients suffering from heart conditions. Residents of Jharkhand are encouraged to utilize this opportunity for free medical advice. Patients should bring any previous medical reports or test papers related to their heart treatments. Under the leadership of CMD Nilendu Kumar Singh, CCL is committed to providing medical services not only to its employees and stakeholders but also to the broader community. CCL regularly invites renowned specialist doctors from across the country to conduct health camps for various diseases. These initiatives aim to provide modern treatment facilities for serious illnesses close to home, benefiting as many people as possible.

First Monsoon Rain Brings Relief from Humid Heat in Dhanbad

by Chandan Pal

Dhanbad: The arrival of the monsoon has brought much-needed relief to the residents of Jharkhand, as the first rain of the season hit the Dhanbad district on Saturday, providing a welcome break from the persistent humid heat. The monsoon rains varied across the district, with some areas experiencing heavy downpours and others receiving lighter showers. The sight of rain brought joy to many, as people were seen savoring the refreshing weather change. Children played outside, and adults took leisurely strolls, basking in the cool, wet conditions that had eluded them for weeks. Despite the morning's rain, the weather took a turn by afternoon as the sun emerged, reintroducing a wave of humidity. The fluctuating weather conditions were evident, with clouds gathering again later in the day, hinting at the possibility of more showers. This mix of sun and rain created a dynamic atmosphere, reflecting the typical unpredictability of the monsoon season. Saturday's temperatures pro-



vided a clear picture of this transition. The maximum temperature reached 45 degrees Celsius, a slight dip from the previous days' scorching highs. The minimum temperature hovered around 32 degrees Celsius. This marked a significant change from earlier in the week when the mercury soared to 44 degrees Celsius, indicating the cooling influence of the monsoon. As the day progressed, the clear morning sky gave way to strong sunlight, causing discomfort despite the marginal drop in temperature. The intense afternoon heat made people sweat, underscoring the lingering effects of the pre-monsoon conditions. However, relief came shortly after 3 PM when heavy rain, accompanied by light clouds, swept through the area,

providing a cool respite and lifting the spirits of the residents. The entry of the monsoon into Jharkhand signifies more than just a change in weather; it heralds the start of a season that rejuvenates the landscape, replenishes water sources, and brings hope to farmers anticipating a good harvest. While the initial rains have offered a glimpse of relief, the community remains hopeful for consistent monsoon showers to sustain this pleasant change. In conclusion, the first monsoon rain in Jharkhand has not only cooled the temperatures but also brought joy and relief to its people. As the monsoon continues to settle in, residents look forward to more such refreshing spells that will help combat the lingering summer heat and humidity.

"Hello from the Melodi Team": Giorgia Meloni, Narendra Modi Share Greetings from Italy



by Ashis Sinha

"Hello from the Melodi team," said Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni, taking a selfie with Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi on the sidelines of the G7 Summit in Italy, giving a nod to the netizens who affectionately refer to the duo as "Melodi." In a video shared on her X handle, Meloni greeted followers with, "Hi friends, from #Melodi." The video featured both Prime Ministers smiling and waving at the camera, capturing a moment of camaraderie. A viral picture accompany-

ing the video showed Meloni clicking a selfie with Modi, both leaders beaming. The snapshot evoked memories of their popular selfie at the COP28 Climate Summit in Dubai, which also captured widespread attention. On the diplomatic front, Modi held bilateral talks with Meloni on Friday, describing their meeting as "good" and focused on strengthening ties between India and Italy. Modi expressed gratitude to Meloni for inviting him to the G7 Summit, where India participated as an Outreach country. The bilateral discussions covered various areas of mutual

interest, including commerce, energy, defence, and telecommunications. Modi highlighted the future cooperation between India and Italy in sectors such as biofuels, food processing, and critical minerals. In an X post, he stated, "Our nations will work together in futuristic areas like biofuels, food processing, and critical minerals." Meloni's warm welcome and the subsequent interactions between the two leaders underscore the growing partnership between Italy and India, marking a significant moment in their diplomatic relations.

Awareness in Society Crucial for Cervical Cancer Elimination: Dr. Bharti Kashyap



RNS I Gua: Dr. Bharti Kashyap emphasized the critical need for public education in the fight against cervical cancer during a meeting with teachers at DAV Public School, Gua. Under the leadership of Principal Usha Rai, Dr. Bharti Kashyap, representing the Women Doctors Wing of the IMA Jharkhand, engaged with the faculty to discuss the importance of social awareness campaigns aimed at eliminating cervical cancer. Dr. Kashyap highlighted that testing for Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) infection is a key strategy in eradicating cervical cancer. She also addressed the warning signs and potential symptoms, including abnormal sensations or paralysis in the hands and feet, pain in the hands, and issues with bladder and bowel function due to acute compression. She warned that even a minor neck injury that severely damages the spinal cord could result in complete paralysis of the limbs. The event saw full participation from the teachers of DAV Public School, Gua. As a gesture of appreciation, Dr. Bharti Kashyap presented Principal Usha Rai with a bouquet of flowers.

BSL innovates with Sludge Bricks as an alternative to scrap in steel production

RNS I Bokaro: SAIL-Bokaro Steel Plant (BSL) has made a significant stride towards sustainable steel production by collaborating with SAIL's Research and Development Centre for Iron and Steel (RDCIS) to introduce sludge bricks as a substitute for scrap in the steel production process. On June 15, 2024, a joint team from RDCIS and BSL, led by B K Tiwari, Director-in-Charge of BSL, Rajan Prasad, Executive Director (HR & Additional Charge Operations), and Sandeep Kar, Executive Director (RDCIS), Ranchi, successfully developed and utilized sludge bricks made from high iron-containing wastes such as mill scale and sludge generated during steel production. For the first time in SAIL and possibly the steel industry, these sludge bricks were charged into the converters of Steel Melting Shop (SMS)-II at BSL. The recycling of mill scale and sludge is a critical component of sustainable steel production. Traditionally, scrap is used as a



coolant in the steel production process. However, advancements in technology and process optimization in integrated steel plants have reduced the availability of in-house scrap. This scarcity, coupled with the high cost of external scrap, presented a significant challenge. In response, BSL initiated the production of sludge bricks to replace scrap in SMS-II. These "green bricks" have shown promising results in trials, sug-

gesting that they may soon become a regular part of the steel production process at BSL. B K Tiwari, Director-in-Charge of BSL, stated that this innovation would not only reduce steel production costs but also contribute to BSL's and SAIL's decarbonization and circular economy goals. Key figures involved in this successful trial included Arvind Kumar, CGM (SMS II), PK Baisakhiya, CGM

(Maintenance), Manohar Lal, CGM (Quality), AK Mistry, CGM (RDCIS Bokaro Centre), Deep Kumar Saxena, GM (BSL), P Marandi, GM (BSL), PS Meena, GM (BSL), NP Shrivastava, GM (ECS), Santosh Kumar, DGM (RDCIS Bokaro), Smita Toppo, Manager (RDCIS Bokaro), Abhijeet Das, Manager (RDCIS Bokaro), Chandan Kumar, Manager (RDCIS Bokaro), and other members of RDCIS and BSL.

Against 'Modi Govt by Mistake' Jibe: 'In a Fool's Paradise' Jab

RNS I New Delhi: Congress National President Mallikarjun Kharge criticized Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday, suggesting that the coalition government at the Centre was established by mistake and could collapse at any moment, as reported by the media. In the recent Lok Sabha elections, the BJP secured 240 seats, falling short of the 272 needed for a majority, and had to rely on its allies to form the government. Kharge was quoted as saying, "NDA government has been formed by mistake. Modi ji doesn't have the mandate. It's a minority government. This government can fall anytime. We would like it to continue. Let it be good for the country. We should work together to strengthen the country. But our Prime Minister is habitual of not letting something go on well to continue. But we will cooperate towards



strengthening the country..." His remarks drew a sharp response from Tamil Nadu BJP chief K Annamalai, who said Kharge is living in a "fool's paradise," as reported by India Today. Kharge's criticism of PM Modi and the coalition government also prompted reactions from his political rivals in Bihar. JDU, which is part of the co-

alition, reminded Kharge of the history of past Congress-led coalitions. Former Bihar IPRD minister and JDU MLC Neeraj Kumar questioned Kharge's understanding and challenged him to recall how the Congress-led governments under PV Narasimha Rao and Manmohan Singh survived, the report said. Kumar highlighted how

Rao skillfully managed to turn the minority Congress government into a majority within two years by engineering splits in smaller parties, and rhetorically asked if Kharge was unaware of Congress's historical tactics. "Congress is now stuck in '99 ka Fer,'" he quipped, according to the report.

CCL hosts workshop on POSH Act

RNS I Ranchi: A one-day workshop on the Prevention of Sexual Harassment (POSH) Act was held at Prakash Hall, organized by the Human Resource Development Department under the guidance of Director (Personnel) Harsh Nath Mishra of CCL. The workshop featured detailed discussions and interactive sessions led by expert speakers, with participation from 31 officers from CCL head-

quarters and regional offices. General Manager (HRD) R K Pandey welcomed all participants and faculty members, setting the stage for a comprehensive exploration of the POSH Act. In the first session, Dr. Suman Singh, CMS, CCL, provided an introduction to the various provisions of the POSH Act and the rights of women employees. She also detailed the

roles, responsibilities, and procedures of the Internal Complaints Committee (ICC). The second session, led by Suchindra, focused on the rights and responsibilities of both employees and employers under the POSH Act. Rashmi Saha, a freelancer, NGO head, and subject expert, addressed the session on 'Prevention and Behaviour at Workplace,' providing valuable insights into



appropriate workplace conduct. The HRD department, along with other related departments, played a significant role in the

successful organization of the event. The workshop was well-received and appreciated by all women employees in attendance.



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Uttarakhand: 10 Dead, Several Injured As Tempo Traveller Falls Into Gorge Near Badrinath Highway



New Delhi: As many as ten people were killed and seven others were injured after a tempo traveller fell into a deep gorge near the Rishikesh-Badrinath Highway in Uttarakhand's Rudrapur district. The accident took place near the Alakananda River on the highway.

There were 23 passengers aboard the vehicle. Rescue operations are underway, said the State Disaster Response Force.

Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami said that the injured have been sent to the nearest medical centre for treatment. Expressing concern over the accident, Dhami said the district magistrate has been ordered to investigate the matter.

"Received very sad news of a tempo traveller accident in

Rudrapur district. Local administration and SDRF teams are engaged in relief and rescue operations. The injured have been sent to the nearest medical center for treatment. The district magistrate has been ordered to investigate the incident," the Chief Minister posted on his X account. Taking to social media platform X, Union Home Minister shared, "My condolences are with the families of those who lost their lives in this accident. The local administration and SDRF teams are engaged in relief and rescue work and all possible help is being provided to the injured. I pray to God for the speedy recovery of the injured."

This comes days after three women were killed after a bus fell into a gorge near Gangnani on the Gangotri

Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami said that the injured have been sent to the nearest medical centre for treatment

Portal for state rural job scheme: Bengal minister launches Karmashree's website

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Calcutta. The state panchayats and rural development department on Friday launched an online portal for Karmashree — a flagship scheme parallel to MGNREGA — to provide at least 50 days of work to over two crore job card holders as the Narendra Modi government froze funds for the rural employment guarantee scheme in December 2021. A source said chief minister Mamata Banerjee had given special focus to compensating for the loss of poor rural workers through her brainchild scheme, Karmashree, before the 2026 Assembly elections.

On Friday, the state panchayat and rural development minister, Pradip Mazumdar, launched the online portal and a WhatsApp chatbot service, which allows anyone to get in touch with developmental works under the department. In a conference at Dhano Dhany auditorium here, block informatics officers (BIOs) and district informatics analysts (DIAs) from across Bengal were trained to upload comprehensive job creation data through different state government departments.

Before the Lok Sabha polls, the state government provided due

wages to 59 lakh MGNREGA job card holders who did not get their wages as the central government withheld the funds. Now the state government will ensure a 50-day work guarantee under the state-funded scheme," said a senior state government official.

After the Centre froze funds to Bengal under schemes like MGNREGA in December 2021, citing irregularities, the TMC, led by its national general secretary Abhishek



Banerjee, launched a massive movement against the Narendra Modi government in Calcutta and Delhi. In Delhi, several TMC MPs were detained when they went to meet the Minister of State for Rural Development, Sadhvi Niranjan Jyoti, in her office at Krishi Bhavan in October 2023. In February this year, the Bengal government released ₹2,800 crore from its coffers to pay 59 lakh MGNREGA job card holders. A senior TMC leader said providing due wages to the MGNREGA workers and the campaign on the Centre's deprivation helped the party reap political dividends in the recently concluded Lok Sabha polls by bagging out of 42 seats in the state.

Notice to Sunita Kejriwal to take down Arvind Kejriwal's court video

New Delhi: The Delhi High Court on Saturday issued a notice to Arvind Kejriwal's wife Sunita Kejriwal, asking her to take down the video recording of court proceedings when the Delhi Chief Minister addressed the court in person following his arrest in the liquor policy case. A Division Bench of Justices Neena Bansal Krishna and Amit Sharma further directed social media platforms X, Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube to take down similar content when it comes to their notice.

The court further directed a host of other social media handles to take down the video as well. The court passed the order while hearing a public interest litigation (PIL) filed by advocate Vaibhav Singh. The video pertains to March 28,



when Kejriwal had addressed Special Judge (PC Act) Kaveri Baweja when he was produced before the court for the second time following his arrest by the Enforcement Directorate. Advocate Vaibhav Singh argued that after Kejriwal

addressed the Rouse Avenue Court on the said date, several social media handles associated with the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) and other Opposition parties made video/audio recordings of the court proceedings and posted them on social media platforms.

Sunita Kejriwal also reposted an audio recording uploaded by an X user. Singh argued that recording of court proceedings is prohibited under the "High Court of Delhi Rules for Video Conferencing for Courts 2021" and making these videos viral was an effort to malign the image of the judiciary and the judges. He said that posting such videos was part of the conspiracy hatched by Arvind Kejriwal and the AAP.

Nitish Kumar brought shame when he touched PM Modi's feet: Prashant Kishor

New Delhi: Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar brought shame to the state when he touched the feet of Modi, political strategist turned activist Prashant Kishor alleged at a public meeting in Bhagalpur on Friday. Kishor also said Kumar did so to ensure his own continuance in power. Kishor's remark came in reference to Nitish Kumar bowing to touch Prime Minister Narendra Modi's feet during the meeting of the NDA Parliamentary Party, ahead of the Prime Minister's oath.

People ask me why I am now criticising Nitish Kumar, having worked with him in the past. He was a different man back then. His conscience had not been put up for sale," said Kishor, who had managed the JD (U) president's election campaign in 2015 and formally joined the party two years later. "The leader of a state is the



pride of its people. But Nitish Kumar brought shame to Bihar when he touched the feet of Modi," he alleged, referring to the NDA meeting in Delhi last week.

Kumar's JD (U) won 12 seats in Lok Sabha polls to emerge as the second largest ally of the BJP, which failed to get a majority on its own. "There is so much talk about Nitish Kumar playing a key role in Modi's return to power. But how is the Bihar Chief Minister leveraging his position? He is not using his clout to ensure benefits for the state. He is touching feet to ensure that he remains in power, with BJP support, even after 2025 assembly polls," Kishor said. Notably, Kishor first shot into fame in 2014 for handling the spectacularly successful Lok Sabha poll campaign of Modi, the time he gave up political consultancy in 2021, Kishor had worked for several high-profile politicians, including Mamata Banerjee, Arvind Kejriwal and Jagan Mohan Reddy.

PM Modi's Strategic Dialogues With Meloni, Macron, Trudeau, Zelensky At G7 Summit

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi attended the G7 Summit in Italy's Apulia region as an 'Outreach Nation,' and engaged in bilateral discussions with several world leaders. Key meetings included talks with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky, French President Emmanuel Macron, UK Prime Minister Rishi Sunak, and Pope Francis. Modi also held separate meetings with Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni, US President Joe Biden, and Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau.

During his speech at the Outreach session of the G7 summit, Prime Minister Modi highlighted the importance of transforming technological monopolies into widespread, accessible technologies. He said that this approach can help create a more inclusive society and reduce social inequalities. Modi noted the challenges faced by the Global South, stating that these countries are disproportionately affected by global uncertainties and tensions. The Prime Minister had his first face-to-face meeting with Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau since Trudeau accused Indian government agents of



being involved in the killing of Khalistani separatist Hardeep Singh Nijjar in Canada last year. Indian denied these allegations claiming it to be 'absurd' and 'motivated.'

On the sidelines of the G7 summit in Italy's Apulia region, Modi also had a separate meeting with US President Joe Biden. This conversation occurred nearly seven months after Washington alleged an Indian connection to a foiled plot to

murder Sikh separatist Gurpatwant Singh Pannun in New York. In his address, Biden named India and other as essential partners in the field of minerals. Following his meeting with Mr. Zelensky, Prime Minister Modi described it as productive and expressed India's eagerness to strengthen bilateral relations with Ukraine. Regarding the conflict with Russia, Modi emphasized India's belief in a human-centric approach and asserted that peace can be achieved through dialogue and diplomacy. On the first day of the summit, discussions were dominated by the Russia-Ukraine conflict. Leaders agreed on a US proposal to support a \$50-billion loan to Kyiv using frozen Russian assets. US President Joe Biden described this decision as a "significant outcome" and a strong message to Russian President Vladimir Putin.

Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) Spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal detailed about PM's meeting with Macron, he posted on X: "Taking Strategic Partnership to new levels! PM @narendramodi met President @EmmanuelMacron of France on the sidelines of the 50th G7 Summit in Apulia, Italy.

Is Congress seeing a revival? Direct answer in direct fights

New Delhi: There is jubilation in the Congress. A kind of confidence that was missing of late in the party, which has seen both the high of 414 seats and the low of 47 in the Lok Sabha. Did the 2024 Lok Sabha election herald a revival of the Congress, which has been given a black eye and a few broken ribs by the BJP?

The question is not just about a party but about the democratic and political system of the country. In the true sense, it is just the BJP and the Congress that are national parties, and the strength of one is vital in counterbalancing and checking the brashness of the other. In the 2024 Lok Sabha election, the Congress won 99 seats, almost double its 2019 tally of 52. Notably, dozens of seats came from states where it contested the polls in alliance with stronger regional parties. So, do the results signify a Congress revival? "The BJP was talking about a Congress-mukt Bharat and

announcing that the party was dead. The Lok Sabha election results show the party is alive and kicking," says author and political commentator Rasheed Kidwai. The sense of elation within the party could be because the Congress was fighting from a position of weakness. For the first time in its history, the Congress fielded less than 330 candidates in a general election. To bleed the BJP, it made sacrifices for its INDIA partners.

So, what do the numbers suggest?

"The arithmetic shows a Congress revival, but revival is a continuous process. The answer lies somewhere in between," political analyst Amitabh Tiwari tells India Today. In it is crucial to understand that answer lying in between, because, as Tyrion Lannister (played by Peter Dinklage) warned, "It's easy to confuse 'what is' with 'what ought to be', especially when 'what is' has worked out in your favour."

CONGRESS HAS WON 99 SEATS, SO WHY THE DOUBT?

If numbers attest to the success of the Congress in the 2024 Lok Sabha election, why is there even a scope to raise a doubt? "People are thinking it is the moment of revival for the Congress, but that is not true," political analyst Prashant Kishor told India Today TV in his first interview after the general election. Prashant Kishor cited the example of Karnataka, Telangana and Himachal Pradesh, three states where the Congress is in power. "In Karnataka, the Congress has lost in a way. They swept Telangana some months back, but there it has gained just 50% of the seats in the general election, and in Himachal Pradesh, it has been defeated in all the seats," said Kishor, popular known as PK.

He says that there are two states, Rajasthan and Maharashtra, where the Congress's



performance has been praiseworthy. In Rajasthan, where the BJP registered a clean sweep in the last two elections, the Congress snatched eight seats from the saffron party. Even in Haryana, the Congress won five seats. Rasheed Kidwai, the author of multiple books on the Congress, including 24 Akbar Road, says the results in Haryana and Rajasthan show

that the OBCs, Muslims and Dalits have started voting for the party again. "Maharashtra is a good example of a Congress comeback. It was at number three, and now it has become the No. 1 party," says Kidwai. However, Prashant Kishor argues that these scattered performances do not show a pan-India revival. "If it would have been a pan-India revival of the Congress, the party would have done better in its strongholds," he argued. To get a fair idea if this is the revival of the Congress, a look at the direct match-ups with the BJP is essential.

WHAT DO CONGRESS-BJP DIRECT ELECTION FIGHTS SUGGEST?

Political analyst Amitabh Tiwari says, amongst other things, the answer if it's the moment of revival for the Grand Old Party can be found in a comparison of BJP-Congress direct fights.

Time to put S&T policies back on track

IN the past 10 years, innovation was perhaps the most quoted buzzword in speeches of the Prime Minister, Cabinet ministers and science bureaucrats in India. Several awards, missions and schemes were announced to promote science-based innovation in different sectors. It is, however, surprising that all this was happening without a proper enabling environment. The grand intentions of the Modi 2.0 government to boost scientific research remained a 'work in progress' at a time when the global research landscape is fast changing with the emergence of deep tech. Little progress was made on three critical counts — science and technology (S&T) policies, funding mechanisms and research priorities — and the new government's agenda should be to prioritise them. An exercise to develop a new National Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) policy was initiated during the Covid-19 pandemic in 2020. Several drafts were prepared, but the policy remains on paper and is yet to be finalised. The policy was to replace the one released in 2013 by the UPA government. The first task of the new government on the science and technology front, therefore, should be to finalise the STI Policy and start its implementation in earnest. If the new dispensation finds that the draft is not good enough, it should junk it and continue with the 2013 STI policy framework. The policy goals enunciated in 2013 remain unfulfilled even after a decade. Among the key objectives of the 2013 policy was to 'position India among the top five global scientific powers by 2020' and to increase the gross expenditure on R&D (GERD) to 2 per cent of the GDP. We have seen little progress on the expenditure front. India has slipped on this parameter. The GERD in 2013 was 1 per cent of the GDP. It came down to 0.66 per cent and 0.64 per cent during 2019-20 and 2020-21, respectively, according to the latest available data from the Department of Science and Technology. The 2013 policy was unequivocal about the need to increase GERD and enhance public investment in scientific research, but the 2020 STI draft is vague on this count. It talks of developing a 'financial landscape of the STI ecosystem' in which departments and ministries of the central, state, and local governments as well as government and private companies will set up an STI unit with 'a minimum earmarked budget to pursue STI activities.' On the face of it, it is an outdated idea. It was first proposed in the 1980s.

The technology development roadmap suggested in the draft is equally adrift. The policy draft seeks to promote technology self-reliance and indigenisation to achieve the larger goal of Atmanirbhar Bharat. For this, a two-way approach has been prescribed — indigenous development of technology as well as technology indigenisation. At the same time, it says, "international engagements will be facilitated to gain essential know-how towards creation and development of indigenous technologies."

Another grand idea of the Modi government was the National Research Foundation (NRF) as a supra-research funding agency. It was first announced by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in her Budget speech in 2019. The NRF is still to see the light of day even after Parliament passed a Bill for its formation in 2023. The idea of a funding agency along the lines of America's National Science Foundation was first proposed by the Scientific Advisory Committee to the Prime Minister, headed by Prof CNR Rao, in 2005. As a result, the Science and Engineering Research Board (SERB) was established in 2008 to streamline funding for scientific research. The NRF Act of 2023 repealed the SERB Act of 2008 and dissolved SERB. There has been no credible justification from the government for replacing SERB with a new body. The only intention seems to be to create a centralised body to fund and also regulate research. NRF's Governing Board will be presided over by the Prime Minister and two ministers (Science and technology and education) will be the Vice-Presidents. Even with SERB, researchers complained of bureaucratic delays, one can imagine the fate of such a heavily political governing structure for the NRF. In a large and diverse country like India, do we need a centralised funding mechanism based in New Delhi or multiple channels of funding in different sectors?

Focus on agriculture as the fulcrum of economic growth

The need of the hour is to promote precision farming, which can give us more from less.

THE new government is expected to spell out a fresh policy to boost economic growth and improve consumption as well as investment. In the past decade, absolute power enabled the BJP-led government to formulate and push policies of its choosing swiftly without any concern over political opposition. Now, it is a different ballgame. The emphasis will be more on compromise and accommodation.

The chances are that economic growth will slow down a bit. Hence, the challenge will be to devise innovative ways to arrest the slide. It is hoped that technology will help turn the tide. The government should focus particularly on agriculture. Modi 3.0 has made a good start on this front by releasing the PM Kisan Nidhi instalment of Rs 20,000 crore to transfer Rs 6,000 each per year into the bank accounts of over nine crore farmers. But there has to be a follow-up after the sop. There has to be a new technology policy to take agriculture forward. The government can take a cue from the success story which Madhya Pradesh crafted to transform agriculture. Perhaps fittingly, former CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan, who did a good job in his home state, will hopefully do it at the Centre too as the new Union Agriculture and Rural Development Minister.

During the 10-year period till 2022-23, agriculture grew in MP by 6.1 per cent on an average annually compared to the national average of 3.9 per cent. One way in which this was done was not by putting under the plough virgin land but by more cropping. By cropping on the same land, the net sown area went up multiple times.

Other than effectively having more land, Madhya Pradesh was able to get more water. It did not build new canals but instead had concrete lining done for existing ones, besides desilting, cleaning and fixing breaches. Thus, the state was able to get a lot of canal areas without having to dig in entirely new ones. There should not necessarily be any effort by the Centre to get the states to go in for all this. There may be discord between states over groundwater drawn by irrigation tubewells that run on subsidised power. The Centre needs to persuade the states to move away from this process so that the sharp drop in groundwater levels can be curbed.

The government also needs to spur agriculture by bringing in new technology. The use of fertilisers, which helped usher in the Green Revolution, is becoming passe. New technology is needed to protect crops from pests, pathogens and weeds. Mechanisation and agronomic intervention can be promoted. Tractors have practically replaced bullocks. Now, there are new ploughs that can do deep tillage, mix pulverised soil and break hardpan layers. There is also new technology for irrigation — drip irrigation and laser land levellers which place seeds and fertilisers. What can be done can be visualised from the



fact there are pomegranates being grown in Rajasthan on arid land through drip irrigation and water-soluble liquid fertilisers. When it comes to the new technologies for which the Centre is seeking support from the states, there is an overriding concern. The country needs to preserve land, water and air so that its citizens, who now number the largest in the world, are able to grow enough to preserve themselves. They also need to be able to cope with heat and pollution. The new policies which have to be evolved must make the Centre and the states put their heads together so that biodiversity is preserved. The ever-growing number of people must be able to survive and thrive in a sustainable manner.

But the good news from academics is that if farmers follow the right practices, yields can return to normal levels after some time. What is needed are policy decisions with better and more scientific evidence instead of going back to nature as Sri Lanka attempted to do by trying to do away with fertilisers and Sikkim ventured to do as well.

The need of the hour is to promote precision farming, which can give us more from less. Geographical information system, artificial intelligence and machine learning, which can use enormous data to bring about

precision in farming, the use of sensors, drones, LEOs (low earth orbits), space technologies and cloud computing are all bursting out to provide the basis for a revolutionary epoch. Drips, hydroponics and aeroponics are available to get much more with very little exploitation of the planet's natural resources.

But what stands in the way of this is the political economy. Huge amounts of subsidy have been handed out by way of free power, free water and urea with 80-90 per cent subsidy. The subsidies may have been good in the 1960s and 1970s to meet the country's food deficit, but this has been continuing. Farmers in the northwestern region are continuing to grow the same paddy, wheat and sugarcane with state subsidy. The initiative by the government to enact new farming laws was negated by a long, revolutionary agitation. There is now an absolute need to ensure limited use of natural resources. The irrational exploitation of nature's wealth must be severely curtailed, if not stopped eventually. This is what the new government must try to do. To be able to do this, the Centre will need to have a dialogue and reach an agreement with the states. These are the new dynamics which the election outcome has handed down.

Two good for Naidu

Andhra CM a key stakeholder in Modi govt

IT's a 'best of both worlds' situation for Chandrababu Naidu. The Telugu Desam Party (TDP) supremo has not only become the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh for the fourth time, he has also emerged as a key stakeholder in the BJP-led government at the Centre. On Wednesday, he took oath as CM in the presence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and other senior BJP leaders. The alliance comprising the TDP, the BJP and the Janasena Party recorded a landslide victory in the simultaneous Lok Sabha and Assembly elections in the southern state recently, winning 21 of the 25 Lok Sabha seats and 164 of the 175 Assembly seats. Notably, the TDP alone has the majority in the Andhra House with 135 MLAs.

Naidu's enviable status in the scheme of things has led to speculation that he might press Modi to walk the talk on granting special category status (SCS) to AP. The Congress has already



upped the ante against the PM, saying that he has failed to

fulfil the promise made in this regard in Tirupati in March 2014. The basis of Andhra's demand for SCS is the loss of revenue attributed to the state's bifurcation, which led to the formation of Telangana under the AP Reorganisation Act in February 2014. Another NDA-ruled state, Bihar, is also demanding this status, with CM Nitish Kumar's cabinet having passed a resolution in November 2023. The stability of the Modi 3.0 government will hinge a lot on how far Naidu and Nitish will go for the sake of their respective states.

In contrast, things are pretty simple and straightforward for the BJP in Odisha, where tribal leader Mohan Charan Majhi has taken oath as the party's first CM in that state. The saffron party ended the Naveen Patnaik-led Biju Janata Dal's long reign with an impressive win in the recent Assembly elections. The challenge for Majhi would be to sustain the momentum of development that Odisha witnessed when Naveen was at the helm.

NEET 2024 Row: A Wake-up Call



The result of NEET 2024 with the scam of irregularities gives a wake-up call to look what happens around: how the system works, how vested interests try to fish out of troubled water, and how students become victim. The alleged irregularities in examinations are not new; they are recurring phenomena every year, irrespective of which party forms the government. In fact, it has its roots in the past.

NEET 2024T is alleged to have irregularities due to paper leakage, involvement of mafia, contentious grace mark, improper conduct of test in some centres, increase in cut-off marks, and several toppers from a centre. The last two allegations are trivial, but their solution can have placating effect on the protest. NTA (National Testing Agency) with the help of the SC has addressed the grace mark allegation by conducting re-test

of 1563 students whom grace marks were awarded. The Education Minister affirms of non-receipt of any allegation of question leakage. However, there is no proper reply to other allegations so far which create suspicion in public and among students. The court has also remarked about the loss of sanctity in the conduct of the test.

Petitions have been filed seeking cancellation of the result, conduct of re-test, and CBI enquiry against the irregularities. Petitioners are a few students, but concernedly, there are teachers of coaching centres. The allegations are supported by other students, probably who could not score as expected, their parents, some media houses, a section of public, and vociferously opposition political parties. The SC has fixed the date of hearing on 8 July 2024. However, it did not cancel the result and counselling.

This has created uncertainty and tension among the students who, by dint of hard work have scored desired marks. The concern is about the re-test for all in case the court orders so. They are afraid of it as a distress-test. They were fresh at the time of

test conducted on 5 May 2024 and there is a gap thereafter and a sense of satisfaction after the result. Normally, the aftermath of hard labour makes one complacent, relaxed and lethargic. The confusion and uncertainty provide an added negative stimulation. Further, short period for the preparation of question papers, finding impartial paper setters and moderators may be a challenge. It is an open secret that many teachers are directly or indirectly associated with coaching centres. Some of them are authors of study materials. The difficulty level of questions may not be objectively assessed within a short time. Those who could not score or scored unscrupulously have nothing to lose. They will put blame on everything if fail to perform better in re-test. But students with good score by dint of hard labour are shaky and psychologically depressed due to above factors.

The apparent allegations are as serious as other issues that need scrutiny. Will conduct of re-test ensure justice to students who performed by dint of hard labour? Will it take care of their conditions of complacency, uncertainty

and apprehension of different types of irregularities? Undoubtedly, as it is learnt through media, some candidates have genuine grievances. Could not these grievances be resolved on their individual merit? A simple simile can justify the logic. When a boil occurs on any limb of the body, the whole body is not dissected. Prudence demands treatment of the boil first, and then the body to prevent reoccurrence of boils further. The SC has been judicious enough so far by upholding the result, counselling, and addressing the grace mark allegation. Evidently, the allegations, like the boil have their own area of solution. The culprits have to be punished, the grievances of particular nature and at particular centres have to be resolved, and the honest labour of students rewarded. A culprit may escape law but an innocent must not be punished.

As has been mentioned, the test/exam related scams are not new. But why is so much hue and cry now? Where were the media, politicians and other well-wishers of the students? Why did not they try to put the things in

order before? Are they real student friends or in search of opportunity to gain from it? The Education Minister has assured students of accountability and transparency. It is a welcome step indeed. But should one a wake-up to aftermath of the crisis when its nature is recurring? It learnt that counselling centres are petitioners and behind fueling the fire of student discontent. Has anybody verified how many students from these centres qualified? What are their track records? What is the fee structure? What is their real motive of petitioning and inciting?

The real problem, with the involvement of media, politicians is presented in distorted form. They just incite the students, with false ideas, taking advantage of their emotional crisis. There are slightly more than one lakh medical seats in the country. Not all of the 24 lakhs applicants will get it. How come the life of 24 lakh students is destroyed? The fact of the matter is that some of the deserving candidates are deprived of the seats due to irregularities, scam, etc. Is not this type of saying a means to mobilise students for mass protest? Does not

something smell foul? How come the life of future 24 lakh doctors is ruined? Will 24 lakh aspiring candidates get seats? Even those found eligible are not admitted to the course yet! By inciting their sentiment in this way it seems to be a design to mobilise the students for mass protest and create instability. When the matter is in the court, then why the protest? Students should be cautious of such forces.

It is reported in media that the examination mafia are paid 10-32 lakh rupees. In addition there are coaching fees, and expenditure during the course. In private medical colleges annual expenditure sometimes go beyond one crore rupees. A huge investment is involved of course. Then such doctors, who invested will not see their profession as 'social service' as is in public perception. Private hospitals do not pay them lucratively except to a few. Doctors investing so much money and not earning upto expectations involve in organ sale or other types of unlawful activities. Why such issues have not incited mass protests? The issue of NEET 2024 is a

tip of the iceberg. It has several crucial ramifications demanding critical present and future attention. Broadly, it involves two issues: student concerns and a neat image of the NEET. It should be the responsibility of the NTA to come out clean by instituting investigations into allegations. Proofs of irregularities in Bihar and Gujarat are pouring in. The system of examination involves a network of participation: NTA, Printing Press, packaging team, Courier and Examination Centres. There is every possibility of leakage at any point by anybody, given the examination mafia's involvement and individual greed for money. Let the culprits be punished. It is easy, because centres with irregularities have been identified. The law authority can easily identify culprits at the examination centres: students, parents, and mafia involved. These students should be rusticated from appearing NEET; parents should be booked under criminal law, and other students of the centre should not be troubled. If questions are distributed late it is a commonsense to extend the time of collection of answer

papers. The teachers and examination superintendent of centres that did not do this should be punished and centres should be blacklisted. In our country, there is a high demand for trained doctors. Realising this, the government is increasing the number of medical colleges. But colleges cannot be established at a short notice to address present crisis. So, increase in in-take capacity of existing colleges is proposed. The government may bring an ordinance to increase medical seats for one year in existing colleges as a crisis-management measure. An increase in five seats in each of 783 colleges will give admission to an additional 3915 candidates. This will take care of the allegation of cut-off marks, demand for re-test, and will not disturb the academic session. For accountability and transparency, for the present and future, the government should take strong action against the culprits and mafia.

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जी. किशन रेड्डी ने कोयला और खान मंत्रालय की पहली समीक्षा बैठक की

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। केंद्रीय कोयला और खान मंत्री जी. किशन रेड्डी ने अपने प्रभार वाले दोनों मंत्रालयों का दायित्व संभालने के बाद पहली समीक्षा बैठक की है। इस बैठक में राज्य मंत्री सतीश चंद्र दुबे भी मौजूद थे। बैठक के दौरान मंत्रालय का अवलोकन प्रस्तुत किया गया। मंत्रालय के मुताबिक बैठक में खान मंत्रालय की उपलब्धियों और दीर्घकालिक योजनाओं पर चर्चा की गई। इसके अलावा बैठक में स्वचालन, नवाचार, स्थिरता और खनन क्षेत्र में भारत को आत्मनिर्भर बनाने के लिए उन्नत प्रौद्योगिकियों को लागू करने जैसे महत्वपूर्ण पहलुओं पर ध्यान केंद्रित किया गया।



स्टेनली लाइफस्टाइल्स का आईपीओ 21 जून को खुलेगा, मूल्य दायरा 351-369 रुपये प्रति शेयर

मुंबई/नई दिल्ली। लमजरी फर्नीचर ब्रांड कंपनी स्टेनली लाइफस्टाइल्स लिमिटेड का आरंभिक सार्वजनिक निगम (आईपीओ) 21 जून को खुलेगा। आईपीओ का मूल्य दायरा (प्राइस बैंड) 351 रुपये से 369 रुपये प्रति शेयर निर्धारित किया गया है। कंपनी की योजना 537 करोड़ रुपये जुटाने की है। कंपनी ने एक बयान में कहा कि उसका आईपीओ 21 जून को खुलेगा और 25 जून को बंद होगा। एंकर यानी बड़े निवेशक 20 जून को बोली लगा पाएंगे। आईपीओ का मूल्य दायरा 351-369 रुपये प्रति शेयर तय किया गया है। इस आईपीओ में कंपनी 200 करोड़ रुपये मूल्य के ताजा शेयर जारी करेगी। इसके अलावा 337 करोड़ रुपये के 91.33 लाख इक्रिटी शेयर ऑफर फॉर सेल (ओएफएस) के लिए हैं। स्टेनली लाइफस्टाइल्स लिमिटेड इस पेशकश से 537 करोड़ रुपये जुटाने की योजना बना रहा है। कंपनी का लक्ष्य बॉम्बे स्टॉक एक्सचेंज (बीएसई) और नेशनल स्टॉक एक्सचेंज (एनएसई) प्लेटफॉर्म पर लिस्ट होना है। बेंगलूर स्थित स्टेनली लाइफस्टाइल्स लिमिटेड एक लमजरी फर्नीचर ब्रांड है। यह अपने कई ब्रांड के जिए सुपर-प्रीमियम, लकड़ी और अल्ट्रा-लकड़ी सहित विभिन्न मूल्य श्रेणियों में काम करने वाली कुछ भारतीय कंपनियों में से एक है। इसकी बेंगलूर में दो निर्माण सुविधाएं मौजूद हैं।

एलआईसी के अध्यक्ष सिद्धार्थ मोहंती ने वित्त मंत्री से मुलाकात की

नई दिल्ली। सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र की बीमा कंपनी भारतीय जीवन बीमा निगम (एलआईसी) के अध्यक्ष सिद्धार्थ मोहंती ने नई दिल्ली स्थित नॉर्थ ब्लॉक में केंद्रीय वित्त एवं कॉर्पोरेट मामलों के मंत्री निर्मला सीतारमण से मुलाकात की। वित्त मंत्री कार्यालय ने इस मुलाकात की विस्तृत जानकारी नहीं दी है। भारतीय जीवन बीमा निगम भारत की सबसे बड़ी सरकारी जीवन बीमा कंपनी है। ये देश की सबसे बड़ी निवेशक कंपनी भी है, जो पूरी तरह से भारत सरकार के स्वामित्व में है। इसकी स्थापना साल 1956 में हुई थी।



नेशनल स्टॉक एक्सचेंज के सीईओ आशीष चौहान ने वित्त मंत्री से मुलाकात की

नई दिल्ली। नेशनल स्टॉक एक्सचेंज (एनएसई) के प्रबंध निदेशक (एमडी) और मुख्य कार्यपालक अधिकारी (सीईओ) आशीष चौहान ने केंद्रीय वित्त एवं कॉर्पोरेट मामलों की मंत्री निर्मला सीतारमण से मुलाकात की। वित्त मंत्री कार्यालय ने 'एक्स' पोस्ट पर जारी बयान में बताया कि नेशनल स्टॉक एक्सचेंज के एमडी और सीईओ आशीष चौहान ने राजधानी नई दिल्ली स्थित नॉर्थ ब्लॉक (वित्त मंत्रालय) में केंद्रीय वित्त एवं कॉर्पोरेट मामलों की मंत्री निर्मला सीतारमण से मुलाकात की। हालांकि, इस मुलाकात की विस्तृत जानकारी नहीं दी गई है। उल्लेखनीय है कि नेशनल स्टॉक एक्सचेंज देश का सबसे बड़ा और तकनीकी रूप से अग्रणी स्टॉक एक्सचेंज है। इसकी स्थापना 1992 में हुई थी, जो देश की आर्थिक राजधानी मुंबई में स्थित है। कारोबार के लिहाज से यह विश्व का तीसरा सबसे बड़ा स्टॉक एक्सचेंज है।



देश का विदेशी मुद्रा भंडार 655.8 अरब डॉलर की रिकॉर्ड ऊंचाई पर

एजेंसी मुंबई/नई दिल्ली। विदेशी मुद्रा भंडार में लगातार दूसरे हफ्ते इजाफा हुआ है। देश का विदेशी मुद्रा भंडार 7 जून को समाप्त हफ्ते में 4.307 अरब डॉलर बढ़कर 655.817 अरब डॉलर की रिकॉर्ड सर्वकालिक ऊंचाई पर पहुंच गया है। इससे पहले विदेशी मुद्रा भंडार का उच्चतम स्तर 10 मई को 648.87 अरब डॉलर था। आरबीआई के आंकड़ों के मुताबिक सात जून को समाप्त हफ्ते में विदेशी मुद्रा भंडार का अहम घटक विदेशी मुद्रा आस्तियां 3.773 अरब डॉलर बढ़कर 576.337 अरब डॉलर हो गईं। इस दौरान स्वर्ण भंडार का आरंभिक मूल्य 48.1 करोड़ डॉलर उछलकर 56.982 अरब डॉलर हो गया। इसी तरह विशेष आह्वान अधिकार (एसडीआर) 4.3 करोड़ डॉलर बढ़कर 18.161 अरब डॉलर हो गया। इसके अलावा



अंतरराष्ट्रीय मुद्राकोष (आईएमएफ) के पास भारत की आरंभिक जमा भी एक करोड़ डॉलर बढ़कर 4.336 अरब डॉलर हो गई है। पिछले कुछ

पिछले हफ्ते ही मौद्रिक नीति समीति (एमपीसी) की समीक्षा बैठक के फैसलों की जानकारी देते हुए बताया था कि देश का विदेशी मुद्रा भंडार

हफ्तों में विदेशी मुद्रा भंडार में उल्लेखनीय वृद्धि देखी गई है। आरबीआई गवर्नर शक्तिकांत दास ने

देश की दूसरी सबसे बड़ी ऑटोमोबाइल कंपनी बनी महिंद्रा, टाटा मोटर्स को पछाड़ा

नई दिल्ली। महिंद्रा एंड महिंद्रा लिमिटेड वैल्यूएशन के मामले में भारत की दूसरी सबसे बड़ी ऑटोमोबाइल कंपनी बन गई है। फिलहाल भारत सुजुकी इंडिया लिमिटेड देश की सबसे अधिक वैल्यूएशन वाली ऑटोमोबाइल कंपनी है, जबकि टाटा मोटर्स लिमिटेड अब वैल्यूएशन के मामले में तीसरे स्थान पर खिसक गई है। इस साल निफ्टी के टॉप गेनर्स की सूची में महिंद्रा एंड महिंद्रा लिमिटेड के शेयर ज्यादातर समय अपना स्थान बनाए रखने में सफल रहे हैं। पिछले 52 सप्ताह के दौरान इस कंपनी के शेयर वैल्यू में करीब 65 प्रतिशत तक की उछल आई है, जिसके कारण इसके मार्केट कैपिटलाइजेशन में 2 लाख करोड़ रुपये से अधिक की बढ़ोतरी हो गई है। फिलहाल महिंद्रा एंड महिंद्रा को दुनिया की सबसे बड़ी ट्रेक्टर

कंपनी होने का तमगा भी हासिल है। महिंद्रा एंड महिंद्रा की ओर से

व्हीकल (एमयूवी) और इलेक्ट्रिक व्हीकल (ईवी) की उत्पादन क्षमता



उपलब्ध कराई गई जानकारी के मुताबिक 2025 से 2027 के दौरान कंपनी की योजना विस्तारिकरण के लिए 27,000 करोड़ रुपये का निवेश करने की है। इसके साथ ही कंपनी का इरादा मार्च 2026 तक स्पोर्ट्स यूटिलिटी

को भी बढ़ा कर 72 हजार यूनिट प्रति महीना करने का है। इस साल मार्च के अंत तक ये क्षमता 49 हजार यूनिट प्रति माह थी। इसके साथ ही कंपनी की योजना अगले 6 वर्षों में डीजल की 6 नई एसयूवी लांच करने की भी है।

घरेलू शेयर बाजार की कामयाबी, भारत दुनिया का चौथा सबसे बड़ा शेयर बाजार बना

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। भारत एक बार फिर मार्केट कैपिटलाइजेशन के मामले में दुनिया का चौथा सबसे बड़ा शेयर बाजार बन गया है। भारत ने हांगकांग को पछाड़ कर इस स्थान पर पहुंचने में सफलता हासिल की है। बॉम्बे स्टॉक एक्सचेंज (बीएसई) में लिस्टेड कंपनियों की कुल मार्केट वैल्यू 5.18 ट्रिलियन डॉलर हो गई है, जबकि हांगकांग के स्टॉक मार्केट का कैपिटलाइजेशन 5.17 ट्रिलियन डॉलर है। ब्लूमबर्ग के आंकड़ों के मुताबिक इसके पहले इसी साल 23 जनवरी को बीएसई ने मार्केट

लिस्टेड कंपनियों के मार्केट कैपिटलाइजेशन से अधिक हो गया



है। मार्केट कैपिटलाइजेशन के मामले में इस समय अमेरिकी शेयर बाजार

56.49 ट्रिलियन डॉलर के मार्केट कैपिटलाइजेशन के साथ दुनिया का सबसे बड़ा शेयर बाजार है। अमेरिका के बाद 8.84 ट्रिलियन डॉलर के

मार्केट कैपिटलाइजेशन के साथ चीन ने दूसरे सबसे बड़े शेयर बाजार होने का तमगा हासिल कर रखा है। चीन के बाद जापान 6.30 ट्रिलियन डॉलर के मार्केट कैपिटलाइजेशन के साथ तीसरे स्थान पर बना हुआ है। जहां तक भारतीय बाजार की बात है, तो पिछले हफ्ते चुनाव के नतीजे आने के बाद बाजार में काफी उतार-चढ़ाव की स्थिति बनी थी। चुनाव परिणाम वाले दिन बीजेपी की सीटों में आई गिरावट के कारण शेयर बाजार 5.70 प्रतिशत से भी ज्यादा टूट गया था। उसके बाद केंद्र में एनडीए सरकार की वापसी तय हो जाने के कारण शेयर बाजार ने

दोबारा जोरदार छलांग लगाई और फिलहाल रिकॉर्ड स्तर पर पहुंच कर कारोबार कर रहा है। बाजार में आई तेजी के कारण बीएसई में लिस्टेड कंपनियों का कुल मार्केट कैपिटलाइजेशन पिछले करीब एक हफ्ते के दौरान 32 लाख करोड़ रुपये की उछल के साथ अभी तक के सर्वोच्च स्तर 434.86 लाख करोड़ रुपये यानी लगभग 5.18 ट्रिलियन डॉलर के स्तर पर पहुंच गया है। जानकारों का मानना है कि अगर कोई बड़ा उलट फेर नहीं हुआ तो नई सरकार के बजट पेश करने के पहले तक घरेलू शेयर बाजार में लगातार तेजी जारी रह सकती है।

थोक महंगाई दर मई में 15 महीने के उच्चतम स्तर 2.61 फीसदी पर

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। सब्जियों और विनिर्मित वस्तुओं की कीमतों में वृद्धि के कारण थोक महंगाई में लगातार तीसरे महीने इजाफा हुआ है। थोक महंगाई दर मई में सालाना आधार पर उछलकर 15 महीने के उच्चतम स्तर 2.61 फीसदी पर पहुंच गई है। इससे पिछले महीने अप्रैल में यह 1.26 फीसदी थी। वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्रालय ने जारी आंकड़ों में बताया कि खाद्य पदार्थों की कीमतों में वृद्धि की वजह से थोक मूल्य सूचकांक (डब्ल्यूपीआई) पर आधारित थोक महंगाई दर मई महीने में 2.61 फीसदी रही है। पिछले साल मई में थोक महंगाई दर -3.61 फीसदी रही थी। अप्रैल में यह 1.26 फीसदी रही थी, जो 13 महीने का उच्चतम स्तर था। हालांकि, इससे पिछले महीने मार्च में यह 0.53 फीसदी थी, जबकि फरवरी में थोक महंगाई दर 0.20 फीसदी थी। मंत्रालय ने मई में थोक महंगाई बढ़ने की मुख्य वजह

खाद्य वस्तुओं, खाद्य उत्पादों के निर्माण, कच्चे पेट्रोलियम तथा प्राकृतिक गैस, खनिज तेल और अन्य विनिर्माण की कीमतों में वृद्धि



बताया है। आंकड़ों के मुताबिक खाद्य वस्तुओं की महंगाई मई में 9.82 फीसदी बढ़ी, जबकि अप्रैल में यह 7.74 फीसदी थी। मई में सब्जियों की महंगाई दर 32.42 फीसदी रही, जो अप्रैल में 23.60 फीसदी थी। इसी तरह प्याज की महंगाई दर ((58.05 फीसदी रही, जबकि आलू की महंगाई दर 64.05 फीसदी रही। दालों की महंगाई दर मई महीने में 21.95 फीसदी रही है। इसके

अलावा इंधन एवं बिजली क्षेत्र में महंगाई 1.35 फीसदी रही, जो अप्रैल के 1.38 फीसदी से मामूली कम है। विनिर्मित उत्पादों की महंगाई 0.78



फीसदी रही है, जो अप्रैल में शून्य से नीचे 0.42 फीसदी थी। इससे एक दिन पहले बुधवार को राष्ट्रीय सांख्यिकी कार्यालय (एनएसओ) की ओर से जारी आंकड़ों के मुताबिक मई में खुदरा महंगाई दर 4.75 फीसदी रही थी, जो 12 महीने का निचला स्तर है। इससे पिछले महीने अप्रैल में खुदरा महंगाई दर घटकर 4.83 फीसदी पर आ गई थी।

देश का निर्यात मई में 9 फीसदी बढ़कर 38.13 अरब डॉलर पर

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। आर्थिक मॉंचे पर अच्छी खबर है। देश का वस्तु निर्यात मई में नौ फीसदी बढ़कर 38.13 अरब डॉलर हो गया है, जो एक साल पहले की समान अवधि में 34.95 अरब डॉलर रहा था। इससे पिछले महीने अप्रैल, 2024 में निर्यात एक फीसदी बढ़कर 35 अरब अमेरिकी डॉलर रहा था। वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्रालय ने जारी एक बयान में बताया कि वस्तु निर्यात मई में नौ फीसदी बढ़कर 38.13 अरब डॉलर हो गया है, जो एक साल पहले समान अवधि में 34.95 अरब डॉलर रहा था। आयात 7.7 फीसदी बढ़कर 61.91 अरब अमेरिकी डॉलर हो गया, जो मई 2023 में 57.48 अरब अमेरिकी डॉलर रहा था। इस दौरान व्यापार घाटा (आयात और निर्यात के बीच का अंतर) 23.78 अरब अमेरिकी डॉलर रहा। आंकड़ों के मुताबिक चालू वित्त वर्ष 2024-25 में अप्रैल-मई के दौरान निर्यात 5.1

फीसदी बढ़कर 73.12 अरब अमेरिकी डॉलर हो गया। आयात भी 8.89 फीसदी बढ़कर 116 अरब

और सेवाएं संयुक्त) 68.29 अरब अमेरिकी डॉलर होने का अनुमान है, जो मई 2023 की तुलना में 10.25



अमेरिकी डॉलर रहा। वाणिज्य सचिव सुनील बर्थवाल ने कहा कि निर्यात की वृद्धि से मई महीना उल्कृत रहा है। उन्होंने कहा कि मुझे उम्मीद है कि यह प्रवृत्ति आगे जारी रहेगी। बर्थवाल ने कहा कि मई 2024 के लिए भारत का कुल निर्यात (वस्तुएं

फीसदी की सकारात्मक वृद्धि दर्शाता है। मई 2024 के लिए कुल आयात (वस्तुएं और सेवाएं संयुक्त) 79.20 अरब अमेरिकी डॉलर होने का अनुमान है, जो मई 2023 की तुलना में 7.95 फीसदी की सकारात्मक वृद्धि दर्शाता है।

सर्गाफा बाजार की तेजी पर ब्रेक, सोना और चांदी की घटी कीमत

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। लगातार तीन दिन की तेजी के बाद आज घरेलू सर्गाफा बाजार में गिरावट नजर आ रही है। सोने के भाव में आज 100 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम तक की गिरावट दर्ज की गई है। इसी तरह चांदी भी आज 800 रुपये प्रति किलोग्राम तक सस्ता हुआ है। आज देश के ज्यादातर सर्गाफा बाजारों में 24 कैरेट सोना 72,650 रुपये से लेकर 72,150 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम के बीच कारोबार कर रहा है। इसी तरह 22 कैरेट सोना भी आज 66,590 रुपये से लेकर 66,140 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम के बीच बिक रहा है। सोने की तरह ही चांदी में आई गिरावट के कारण आज ये चामकीली धातु दिल्ली सर्गाफा बाजार में 90,600 रुपये प्रति किलोग्राम के स्तर पर कारोबार कर रही है। देश की राजधानी दिल्ली में 24 कैरेट सोना आज 72,300 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम के स्तर पर कारोबार कर रहा है, जबकि 22 कैरेट सोने



की कीमत 66,240 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम दर्ज की गई। इसी तरह मुंबई में 24 कैरेट सोना 72,150 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम और 22 कैरेट सोना 66,140 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम के स्तर पर बिक रहा है। जबकि चेन्नई में 24 कैरेट सोने की रिटेल कीमत 72,650 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम और 22 कैरेट सोने की कीमत 66,590 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम दर्ज की गई है।

इन प्रमुख शहरों के अलावा अहमदाबाद में 24 कैरेट सोना आज लखनऊ के सर्गाफा बाजार में 24 कैरेट सोना आज 72,300 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम के स्तर पर और 22 कैरेट सोना 66,240 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम के स्तर पर बिक रहा है। वहीं पटना में 24 कैरेट सोने की कीमत 72,200 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम हो गई है, जबकि 22 कैरेट सोना 66,190 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम के स्तर पर बिक रहा है। इसी तरह जयपुर में 24 कैरेट सोना 72,300 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम और 22 कैरेट सोना 66,240 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम के स्तर पर बिक रहा है। देश के अन्य राज्यों की तरह कर्नाटक, तेलंगाना और ओडिशा के सर्गाफा बाजार में भी सोने की कीमत में आज गिरावट आई है। इन तीनों राज्यों की राजधानियों बेंगलूर, हैदराबाद और भुवनेश्वर में 24 कैरेट सोना आज 72,150 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम के स्तर पर कारोबार कर रहा है। वहीं इन तीनों शहरों के सर्गाफा बाजारों में 22 कैरेट सोना 66,140 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम के स्तर पर बिक रहा है।

वित्तमंत्री निर्मला सीतारमण 22 जुलाई को पेश कर सकती हैं बजट

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। संसद का मानसून सत्र 22 जुलाई से शुरू हो सकता है। इसके 9 अगस्त तक चलने की संभावना है। प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी की अगुवाई वाली राष्ट्रीय जनतांत्रिक गठबंधन (एनडीए) 3.0 सरकार का पहला वित्त वर्ष 2024-25 का पूर्ण बजट 22 जुलाई को लोकसभा में वित्त मंत्री निर्मला सीतारमण पेश कर सकती हैं। यह जानकारी सूत्रों ने दी। सीतारमण इस बार संसद में लगातार सातवां बजट और लगातार छठा पूर्ण बजट पेश करेंगी। इसके साथ ही वो पूर्व प्रधानमंत्री मोरारजी देसाई का लगातार छह बार बजट पेश करने का रिकॉर्ड तोड़ देंगी। उल्लेखनीय है कि वित्त मंत्री निर्मला सीतारमण ने एक फरवरी, 2024 को लोकसभा में चालू वित्त वर्ष 2024-25 का अंतिम बजट पेश किया था।

कारोबारी गौतम अदाणी ने अदाणी एंटरप्राइजेज में बढ़ाई हिस्सेदारी; दो किशतों में खरीदे शेयर



एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। अरबपति गौतम अदाणी से जुड़ी एक खबर सामने आई है। कारोबारी अदाणी ने अप्रैल-जून तिमाही के दौरान खुले बाजार से अदाणी एंटरप्राइजेज लिमिटेड में अपनी हिस्सेदारी बढ़ाई। स्टॉक एक्सचेंजों को दिए गए एक बयान से इसकी जानकारी मिली है। खुले बाजार की खरीदारी प्रमोटर या प्रमोटर समूह से संबंधित संस्थाओं द्वारा की गई थी। इस तिमाही के दौरान, अदाणी ने दो किशतों में समूह की प्रमुख कंपनी में हिस्सेदारी खरीदी। उन्होंने 10 मई से 14 मई, 2024 के बीच केम्पास ट्रेड एंड इन्वेस्टमेंट के माध्यम से कंपनी में अतिरिक्त 0.42 प्रतिशत (48,25,000 शेयर) हिस्सेदारी खरीदी। कारोबारी अदाणी ने इसके अलावा, 21 मई से 12 जून के बीच इमर्जिंग मार्केट इन्वेस्टमेंट डीएमसीसी के माध्यम से फर्म में 0.92 प्रतिशत (1,04,95,000 शेयर) हिस्सेदारी खरीदी।

मस्क के भारी-भरकम वेतन पैकेज को टेस्ला बोर्ड की मंजूरी; हर घंटे मिलने हैं करीब 53 करोड़ रुपये

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। एलन मस्क के भारी-भरकम सैलरी पैकेज को टेस्ला के शेयरधारकों ने अपनी मंजूरी दी है। इलेक्ट्रिक वाहन निर्माता के सीईओ का वेतन पैकेज मौजूदा रूपान्तरण दर पर करीब 56 बिलियन डॉलर यानी लगभग 4,67,880 करोड़ रुपये का है। अगर यह वेतन उन्हें दिया जाता है तो उन्हें हर घंटे के लिए करीब 53 करोड़ रुपये का भुगतान किया जाएगा। इस मंजूरी को इलेक्ट्रिक वाहन निर्माता कंपनी की बोर्ड के ओर से मस्क के नेतृत्व की मजबूत समर्थन देने के रूप में देखा जा रहा है। हालांकि, बोर्ड

से मंजूरी मिलने के बावजूद मस्क को फिलहाल इस वेतन पैकेज के लिए इंतजार करना पड़ेगा। अदालती दिक्कों के कारण अभी मस्क को करना होगा इंतजार आशंका है कि पैकेज संभवतः महीनों तक डेलीवियर चारसरी कोर्ट और सुप्रीम कोर्ट में कानूनी कार्रवाई में उलझा रहेगा। टेस्ला डेलीवियर न्यायाधीश की ओर से इस पैकेज के खिलाफ दिए गए आदेश को बदलवाने की कोशिश कर रही है। जनवरी में अदालत ने मस्क के वेतन पैकेज को खारिज करते हुए इसे 'अविश्वसनीय' कहा था। कोर्ट से अपने पक्ष में फैसला हासिल करने के

बाद ही मस्क इस भारी-भरकम पैकेज को हासिल कर पाएंगे। जनवरी में इस वेतन पैकेज पर उठे विवाद के बाद मस्क ने टेस्ला के साथ अपने भविष्य पर संदेह व्यक्त किया था। उन्होंने अपने सोशल मीडिया प्लेटफॉर्म एक्स पर पोस्ट किया था कि एआई डेलीवरीमेंट को कहीं और ले जाने से रोकने के लिए उन्होंने कंपनी में 25ब हिस्सेदारी मांगी है। मस्क के अनुसार, एआई उपयोग को नियंत्रित करने के लिए उन्हें ये भारी-भरकम पैकेज दिया जाना जरूरी है। टेस्ला इलेक्ट्रिक वाहनों की मांग में वैश्विक घटती की वजह से मस्क ने गिरावट और घटते प्रॉफिट मार्जिन से जूझ रही है। ऑस्टिन, टेक्सास

में आयोजित टेस्ला की वार्षिक बैठक के दौरान मस्क ने शेयरधारकों को आश्चर्यचकित किया कि वह कंपनी के साथ रहने की योजना बना रहे हैं और पांच साल तक मुआवजे पैकेज के तहत मिलने वाला कोई स्टॉक नहीं बेचेंगे। उन्होंने कहा, 'यह वास्तव में नकदी नहीं है, और मैं इसे बेचकर भाग नहीं सकता।' जनवरी में मस्क ने कहा था कि अगर वे पर्याप्त वॉटिंग राइट्स हासिल करने में विफल रहे तो उन्हें टेस्ला से अलग होकर एआई और रोबोटिक्स उत्पादों का निर्माण करना पड़ेगा। ऐसा ना हो इसके लिए उन्हें अनिवार्य रूप से उनके 2018 के वेतन पैकेज को मंजूरी देने की आवश्यकता है।

ऑनलाइन डेटिंग कैसे रहें सुरक्षित



अक्सर ही ऑनलाइन डेटिंग के जरिये पहले दोस्ती और फिर धोखे की खबरें भी सुर्खियां बनती हैं. इस क्षेत्र में सुरक्षित रहने के लिए कुछ बातों पर दें विशेष ध्यान

अगर ऑनलाइन साथी की तलाश कर रहे हैं तो विभिन्न सर्च इंजन की सहायता लें. साथ ही, ऑनलाइन फ्रेंड से रियल लाइफ में मिलने का निर्णय लेते हैं तो यह सुनिश्चित कर लें कि वह जगह पब्लिक प्लेस हो, अगर आप इंटरनेट के जरिए अपने प्यार की तलाश कर रहे हैं, तो कुछ बातों का ध्यान रखें...

क्या आप ऑनलाइन डेटिंग के बारे में सोच रहे हैं? अगर हां, तो जरा संभल के. इसमें थोड़ी सी लापरवाही आपके लिए खतरा भी बन सकती है.

ऑनलाइन डेटिंग मैगजीन के अनुसार, बीस प्रतिशत अमेरिकी ऐसे व्यक्ति के साथ डेटिंग पर बाहर जाते हैं जिनसे वे ऑनलाइन मिले होते हैं, जबकि हर साल ऑनलाइन मिलने वाले लोगों में से 2,80,000 लोग शादी कर लेते हैं.

हालांकि ये आंकड़े विदेश के हैं लेकिन हमारे देश में भी ऑनलाइन डेटिंग का त्रेक कम नहीं है. भले ही ऑनलाइन डेटिंग के जरिये मनचाहा साथी मिल जाता हो लेकिन इस आभासी दुनिया में छल करने वालों की भी कमी नहीं है.

साइट्स की पहचान

कुछ साइट्स हैं जो यह निर्णय करती हैं कि आप किससे मिलें, जबकि कुछ साइट्स आपको आवश्यक डेट के बारे में सलाह देती हैं. सबसे जरूरी बात आप इन साइट्स की कीमत को जरूर जांच लें. छोटे और क्षेत्रीय साइट्स को भी नजरअंदाज न करें.

ईमानदारी से बनायें प्रोफाइल

ऑनलाइन प्रोफाइल बनाते समय अपनी उम्र, बैकग्राउंड या आदतों के बारे में झूठे बयान देने से बचें. लेकिन अपने बारे में बहुत अधिक जानकारी देने से बचें, चाहे आप अगले व्यक्ति को पहचानते ही क्यों न हों. अच्छी लेकिन अप-टू-डेट फोटो पोस्ट करें, किसी भी तरह की अश्लीलता से बचें.

थोड़ी बेईमानी की उम्मीद

विशेषज्ञ मानते हैं कि ऑनलाइन डेटिंग रिलेशन बनाने का बजाय एक तरह से विज्ञापन होता है. यह ऐसा विज्ञापन होता है जो अतिशयोक्तिपूर्ण कथन और झूठ से भरा होता है. दोस्ती करने वाला उनसे

उम्मीद करता है कि अगला व्यक्ति अपनी बेस्ट फोटो अपलोड करेगा जबकि वह अपनी कम उम्र की फोटो के साथ ही अपने वजन का भी कई किलो छिपा जाता है.

फ्रॉड से बचें

किसी भी नई तकनीक के समान ही ऑनलाइन डेटिंग के भी कुछ नकारात्मक पहलू हैं. इनमें से सबसे बड़ी बात फ्रॉड की है. बड़ी संख्या में अंतरराष्ट्रीय सहायता संघ भी वजूद में हैं जो ऑनलाइन डेटिंग साइट पर भी मौजूद हैं और अक्सर इस तरह के मैसेज भेज कर दावा करते हैं कि कुछ लोग हैं जो मुसीबत में हैं और उनके पास पैसे नहीं हैं. अगर कोई ऐसी बात करे, खासकर किसी दूसरे देश का व्यक्ति, तो तुरंत उससे नाता तोड़ लें.

तहकीकात करें

परिवार या दोस्त कभी भी आपके संभावित ऑनलाइन डेटिंग की जांच नहीं कर सकते. इसलिए आपको थोड़ा सा जासूसी वाला काम भी करना पड़ेगा. जिससे ऑनलाइन मिले हैं और फिर उस व्यक्ति से वास्तव में मिलने जा रहे हैं तो उनके बारे में थोड़ी जांच-पड़ताल भी करें. इसके लिए मल्टीपल सर्च इंजन का सहारा लें. आपराधिक बैकग्राउंड की भी जांच करें. इस बात को सुनिश्चित कर लें कि उसके अनुसार जो वह है, वह सच है.

सार्वजनिक स्थल पर मिलें

वास्तव में, ऑनलाइन फ्रेंड के साथ मिलने की स्थिति आने पर किसी सार्वजनिक स्थल पर भी मिलने का प्रयास करें. साथ ही, आप कहाँ जा रहे हैं और किससे मिलने जा रहे हैं और कब वापस आएं, अगर इसकी सूचना परिवार और मित्रों को देकर जाएंगे तो बेहतर होगा. अपना फोन हाथ में रखें. अगर डेट पर किसी भी तरह की असहजता महसूस करें तुरंत उस जगह को छोड़ दें.

यूँ सजाएं अपना आशियाना

घर छोटा हो या बड़ा, चाहत सिर्फ इतनी रहती है कि अपना घर सबसे अलग और सुंदर नजर आए. सूझबूझ से आप भी घर को सुंदर बना सकती हैं.

हों. यदि रखने ही हों तो सबसे पहले सबसे छोटा और सबसे आखिरी में बड़े साइज वाला फूलदान रखें. घर सजाने के लिए केंडल का प्रयोग भी कर सकती हैं.

फूलों से सजाएं

कैंडल सजाते समय इस बात का ध्यान अवश्य रखें कि वे विषम संख्या में हों. ड्राइंग रूम बड़ा हो तो चारों कोनों में चार नहीं भी लगा सकें तो कम से कम दो कोनों में हैंगिंग लैंप लगाएं. हालांकि, ड्राइंग रूम में ट्यूब लाइट से परहेज करना बेहतर होता है. ड्राइंग रूम में अगर दो खिड़कियों के बीच लंबा गैप हो तो वहां लंबी तस्वीरों की जगह चौड़ी तस्वीरों का प्रयोग करें. ऐसा करने से कमरा खाली-खाली नहीं लगेगा.

आकर्षक फर्नीचर

ड्राइंग रूम का फर्नीचर सदैव आकर्षक रखें. इसका डिजाइन परंपरागत हो या आधुनिक, लुभावना होना चाहिए. दीवार पर हाथ से सुंदर मोटिफ, बेल या फूल बनाएं. इस सजावट के बाद

यदि आप घर को नेचुरल लुक से सवाराना चाहती हैं तो उसके लिए फूलों का प्रयोग करें. फूल यदि प्राकृतिक ले सकें तो ठीक, वरना बाजार में मिलने वाले आर्टिफिशियल फूलों का प्रयोग करें. कोशिश करें कि एक कमरे में एक से ज्यादा फूलदान ना



बढ़ती उम्र की महिलाओं का हेल्दी डाइट

आमतौर पर मीनोपॉज से पूर्व महिलाएं हॉट प्लेश का सामना करती हैं, जो सामान्य बात है. डॉक्टरों के अनुसार, हॉट प्लेश मीनोपॉज का संकेत देने वाला मुख्य लक्षण है. मीनोपॉज से पहले हॉट प्लेश का अनुभव करना इसलिए भी बहुत सामान्य बात है क्योंकि इस दौरान शरीर का हार्मोनल स्तर पलकूपेट यानी ऊपर-नीचे होता रहता है.

अक्सर यही पलकूपेशन हॉट प्लेश का कारण बनता है. हॉट प्लेश में अचानक ही कुछ सेकेंड्स के लिए बहुत तेज गर्मी का अहसास होता है. हालांकि यह सच है कि मीनोपॉज के निकट पहुंच चुकी महिलाओं के लिए हॉट प्लेश सामान्य बात है लेकिन इसे हेल्दी डाइट के जरिये नियंत्रित भी किया जा सकता है. कुछ प्राकृतिक खाद्य पदार्थ हैं जिनसे हॉट प्लेश की गर्मी से काफी हद तक बच सकती है.

हाई फाइबर फूड्स की जरूरत रेशों से भरपूर खाद्य पदार्थ हॉट प्लेश से बचने का बेहतर उपाय है कि आप अपनी डाइट में हाई फाइबर फूड्स को

शामिल करें. ऐसा इसलिए क्योंकि शरीर के ब्लड शुगर को मैटेन रखने के लिए रेशों से भरपूर खाद्य पदार्थ उपयोगी होते हैं. इसलिए यह हॉट प्लेश को कम करने में सहायक होता है. हाई फाइबर खाद्य पदार्थों में साबुत अनाज, ब्रोकली, सेब, अमरूद, गाजर आदि शामिल होते हैं. फलियों में आप बीन्स, मसूर और मटर को चुन सकती हैं. रेशेदार भोजन न केवल हॉट प्लेश को समझाता है बल्कि इस तरह का भोजन वजन को नियंत्रित रखने के साथ ही पाचन क्रिया को भी मजबूत बनाता है.

पलैक्सीड (अलसी के बीज)

हॉट प्लेश से बचने के लिए पलैक्सीड के साथ ही पलैक्सीड ऑयल को भोजन में शामिल करना बेहतर होगा. पलैक्सीड में महत्वपूर्ण तत्व हैं जो महिलाओं के हार्मोन के पलकूपेशन को रिस्टोर करते हैं जिससे यह हॉट प्लेश और दूसरी समस्याओं के होने की संभावना को कम करता है.

पलैक्सीड से कई अन्य फायदे भी होते हैं जैसे इसके सेवन से वजन कम होता है. साथ ही, यह हृदय रोग

हॉट प्लेश मीनोपॉज का संकेत देने वाला मुख्य लक्षण है. इसे हेल्दी डाइट के जरिये नियंत्रित भी किया जा सकता है.

और कैंसर होने से बचाता है. इसके बेहतर परिणाम के लिए इस सुपर फूड का 2/3 कप अपनी डाइट प्लान में शामिल करें. हालांकि सुरक्षित रहने के लिए इस खाद्य पदार्थ को अपने भोजन में शामिल करने से पहले डॉक्टर से सलाह भी ले सकती हैं.

सोयाबीन

मीनोपॉज की उम्र में पहुंच चुकी महिलाओं को अपने भोजन में सोया शामिल करना बहुत जरूरी है. ऐसा इसलिए क्योंकि सोया में ऐसा तत्व पाया जाता है जो एस्ट्रोजन हार्मोन सरीखा काम करता है. सोया खाने से आप हॉट प्लेश और मीनोपॉज से जुड़ी अन्य समस्याओं से राहत पा सकती हैं. विशेषज्ञों के अनुसार, यदि प्रतिदिन के भोजन में 25 ग्राम सोया से भरपूर आहार शामिल किया जाए तो मीनोपॉजल लक्षण को कम किया जा सकता है. खासतौर से, हॉट प्लेश को तीस प्रतिशत तक कम हो सकता है.

मछली/मीट/अंडे

जीवन के इस दौर में प्रोटीन से भरपूर खाद्य पदार्थ जैसे मछली, अंडे या मीट से भरपूर डाइट हार्मोन का संतुलन बनाए रखने में अत्यधिक मददगार साबित होते हैं. अगर आप वेजीटेरियन हैं तो प्लांट बेस्ड प्रोटीन से भरपूर खाद्य पदार्थों का सेवन कर सकती हैं. इनमें मेवे, दही और फलियां शामिल हैं.



NEWS BOX

Mark Wood hopes Mitchell Marsh's team will play the 'Australian way' vs Scotland

New Delhi. England fast bowler Mark Wood has hoped that Mitchell Marsh's Australia will play the 'Australian way' in their final group-stage match in the T20 World Cup 2024 against Scotland. Wood's comments come ahead of his team's match against Namibia in the tournament. Speaking at the pre-match press conference, Wood hoped that Australia would beat Scotland, which would help England's chances of qualifying for the Super 8 stage. The T20 World Cup 2024 saw a mini-controversy earlier this week, when Josh Hazlewood said that Australia losing to Scotland would help the team in the latter stages of the tournament, as the by-product of the loss will result in England getting knocked out of the tournament. England's chances dangle by the thread at the moment, as they not only have to beat Namibia in their final game but also have to depend on Australia not intentionally going soft against Scotland. Asked about Hazlewood's



comments, Wood said that it was just some classic England vs Australia banter and hoped that Mitchell Marsh's side would play the game with all honesty. "I think that's part of being England and Australia, isn't it? I think actually I saw it more as a respect thing, if I'm honest, that he was saying that England have done well against Australia in the recent past and thinks we're a big threat and a big team so I have no problem with it," Wood said at the pre-match press conference. "I'm absolutely confident they'll play the game the hardest, that's the Australian way, that they'll play hard but fair and try and get the win," he further added.

WHAT HAPPENS IF AUSTRALIA LOSE WILLINGLY

Australia are going to be the king-maker in Group B as they play Scotland in their final group-stage game. In case Australia lose to Scotland, the latter will qualify with 7 points to their name (highest in Group B), and in case Australia win, Scotland will tie with England on points - 5. England have the superior NRR at the moment and would qualify for the Super 8 stages. Australia fast-bowler Josh Hazlewood was asked about the NRR calculations after the team's win against Namibia. Hazlewood cheekily mentioned that Australia would love for England to get knocked out from the T20 World Cup, as it would serve the team's best interests.

Aiden Markram wants South Africa to learn after narrow win vs Nepal: Not near our best

Aiden Markram said that South Africa were far from their best when they faced Nepal in a thrilling Group D encounter in the T20 World Cup. On Saturday, the Proteas beat Rohit Paudel's team by 1 run at the Arnos Vale Ground in Kingstown, St Vincent. After being asked to bat first, South Africa scored 115 for the loss of 7 wickets on the back of Reeza Hendricks' 43-run knock in challenging conditions.

Nepal were in the hunt for the most part of the run-chase before falling short. Tabraiz Shamsi finished with figures of 4-0-19-4 and helped his team snatch victory from the jaws of defeat. After the game, Markram said that his team will be looking to get better after somehow getting over the finish line against Nepal. South Africa vs Nepal,



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"Very grateful to have got the win, we were not near our best tonight. Reflecting back on the game over the next few days, there will be a lot of learnings for us. We have a good pace attack and you want to back that. I thought if we got the ball in the right areas, it would be challenging for the batters. In hindsight, we should have picked another spinner," Markram said in the post-match presentation ceremony. Markram also had words of praise for Nepal, who fell short of securing their maiden win over a Test-playing nation in the history of the T20 World Cup.

"First and foremost, the way [Nepal] bowled it made it really tough for us. They put us under a lot of pressure. And maybe there was not enough conviction in our plans," Markram added. With the win, South Africa finished on top of the table in their group with 8 points and a net run rate of +0.470 thanks to wins in all 4 of their matches.

T20 World Cup: Tabraiz Shamsi stars as South Africa edge past resilient Nepal

T20 World Cup 2024: Aiden Markram's South Africa survived a huge scare after beating Nepal by 1 run in St Vincent to finish with wins in all matches in the group stage.



New Delhi. South Africa survived a huge scare after beating Nepal by 1 run in a T20 World Cup 2024 Group D match. On Saturday, June 15 at the Arnos Vale Ground in Kingstown, St Vincent, the Proteas snatched victory from the jaws of defeat after a roller-coaster ride. With their fourth win in the group stage, Aiden Markram and Co. finished on top of the table.

Nepal, in the meantime, would not be able to make their way through to the Super 8 despite their whole-hearted efforts. It also means that Najmul Hossain Shanto's Bangladesh and Scott Edwards' Netherlands will be competing for the other spot from their group. Sri Lanka were earlier knocked

out after Shanto's Tigers beat the Dutch. South Africa vs Nepal, T20 World Cup Highlights

After being put in to bat first, the Proteas huffed and puffed their way to scoring 115 against Nepal. Barring Reeza Hendricks, most of the South African batters struggled to get going. Hendricks scored 43 runs off 49

balls with 5 fours and a six before Dipendra Singh Airee accounted for his wicket. Airee made life tough for the opposition batters with figures of 4-0-21-3.

It was Tristan Stubbs' unbeaten 27 off 18 that helped South Africa post 115 for 7 on the board. Kushal Bhurtel also had a dream day after he had figures of 4-0-19-4. Sandeep

Lamichhane, who played his first game in the ongoing tournament, could not make a breakthrough, but bowled at an economy rate of 4.50.

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Shamsi saves the day for South Africa

Bhurtel and Aasif Sheikh laid the platform for Nepal in their run-chase with a partnership of 35 runs. Aasif was stupendous after he scored 42 runs off 49 balls with the help of 4 fours and 1 six. Rohit Paudel got out cheaply, but Aasif and Anil Sah put on 50 runs for the third wicket to put Nepal in a position of command. With Nepal needing 30 runs off 38 balls, they looked in cruise control. But then, Tabraiz Shamsi cruised up for the Proteas big time and got four crucial wickets to finish with figures of 4-0-19-4. Nepal dragged the game to the last over where they were left with 8 runs to get.

Gulshan Jha smacked Otneil Baartman for a four, but the boundary was not enough for Nepal. Jha failed to complete a single in the last ball and was run out at the non-striker's end as South Africa won by the barest of margins.

One hell of an opportunity: Michael Leask as Scotland eye Super 8 spot

New Delhi. Scotland batter Michael Leask looked confident ahead of their must-win encounter against Australia as he described it as a "one hell of an opportunity." Scotland would look to script history as they stand a chance to qualify for the Super 8 stage of the T20 World Cup 2024. Australia, who have already advanced to the next stage, will face Scotland at the Darren Sammy National Cricket Stadium, St Lucia on June 16, Sunday. If Scotland manage to beat Australia, they will make it to Super 8. Their win would also mean that the defending champions England will also be knocked out of the tournament.

The Group B will witness England up against the already eliminated Namibia on June 15. A win for England will keep them afloat in the tournament. However, after England's emphatic win against Oman, they boosted their net-run-rate to +3.081, which is superior to Scotland's +2.164. If England win, they will equal Scotland's points tally of 5. If Scotland lose, England will make it to the next stage, owing to a better net-run-rate. Leask realised the

importance of the crunch game against Australia and was eager to take on one of the best teams of the tournament.

"It's a must-win game, always has been. I



think we knew coming into this game it would be. We expect England to play well in the group, and that's exactly what they've done. Look, England had two tough games to play and they've played the first one very well. We always knew this

was going to be a must-win game for us and look, it's a hell of an opportunity for us to go and play really good cricket and take on one of the best in the world," Leask said. Scotland have been brilliant in the tournament so far. After their washout game against England, they went onto defeat Oman as well as Namibia.

It would be a tough way" Leask felt that it would be a huge moment if Scotland make it to the Super 8 stage. He exuded confidence and said that Scotland would bring their best game against the 2021 T20 World Cup champions.

"I think it'd be an incredibly proud moment for Scottish cricket if we did progress to the Super 8s. And look, let's not beat around the bush. It would be the tough way. We know we're going to have to beat Australia. So, I think that would make it extra special for us, knowing that we've played an incredibly good game of cricket, taking on the best in the world, beat the best in the world to progress. And I think come, we're going to have to bring our A game and take them on," Leask added.

Germany boss Julian Nagelsmann happy with 'first step,' wary of Hungary threat

New Delhi. Germany boss Julian Nagelsmann said he was happy to see his side take the first step after their thumping win over Scotland in Euros 2024 on June 14, but was also wary of the threat possessed by Hungary in their next game in the group stage. Germany got off to the best possible start as they hammered Scotland 5-1. Speaking after the win, Nagelsmann said he was hoping that his side can build on the win and was very happy with the performance. The German boss said his side made no mistakes in the first 20 minutes and they were dominant and very aggressive. Even though today was only the first step, it was a very good one. We can build on this and we're very happy," he said after Germany's triumphant start to the campaign in Munich. Even though today was only the first step, it was a very good one. We can build on this and we're very happy," he said



after Germany's triumphant start to the campaign in Munich. It's great that we scored several goals, it gives everyone a good feeling," he said. "In the first 20 minutes we were extremely good, we were very dominant and very aggressive, we made no mistakes." Hungary is an unpleasant opponent

Germany will next play Hungary on 19 June in their next game and Nagelsmann hailed them as an 'unpleasant opponent.'

"Hungary is an unpleasant opponent, difficult to prepare for, they sometimes have a wild build-up and are difficult to tackle. A very unpleasant team," said Nagelsmann.

Nagelsmann also praised Jamal Musiala for his performance on the day. The youngster had a big impact on the game, as he scored a goal as well. The German boss said that you don't need to tell Musiala what to do as he just goes out and does it. When you see Jamal, you don't tell him what to do, he can just do it. He played an exceptionally good game today. He had an enormous influence," said Nagelsmann.

Nagelsmann also said that his side cannot afford to slow down now after the win and should look for another 3 points to ensure they get out of the group. "I am far from being a warning voice. It makes little sense to slow down too much now," said Nagelsmann.

"Yeah, absolutely. And congratulations to Team USA. They've done amazingly well when you talk about globalisation of the game. This is it USA qualifying for Super Eights. They deserve to be there. They had beaten Pakistan in the round match. So they are there. And for Pakistan was the plan EK 601 to Dubai and then to the respective cities. And then we see what happens from there onwards," Akram said in a video posted by the ICC on their social media handle.

Pakistan's poor performance in T20 World Cup

Pakistan's only win so far in the tournament has been against Canada. They will also face Ireland in the Group A match on June 16, Sunday at Lauderhill in Florida. However, the flashflood warnings and the rainy weather conditions might not let the game happen. The former Pakistan players have come down heavily on captain Babar Azam, for his own form as well as the team's overall performance. This is the earliest Pakistan have ever been knocked out of a T20 World Cup, having played just 3 games before their fate was sealed.



Will Australia make major changes for Scotland clash Vice-captain Matthew Wade reacts

Matthew Wade has hinted that Australia could make a few changes to their lineup for the game against Scotland on June 16. Wade feels they could give the chance to players who could be important in the remainder of the campaign.

Australia vice-captain Matthew Wade has said that they could make a few changes to their lineup for the clash against Scotland on June 16, Sunday. The Aussies have already booked their spot in the Super 8s, but the match still has a lot of importance in the context of Group B. Both Scotland and England are chasing the final spot in the

group to the Super 8s. A lot of discussion has been about Australia's team lineup for the game, with Josh Hazlewood having hinted earlier they could try to help Scotland and knockout England. Wade, while talking at the press conference, said that there could be a few changes, with players like Cameron Green and Ashton Agar potentially getting a chance before the Super 8s stage.

"Potentially. No, I'm not sure on the 11 whether or not some guys will have a rest. We haven't been in this position before, so I'm sure it'll be spoken about to maybe get some games into the guys that potentially might play down the road Green and Agar those guys may play a role as the tournament goes on so yeah, I'm sure to be spoken about whether or not the guys pull the trigger and



go for it, I'm not sure, but we'll wait and see tomorrow I suppose," said Wade. T20 World Cup Coverage | Points Table | T20 World Cup 2024 Schedule | Player Stats Australia playing the way we want to play Wade said that the team is enjoying their run so

far and claimed that they're focused on the process. The Aussie vice-captain said it has been pleasing to see the team playing the way they want. "Yeah, we're having a good time. We're like, this environment now is, we're not a result driven team, we're more about the process and going away, going about it the way that we want to play in big tournaments and that's what we're doing, that's the pleasing thing. Yeah, the results are great and it's good to have a few wins, but more pleasing that we're going out, we're executing, we're playing the way that we want to play. Whether or not, you know, we'll be on the other side of it some stage, I'm sure. And it's more about reflecting on what we're doing and how we're going about it rather than the Xs and O's, I suppose," said Wade.



Anjum Fakih

In Bigg Boss OTT 3? Kundali Bhagya Star CONFIRMED For Anil Kapoor's Show

Television actress Anjum Fakih has confirmed her participation in the upcoming season of Bigg Boss OTT. News18 Showsha has exclusively learnt that the actress, who is known for her role in Kundali Bhagya, is all set to participate in Anil Kapoor's show. A source close to the actress told us that she has signed the project and will be entering the Bigg Boss OTT 3 house on June 21. However, neither Anjum nor the Bigg Boss OTT 3 team, have issued any official statement confirming her participation as of now.

Anjum Fakih is known for playing the role of Srishti Arora Luthra in Kundali Bhagya, which also starred Shraddha Arya in the lead. However, she left the popular show in 2023 when she decided to participate in Khatron Ke Khiladi 13. Talking about her participation in the stunt-based reality show, the 33-year-old actress previously told us that Rohit Shetty's show helped her become a stronger person.

"When I used to watch Khatron Ke Khiladi in India, I used to feel all pumped up. But after I performed my first stunt, my confidence hit rock bottom. I was like, 'How will I do it?' I know that I am also weak. I may be six feet tall but I am very sensitive. But here, I have performed so many stunts already. I think I have performed the maximum number of stunts. I have become stronger now. I will walk forward with a 'Khiladi wala attitude' now. The battle scars from the stunts will be in my memories. It shows that if I can do this, I can do anything in life," she said.



Meanwhile, Bigg Boss OTT 3 will premiere on June 21, 2024. This year, the show will be hosted by Anil Kapoor. Among others, Mika Singh, Tanushree Dutta, Mithun Chakraborty's son Ushmeey Chakraborty, Hema Malini's daughter Ahana Deol and Sanjay Dutt's daughter Trishala Dutt have also been reportedly approached for Bigg Boss OTT 3. Reportedly, Taarak Mehta Ka Ooltah Chashmah fame Bhavya Gandhi is also in talks with the makers. It is also being said that the Imlie actor Sai Ketan Rao has been finalised for the upcoming season of Bigg Boss OTT.

Mahesh Babu Names The Film He Has Watched A 100 Times



Mahesh Babu is a very influential name in the film industry. He is someone who has starred in some of the biggest, record-breaking films in the Telugu film industry. But there is one film the actor is a huge fan of, which he has watched almost 100 times. The Guntur Kaaram actor was recently involved in a promotional event for Sudheer Babu's upcoming release titled Harom Hara. During the event, the younger actor asked him which actor had mastered the art of handling guns. To this, Mahesh Babu took the superstar and his father Krishna's name and revealed that he has watched the 1971 film Mosagallaku Mosagadu 100 times. He said, "It is undoubtedly Superstar Krishna Garu. I would have watched Mosagallaku Mosagadu for more than 100 times." He further stated, "It is my favourite among my dad's films. There is no other actor in my mind."

Released in 1971, Mosagallaku Mosagadu was made under the direction of KSR Das while Aarudra was the writer. The film starred names like Krishna, Vijaya Nirmala, Nagabhushanam, Gummadi, Kaikala Satyanarayana, M Prabhakar Reddy, Dhulipala and Jyothi Lakshmi. G Adisesahagiri Rao produced the film under the banner of Padmalaya Studios while P Adinarayana Rao composed the music. The film was the first Telugu language cowboy release. It was heavily inspired by Western classics like For a Few Dollars More and The Good the Bad and the Ugly. It reportedly collected Rs 50 lakh at the box office on a budget of Rs 8 lakh. The film was also released in English dub with the title Treasure Hunt while a Tamil version was released as Mosakkaaranukku Mosakkaaran and the Hindi version was called Gunfighter Johnny. At the moment, Mahesh Babu is preparing for his upcoming project with SS Rajamouli, tentatively being called SSMB29. The film is currently under pre-production and is expected to start filming this year. It is reportedly an adventure-drama which is being written by Vijayendra Prasad while the producer is K L Narayana of Durga Arts.

Triptii Dimri Looks Stunning As She Shares Glimpse Of Her Vacation In Italy, Fans React



Triptii Dimri enjoys a huge fan following. She is currently enjoying a vacation in Italy and shared a glimpse of her social handle. She is looking stunning in the video and fans have also reacted to it. The actress will be soon seen sharing screen space with Kartik Aaryan in Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3. Taking to her Instagram handle, Triptii shared a video in which we can see roaming around the city and enjoying the view. Many fans called her national crush. Recently, she grabbed headlines after she was seen in Ranbir Kapoor starrer Animal. The actress is fondly called National Crush. Recently, she also announced her next with Vicky Kaushal and Ammy Virk. Well, amid this Triptii was spotted with her rumoured boyfriend, Sam Merchant in the city. The lovebirds stepped out amid heavy rains, with their friends. They were spotted sharing giggles and laughter inside a car. A video shared by Filmgyan has gone viral on social media.

Earlier this month, Triptii Dimri was spotted holidaying with her rumoured boyfriend Sam Merchant at an undisclosed location. Triptii, whose intimate scenes in Ranbir Kapoor starrer Animal became the talk of the town and skyrocketed her popularity on Instagram from 888k followers to 5.1 million followers in just a few months, has been dating Sam for a while, according to multiple unconfirmed media reports. She took to her Instagram story and reposted Sam's story featuring a beautiful view of sunset. In her second story, Triptii also added a blue heart emoji over the photo of the sunset. The rumours about Triptii and Sam dating began when the latter shared a selfie with the actress from a wedding they were attending. While fans still believe that they could be dating, a source had told Zoom TV in December that Triptii was single. "Triptii-Sam rumour is plain hogwash. Triptii is very much single," the insider claimed. On the work front, Triptii is all set to work with Vicky Kaushal and Ammy Virk on Karan Johar's production, Bad Newz. The film will hit the theatres in July. Apart from Bad Newz, she will be seen in Kartik Aaryan's Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3. The film is slated for Diwali release.

Samantha Ruth Prabhu

Gearing Up For Her Malayalam Debut? What We Know

Samantha Ruth Prabhu has proved her mettle in the Telugu and Tamil film industries. Counted among the top actresses in the South Indian film industry, Samantha will reportedly soon widen her horizon as an artist as she plans to enter Malayalam cinema soon. Tamil director Gautham Vasudev Menon is reportedly making a Malayalam film with Mammootty. According to reports, Gautham Menon has decided to cast Samantha as the female lead in the film. Samantha and Gautham Menon had earlier collaborated in the huge blockbuster Ye Maaya Chesave, where the actress worked with her ex-husband Naga Chaitanya for the first time. It is also interesting to note that Samantha shared screen space with Mammootty earlier this year for an ad campaign for a company offering financial services. It is also reported that Nayanthara was initially roped in for the yet untitled Malayalam film with Mammootty but she left for unknown reasons and was replaced by Samantha. Samantha is said to begin the shoot on June 15 in Chennai, while Mammootty will be joining the sets on June 20. The movie will reportedly be an action thriller.



One of Samantha's peers in the Telugu film industry, Anushka Shetty is also foraying into Malayalam cinema with Kathanaar: The Wild Sorcerer, a fantasy thriller film. Krithi Shetty is also doing a Malayalam film Ajayante Randam Moshanam. Samantha most recently

appeared in Kushi opposite Vijay Deverakonda which was a moderate success at the box office. Samantha Ruth Prabhu will next appear in the Indian adaptation of Citadel alongside Varun Dhawan. Directed by Raj and DK, Citadel: Honey Bunny features a captivating narrative that combines the intense elements of a spy action thriller with the heartwarming charm of a love story, set against the vibrant backdrop of the 90s. Additionally, Samantha will star in Bangaram, where she plays a strong character. The first glimpse of this film has made a significant

