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#### **US Secret Service agent** robbed at gunpoint during Biden's Los Angeles trip

World . A Southwest Airlines flight came within 400 feet of crashing into the Pacific Ocean off the coast of Hawaii after pilots were forced to change course as they were unable to see the runway due to unfavourable weather conditions. Passengers travelling on the Boeing 737 Max 8 aircraft from Honolulu International Airport to Lihue Airport in Kauai had their hearts missing the beats when the plane dropped from an altitude of 16,000 feet to 409 feet. The incident occurred on April 11 when the pilots were forced to abort a landing attempt after bad weather blocked them from seeing the runway, according to a Southwest Airlines memo to pilots accessed by Bloomberg. The first officer, who is less experienced, "inadvertently" pushed forward on the control column, which controls the plane's pitch and roll, then reduced the speed, causing the flight to lose altitude and descend rapidly. According to the memo, the captain opted to put the first officer in command of the 100-mile flight despite the adverse weather. The captain ordered the first officer to increase thrust, which resulted in the plane "climbing aggressively" at 8,500 feet per minute.

Amidst this, an alarm on the warning system was sounded to signify that the aircraft was coming very close to the terrain due to the pilot's aggressive movement. The flight, which was to be completed in around 22 minutes, left Honolulu at 6:45 pm (local time) and returned to Hawaii's capital again at 8:09 pm after the incident. Nobody suffered any injuries during the whiteknuckling ride. A Southwest Airlines spokesperson told Fox News Digital in a statement that the issue "was being addressed appropriately". "Nothing is more important to Southwest than safety. Through our robust Safety Management System, the event was addressed appropriately as we always strive for continuous improvement," the spokesperson said. The Federal Aviation Administration, the US's civil aviation agency, told Fox News Digital that it was "investigating the incident". This came after a similar incident involving a United Airlines flight occurred off Maui on December 18, 2022. The plane, a Boeing 777-200, plummeted to 775 feet above sea level from 2,200 feet for almost 20 seconds after it took off from Maui.

#### Vladimir Putin meets Kim Jong Un in first visit to North Korea in 24 years

Seoul.UPDATED. Russian President Vladimir Putin arrived in North Korea early on Wednesday, after saying the two countries want to cooperate closely to overcome U.S.-led sanctions in the face of intensifying confrontations with Washington.Putin was met at Pyongyang's airport by North Korean leader Kim Jong Un. They shook hands and embraced, and Kim later joined Putin in his car to personally guide him to Pyongyang's Kumsusan State Guest House, North Korea's official Korean Central News Agency said. The agency described their meeting as a historic event that demonstrates the "invincibility and durability" of the two nations' friendship and unity.

Putin, making his first trip to North Korea in 24 years, said in comments that appeared in its state media hours before he landed that he appreciates the country's firm support of his military actions in Ukraine. The Kremlin launched a full-scale invasion of the neighboring country in 2022. He said the countries would continue to "resolutely oppose" what he described as Western ambitions "to hinder the establishment of a multipolar world order based on justice, mutual respect for sovereignty, considering each other's interests.

Putin's visit comes amid growing concerns about an arms arrangement in which Pyongyang provides Moscow with badly needed munitions to fuel Russia's war in Ukraine in exchange for economic assistance and technology transfers that would enhance the threat posed by Kim's nuclear weapons and missile program. In the North Korean capital of Pyongyang, the streets

were decorated with portraits of Putin and Russian flags. A banner on a building said: "We warmly welcome the President of the Russian Federation.' Putin also said in his published remarks that Russia and

North Korea will develop trade and payment systems "that are not controlled by the West" and jointly oppose sanctions against the countries, which he described as "illegal, unilateral restrictions.

North Korea is under heavy U.N. Security Council economic sanctions over its nuclear weapons and missile programs, while Russia is also grappling with sanctions by the United States and its Western partners over its aggression in Ukraine.

#### Justin Timberlake Was "Wasted" Before Drink **Driving Arrest, Say** Witnesses

World Pop star Justin Timberlake was arrested early Tuesday morning in the Hamptons on charges of driving while intoxicated or impaired (DWI). Despite Timberlake's claim that he only had "one martini" during his night out, sources suggest he was actually "wasted". Later, the star was produced before the court on one charge of DWI and released from police custody in New York, CNN reported. ccording to the arrest report, officers detected a "strong odour of an alcoholic beverage". The pop star-turned-actor also received citations for running a stop sign and failing to stay in his lane. Timberlake refused three attempts at a breathalyser test during the incident, reported Page Six. he 43-year-old was dining and drinking at The American Hotel, according to NBC News. The hotel offers a wide range of beverages, including single malt Scotch whiskies and Armagnacs, with some bottles priced up to \$5,100.At one point, just before closing, somebody got up to go to the bathroom and left his drink on the table. When the guy came back, Justin was drinking his drink," an insider told The NY Post. "The guy goes, 'Justin, that's my drink!" It remains unclear what exactly the singer was drinking or what he accidentally sipped from the other person's drink.

Timberlake was reportedly visiting the hotel "with a bunch of friends.

## 550 Haj pilgrims die amid scorching heat in Mecca, mercury rises to 51 degrees

550 pilgrims died during the Haj, underscoring the grueling nature of the pilgrimage which again unfolded in scorching temperatures this year.

At least 323 of those who died were Egyptians, most of them succumbing to heat-related illnesses, two Arab diplomats coordinating their countries' responses told AFP. "All of them (the Egyptians) died because of heat" except for one who sustained fatal injuries during a minor crowd crush, one of the diplomats said, adding the total figure came from the hospital morgue in the Al-Muaisem neighbourhood of Mecca.At least 60 Jordanians also died, the diplomats said, up from an official tally of 41 given earlier on Tuesday by Amman. The new deaths bring the total reported so far by multiple countries to 577, according to an AFP tally. The diplomats said the total at the morgue in Al-Muaisem, one of the biggest in Mecca, was 550. The Haj is one of the five pillars

must complete it at least once. The pilgrimage is increasingly affected by

of Islam and all Muslims with the means

climate change, according to a Saudi study published last month that said temperatures in the area where rituals are performed were rising 0.4 degrees Celsius (0.72 degrees Fahrenheit) each decade Temperatures hit 51.8 degrees Celsius (125 Fahrenheit) at the Grand Mosque in Mecca on Monday, the Saudi national meteorology center said.

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Earlier on Tuesday, Egypt's foreign ministry said Cairo was collaborating with Saudi authorities on search operations for Egyptians who had gone missing during the Haj.While a ministry statement said "a certain number of deaths" had occurred, it did not specify whether Egyptians were among them.Saudi authorities have reported treating more than 2,000 pilgrims suffering from heat stress but have not updated that figure since Sunday and have not provided information on fatalities.At least 240 pilgrims were reported dead by various countries last year, most of them Indonesians.

AFP journalists in Mina, outside Mecca, on

water over their heads as volunteers handed out cold drinks and fast-melting

chocolate ice cream to help them keep cool.Saudi officials had advised pilgrims to use umbrellas, drink plenty of water and avoid exposure to the sun during the hottest hours of the day.But many of the Haj rituals, including the prayers on Mount Arafat which took place on Saturday, involve being outdoors for hours in the daytime. Some pilgrims described seeing motionless bodies on the roadside and ambulance services that appeared overwhelmed at times. Around 1.8 million pilgrims took part in the Haj this year, 1.6 million of them from abroad. according to Saudi authorities

Monday saw pilgrims pouring bottles of UNREGISTERED PILGRIMS

attempt to perform the Haj through irregular channels as they cannot afford the often costly procedures for official hajj visas. This places these off-thebooks pilgrims at risk as they cannot access air-conditioned facilities provided by Saudi authorities along the Haj route.One of the diplomats who spoke to AFP on Tuesday said that the Egyptian death toll was "absolutely" boosted by a large number of unregistered Egyptian pilgrims. "Irregular pilgims caused great chaos in the Egyptian pilgrims' camps, causing the collapse of services," said an Egyptian official supervising the Egyptian official supervising the country's hajj mission."The pilgrims went without food, water, or air conditioning for a long time."They died "from the heat because most people had no place" to take shelter. Earlier this month, Saudi officials said they had cleared hundreds of thousands of unregistered pilgrims from Mecca ahead of the Haj.Other countries to report deaths during the Haj this year include

## Indian-American Suhas Subramanyam winsa

Indian-American Suhas Subramanyam emerged victorious in the Democratic primary for a Congressional seat in <u>Virginia. The 37-year-old was born in</u> Houston to Indian-American parents who migrated to the US from Bengaluru.

Washington. Indian-American Suhas Subramanyam has won the Subramanyam has won the Democratic primary for a Congressional seat in Virginia, defeating 11 other candidates, including fellow Indian-American Krystle Kaul. The first Indian-American, South Asian and Hindu to be elected to the Virginia General Assembly in 2019 and to the Virginia State Senate in 2023, Subramanyam was running for the US House of Representatives from the 10th Representatives from the 10th Congressional District of Virginia, which has a sizable Indian-American p o p u l a t i o n . I t s c u r r e n t occupant, Democrat Congresswoman Jennifer Wexton, announced last year that she would not be running for the



seat.Subramanyam, 37, was born in Houston to Indian-American parents who migrated to the US from Bengaluru. In 2015, he was appointed by then-President Barack Obama to serve as a White House technology policy advisor. Wexton had endorsed College and the Colle Subramanyam, who now faces Mike Clancy from the Republican Party.

ln an interview with news agency PTI early this year, Suhas said he was running for Congress to ensure a better future for the US. "The Congress is here to solve problems and to be proactive about the future. We should not be legislating not just for the next two years, but for the next 20 or 30 years. I want my children -- I've got two girls

live in a better country and in a better world than what we found,' he said.

Suhas said he wanted everyone to have a chance at the American dream."My parents are from Bengaluru and Chennai and spent some\_time in Secunderabad as well. They came here because they wanted to start a new life here. They wanted to be physicians and

you can make a great life in America as a physician," he said.He added that his parents didn't have much when they came here but they became successful through education and hardwork."I want to make sure that everyone has a chance at that American dream. Everyone has a chance of creating a great business if that's what they want to do or being a part of a great business and that they can empower themselves economically," he said."But it really started with the fact that our community education is the great equaliser, and you can lift yourself up from any situation if you do well and study hard and work hard. I want to make sure that stays the same way," he further said.

#### Indian-origin man jailed for 5 weeks for punching Singapore cop while drunk

Singapore A court in Singapore has sentenced an Indian-origin man to five weeks in jail for punching a Singapore police officer in an inebriated state while arguing in a rowdy crowd of over 10 men.

The single punch was so powerful that it knocked the officer unconscious "for at least a minute" and caused him to suffer temporary memory loss, according to a report by TODAY newspaper.

On Tuesday, Devesh Raj Rajasegaran, 24, was sentenced to five weeks in prison. He had pleaded guilty in March this year to one count of voluntarily causing hurt. Devesh will appeal against the sentence, according to the report.

The court heard that the victim was one of four police officers dispatched to an area in Circular Road in the central business district on June 25, 2022, after a member of the public informed them around 3 am of "more than 10 people having an argument". Prior to this, Devesh and his friend

Eeshwar Ravi were drinking alcohol nearby. When the police arrived, they spotted a group of individuals, including Devesh and Eeshwar, involved in a "commotion" in Circular Road.

The officers, who were wearing civilian clothes at the time, approached the group, identifying themselves as police officers. Three of them were volunteer police officers. While the victim and another officer were interviewing a member of the group, Devesh approached them to confront

## Kuwait to give \$15,000 to families of victims who died in building fire: Report

give USD 15,000 (approx Rs 12.50 lakh) as compensation to the families of the victims of the devastating fire at a building housing migrant workers, which killed 50 people, including 46

Indians, according to a media report. On June 12, a massive fire broke out at the seven-storey building in Mangaf in southern Kuwait due to a short circuit in the guard's room on the ground floor, Kuwaiti authorities said. The building housed 196 migrant workers, mostly Indians. According to an Arab Times report, the victims' families will receive compensation on the orders of the Emir of Kuwait, Sheikh Meshal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah.The compensation payments will be processed and delivered to the

respective embassies, including India's,

the newspaper said, citing Kuwaiti

government sources. The newspaper

said the concerned embassies would

ensure that the compensation is distributed to the families of the victims and ensure that the aid reaches

Most of the victims (23) belonged to Kerala, followed by seven from Tamil them promptly.

The compensation will be given to support bereaved families during their



difficult times.On June 13, a special Indian Air Force flight went to Kuwait to bring back home the remains of 45 Indians. The plane arrived in Kerala's Kochi the next day and the bodies were transported to the victims' respective

Kerala, followed by seven from Tamil Nadu, three each from Andhra Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh, two from Odisha, and one each from Maharashtra, Karnataka, Bihar, West Bengal, Punjab, Haryana and Jharkhand.

According to reports, one more Indian who was undergoing treatment in Kuwait succumbed to his injuries, pushing the overall toll to 50. Efforts were on to establish

his identity. Meanwhile, Kuwait's public prosecutor initiated an investigation into the fire tragedy and the probe aims to uncover the circumstances behind the incident.

A Kuwaiti citizen and several foreigners were arrested so far on charges of manslaughter and causing injuries due to negligence in security and safety measures following the incident.



the individual who was being interviewed. Soon after, Devesh threw a punch, hitting the police officer on the left side of his head. Deputy Public Prosecutor Brian Tan said in court documents. 'The accused was intoxicated when he punched the victim. As a result of the accused's punch, the victim lost consciousness for at least a minute."The officer was later taken to the Singapore General Hospital by ambulance. Between the time he was punched and when he reached the hospital, he drifted in and out of consciousness several times. The victim was given seven days' hospitalisation leave and reported suffering temporary loss of memory and bad headaches for at least three days after the

## Netanyahu slams Biden for withholding weapons, slowing Israel's Rafah offensive

President Joe Biden has delayed delivering certain heavy bombs since May over concerns about Israel's killing of civilians in Gaza.

Jerusalem Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Tuesday claimed the United States is withholding weapons and implied this was slowing Israel's offensive in the southern Gaza city of Rafah, where fighting has exacerbated the already dire humanitarian situation for Palestinians.President Joe Biden has delayed delivering certain heavy bombs since May over concerns about Israel's killing of civilians in Gaza. Yet the administration has gone to lengths to avoid any suggestion that Israeli forces have crossed a red line in the deepening Rafah invasion, which would trigger a more sweeping ban on arms transfers.Netanyahu, in a short video,

spoke directly to the camera in English as he lobbed sharp criticisms at Biden over "bottlenecks" in arms transfers."It's inconceivable that in the past few months, the administration has been withholding weapons and ammunitions to Israel,' Netanyahu said, adding, "Give us the tools and we'll finish the job a lot faster."Netanyahu also claimed

U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken, in a recent visit to Israel, said he was working around the clock to end the delays.

However, Blinken said Tuesday the only pause was related to those heavy bombs from May."We, as you knw, are continuing to review one shipment that President Biden has talked about with regard to 2,000-pound bombs because of our concerns about their use in a densely populated area like Rafah," Blinken said during a State Department news conference. "That remains under review. But everything else is moving as it normally would."etanyahu didn't



elaborate on what weapons were being held back, and the Israeli military declined to respond to a request for comment. Ophir Falk, a foreign policy adviser to Netanyahu, deferred questions on details to the U.S. government.Responding to Netanyahu's claim Tuesday, White House press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre said, "We generally do not know what he's talking about. We just don't."She added that the U.S. is having "constructive discussions" with Israel about the paused shipment of heavy bombs and that it's the only transfer being delayed. Two top Democrats in Congress cleared the way this week for a \$15 billion U.S. sale of F-

delay while one lawmaker sought answers from the Biden administration on Israel's current use of U.S. weapons in the war in Gaza. With Israel's war against Hamas now in its ninth month, international criticism is growing over U.S. military and diplomatic support for the Israel's campaign of systematic destruction in Gaza, at a huge cost in civilian lives.

The top United Nations court has concluded there is a "plausible risk of genocide " in Gaza — a charge Israel strongly denies. Israel blames civilian deaths on Hamas, saying militants operate among the population.Both Netanyahu and Biden are balancing their own domestic political problems against the explosive Mideast situation, and the embattled Israeli leader has grown increasingly resistant to Biden's public charm offensives and private pleading.

Experts say Netanyahu's message delivered only in English — is likely meant to shore up U.S. arms support and doesn't appear to indicate on-the-ground shortages

### PM Modi inaugurates new campus of Nalanda University

#### Campus is a 'Net Zero' green campus, equipped with solar power

RNS I Rajgir: Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the new campus of Nalanda University in Rajgir, Bihar, marking a significant milestone in the collaboration between India and East Asia Summit (EAS) countries.

The inauguration ceremony saw attendance from several distinguished guests, including the Heads of Missions from 17 countries. In a symbolic gesture, the Prime Minister also planted a sapling on the new campus.

Expressing his delight, PM Modi noted the auspicious timing of his visit, just ten days into his third term. He remarked on Nalanda's historic significance, stating, "Nalanda is not just a name, it is an identity, a regard. It is the root, the mantra, the proclamation that knowledge cannot be destroyed even though books would burn in a fire."

He emphasized that the estab-



lishment of the new Nalanda University would herald a golden age for India.

Modi highlighted that the revival of Nalanda, near its ancient ruins, symbolizes India's enduring values and capabilities. He stressed that this revival is a collaborative effort, evident from the participation of many countries in the project, and praised the people of Bihar for their dedication to restoring Nalanda's glory. Reflecting on Nalanda's histure and education, Modi underscored the importance of continuing this legacy. He noted that students from over 20 countries are already studying at the university, embodying the spirit of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' (the world is one family).

In his concluding remarks, the Prime Minister called upon the students and scholars of Nalanda to uphold and spread the values of their institution. He urged them to be curious, courageous, and kind, and to

work towards positive societal change.

Modi expressed his belief that Nalanda's knowledge would guide humanity and that the university would become a key center for global causes.

The ceremony was attended by Bihar Governor Rajendra Arlekar, Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, Union Minister for External Affairs Dr. Subrahmanyam Jaishankar, Union Minister of State for External Affairs Pabitra Margherita, Deputy Chief Ministers of Bihar Vi-

jay Kumar Sinha and Samrat Choudhary, Nalanda University Chancellor Professor Arvind Panagariya, and Vice Chancellor Professor Abhay Kumar Singh, among other dignitaries.

#### Background

The new Nalanda University campus features two academic blocks with 40 classrooms accommodating around 1,900 students, two auditoriums with a capacity of 300 seats each, a student hostel for 550 students, and various other facilities including an international center, an amphitheater for up to 2,000 individuals, a faculty club, and a sports com-

The campus is a 'Net Zero' green campus, equipped with solar power, water treatment plants, water recycling facilities, and extensive water bodies, reflecting its commitment to sustainability.

The original Nalanda University, established approximately 1,600 years ago, is one of the world's first residential universities. Its ruins were declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2016.

In March 2006, then President of India, late APJ Abdul Kalam, had proposed the idea to revive Nalanda University. In the following year, the Bihar Assembly passed a bill to create the new campus.

Nobel Laureate Amartya Sen was the first Chancellor of the university 1,597 years ago.

#### Four Hardcore Naxalites Arrested in **Gaya Shooting Case**



by Suresh Pd Nikhar

Gaya: Police have apprehended four hardcore Naxalites linked to the fatal shooting of a 45-year-old man in Kamal Bigha within the Koch police station area of Gaya district on June 14, 2024.

Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) of Gaya, Ashish Bharti, disclosed this information during a press conference on Wednesday. According to SSP Bharti, the arrests were made following intelligence indicating that Naxalites Amarjeet Yadav alias Jitendra Yadav and Alakhdev Yadav alias Alakh Yadav, involved in the murder, were hiding in Dabur village of Guraru police station area.

Acting swiftly on this intelligence, a team was dispatched which successfully apprehended Amarjeet Yadav and Alakhdev Yadav, recovering a firearm from their possession. Based on information obtained from them, two additional Naxalites, identified as Sanjay Yadav and Sukhendra Yadav, were also arrested in connection with the incident. The incident in question occurred on June 14, 2024, when 45-year-old Heera Yadav alias Jitendra Yadav was fatally shot in Kamal Bigha village under the Koch police station area of Gaya district. The victim, reportedly a former associate of a Naxalite organization, was targeted allegedly due to his involvement in the sale of land claimed by the banned CPI Maoist Naxalite group.

Local reports indicate that the assailants, believed to be members of the CPI Maoist, fired two bullets at Heera Yaday while he was asleep in his residence. Upon receiving information about the incident, Koch police station personnel promptly arrived at the scene and initiated investigations. The victim's body was subsequently transported to Magadh Medical College Hospital for post-mortem examination.

Police continue to investigate the circumstances surrounding the shooting, including whether the motive was related to Naxalite activities or criminal elements. The arrests of the four Naxalites represent a significant breakthrough in the ongoing efforts to maintain law and order in the region.

### Shramik Udyan Inaugurated at Bokaro Steel

RNS I Bokaro: Director-in-Charge of Bokaro Steel Plant

efforts of internal resources, including contract workers who played a significant role in its construction.

### PM Modi to Visit Jammu & Kashmir for 10th **International Yoga Day**

torical role as a center of cul-



New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi is set to embark on a significant two-day visit to Jammu and Kashmir starting tomorrow, where he will mark the occasion by laying the foundation stones and inaugurating 84 major developmental projects collectively valued at over One Thousand Five Hundred crore rupees in the Union Territory.

The visit will commence with the Prime Minister's participation in the "Empowering Youth, Transforming J&K" event scheduled in Srinagar tomorrow. During this event, Modi will play a pivotal role in distributing appointment letters to more than 2,000 individuals who have been appointed to various government services, underlining the government's commitment to enhancing employment opportunities in the region. Additionally, Prime Minister Modi will formally

launch the Competitiveness

Improvement in Agricul-

ture and Allied Sectors Pro-

ject, which holds a substan-

tial economic value of One Thousand Eight Hundred crore rupees. This initiative is aimed at bolstering agricultural productivity and supporting allied sectors crucial for the

socio-economic growth of

Jammu and Kashmir.

On the following day, June 21st, PM Modi will lead the tenth International Yoga Day celebrations in Srinagar, marking the global event with a special yoga session.

The Prime Minister is also expected to address the gathering, emphasizing the holistic benefits of yoga for physical and mental wellbeing.

This visit underscores the government's ongoing efforts to accelerate development and promote prosperity in Jammu and Kashmir, while also celebrating the cultural and health benefits of yoga on an international platform.

#### Sangeet Natak Academy's Kala Pravah Festival Commences at Rajrappa Temple Premises

by Arun Pathak

Rajrappa: The cultural extravaganza of Kala Pravah, curated by the Sangeet Natak Academy, New Delhi, commenced on Wednesday evening at the sacred grounds of Shaktipeeth Chhinnamastika, Rajrappa.

Organized under the auspices of the Temple Festival Series in collaboration with Maa Chhinnamastika Dharmik Nyas Samiti, Rajrappa, the two-day event celebrates India's rich cultural heritage.

The festival was inaugurated with ceremonial lamp lighting by Subhashit Panda, Secretary of Chhinnamastika Dharmik Nyas Samiti, Rajrappa, and Dr. Sanjay, representing the Sangeet Natak Academy. Mr. Panda lauded the Academy for its efforts in preserving Indian cultural traditions and advocated for the continuation of such cultural events in the future.

Dr. Sanjay emphasized the sacred role of art in Indian Sanatan culture, describing it as a path to spirituality and essential for societal harmony.

The highlight of the opening day was the captivating Dhrupad rendition by Pt. Abhiram Pathak, renowned for his mas-



Pt. Abhiram Pathak's Dhrupad singing mesmerised audiences.

tery from Ranchi, Jharkhand.

Accompanied by Pt. Ram

Vachan Pathak alias Pt. Bachchanji Maharaj on Pakhawaj, Pt. Shyam Goswami on Harmonium, and Tanpura players Anandita Pathak, Anupama Pathak, and Shivani Kumari, Pt. Abhiram Pathak's performance mesmerized the audience. Following Pt. Pathak's soulful recital, the evening continued with spellbinding Kathak dance by Soumi Sen Bose and team, traditional Kali dance by Indravati Natya Samiti from Madhya Pradesh, and a vibrant Chhau dance presentation by Bhavesh

Chhau Nritya Kala Kendra art-

ists from Saraikela, Jharkhand.

The artists were honored by

Subhashit Panda and Dr. Sanjay

day, Thursday promises a diverse lineup of performances including Vidyapati music by Radha Mohan Mishra and team from Bihar, Odissi dance by Reena Jena from Kolkata, Salhesh dance by artists of Nari Udgar Sansthan, and Jhoomar dance by Vishwadev Mahato and team from Purulia's Manbhoomi Jhoomar Academy. These performances are part of an initiative to showcase cultural excellence at renowned Shaktipeeths across the country, spearheaded by Dr. Sandhya Purecha, President of the Sangeet Natak Academy.

tions to the cultural mosaic.

Looking ahead to the second

The Kala Pravah festival not only celebrates artistic expressions but also serves as a platform to nurture and promote India's diverse cultural heritage.

### Plant's CO & CC Department

(BSL), B K Tiwari, inaugurated the "Shramik Udyan" park in front of Coke Oven Battery #8 at the CO & CC Department. The ceremony was attended by senior officials including C R Mahapatra, Executive Director (Projects), Additional Charge Executive Director (MM), Rajan Prasad, Executive Director (HR), Additional Charge Executive Director (Operations), and Suresh Rangani, Executive Director (Finance & Accounts). During the inauguration, CGM (CO & CC) Shri Rakesh Kumar welcomed the Director-in-Charge and senior officers. He highlighted that the park was developed through the concerted

Named "Shramik Udyan," the park not only showcases the department's commitment to excellent housekeeping but also serves as a testament to collaborative efforts within the CO & CC department.

Expressing his appreciation, Director-in-Charge congratulated the entire CO & CC department team for their dedicated efforts and urged everyone to continue striving for the continuous im-

### Government Boosts MSP for 14 Kharif Crops Approves Key Infrastructure Projects

RNS I New Delhi: In a significant move aimed at bolstering agricultural support, the government has approved an increase in Minimum Support Prices (MSP) for 14 Kharif crops for the marketing season of 2024-25. This decision, announced alongside initiatives for infrastructure development, underscores the administration's commitment to enhancing rural welfare and economic growth.

Addressing the media in New Delhi today, Information and Broadcasting Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw highlighted the outcomes of the Cabinet meeting, where several pivotal decisions were ratified. He emphasized the government's proactive stance on agricultural reforms and infrastructure development.

According to Vaishnaw, the Cabinet's decision on MSP entails substantial raises for crops such as Paddy, Cotton, Millets, Pulses, and Oilseeds, aim-



ing to benefit farmers across the country. "The increase in MSP reflects our commitment to ensuring farmers receive remunerative prices for their produce," he stated.

Vaishnaw also outlined other key initiatives approved by the Cabinet, including the development of the Vadhavan port in Maharashtra, a flagship project with an estimated investment exceeding ₹76,000 crore. "This all-weather greenfield port, to be developed in two phases, is set to become one of the top 10 ports globally with a capacity of 23 million TEU," he noted, highlighting its potential to generate approximately 12 lakh job opportunities.

In a strategic move towards renewable energy expansion, the government has greenlit the establishment of the first offshore wind terminals in Gujarat and Tamil Nadu, each with a capacity of 500 megawatts. These terminals are poised to significantly augment the country's renewable energy capacity.

Further enhancing national infrastructure, the Cabinet approved the development of Lal Bahadur Shastri International Airport in Varanasi at a

cost of ₹2,869 crore. Vaishnaw emphasized that the airport would be developed as a green airport, prioritizing environmental sustainability.

Additionally, the Cabinet's nod on the National Forensic Infrastructure Enhancement Scheme underscores the government's commitment to bolstering forensic capabilities nationwide. The scheme includes plans to establish offcampus units of the National Forensic Science University and Central Forensic Science Laboratories across the coun-

"These decisions reflect the government's comprehensive approach towards fostering inclusive growth, enhancing agricultural productivity, and modernizing critical infrastructure," Vaishnaw concluded, signaling a proactive agenda aimed at propelling India towards sustainable development and economic re-

#### Engineering Kicks Off at CSIR-NML amshedpur: The souvenir was released at the "Behind the Teacher's Desire" RNS I Jamshedpur: The

Indian Institute of Metals (IIM) Jamshedpur Chapter, CSIR-National Metallurgical Laboratory (NML), Tata Steel Limited, NIT Jamshedpur, and Ac-SIR launched "Behind The Teacher's Desk" (BTTD-2024), a national student seminar on Materials and Metallurgical Engineering. Aspiring metallurgists can collaborate with industry specialists, R&D labs, and academic institutions at the June 19-21, 2024 event.

Dr. N.C. Murmu, Director of CSIR-CMERI, Durgapur, Dr. Sandip Ghosh Chowdhury, Director of CSIR-NML, Jamshedpur, Prof. Ashok Kumar, Chairman of IIM Jamshedpur, Dr. Chiradeep Ghosh, BTTD programme chairman, and Dr. Ammasi A., convener of BTTD-2024, inaugurated the seminar. The seminar

inauguration.

National Student Seminar on Metallurgical

BTTD-2024 updates students' knowledge and provides a place for sharing academic achievements, innovative ideas, and new views in metallurgy and materials technology. BTTD has become a popu-

lar event among Indian students since 2011.

Dr. Sandip Ghosh Chowdhury stressed the importance of metals, materials, and minerals in national development and the role of young students in this field in his welcome ad-

Chief Guest Dr. N.C. Murmu complimented this student-oriented seminar for encouraging new academics to study Metallurgy & Materials Science.

Professor Ashok Kumar described the IIM Jamshedpur Chapter's operations,



focusing on metallurgy education for Indian professionals. Dr. Chiradeep Ghosh gave an outline of the seminar, stating that 100 students and speakers from 28 engineering colleges and institutes in India will present 57 technical papers in three parallel ses-

The programme comprises a metallurgical quiz and factory visit. IIT Kharagpur, IIT Jammu, IIT Indore, IIT (ISM) Dhanbad, MGIT Hyderabad, VNIT Nagpur, NIT Durgapur, NIT Bhopal, MANIT Bhopal, BITS Pilani, NIAMT Hatia Ranchi, IIEST Shibpur, NIT Jamshedpur, NIT Andhra Pradesh, NIT Raipur, Jadavpur University Kolkata, Birsa Institute of Technology Sindri, JNTU-GV CEV Vizianagaram, Indus University, Vellore Institute of Technology Vellore, CSI

Dr. Ammasi A., BTTD-2024 convenor, proposed the vote of thanks, thanking the chief guest, students, and organising committee for their enthusiastic involvement and efforts to make the seminar a suc-

#### Centre Cancels UGC-NET Exam Amid Allegations of Compromised Integrity

New Delhi: In the wake of growing concerns over the integrity of competitive exams, the Ministry of Education has taken the unprecedented step of cancelling the UGC-NET exam, conducted by the National Testing Agency (NTA), mere hours after its completion.

The UGC-NET exam, which saw participation from over 9 lakh candidates nationwide, serves as a crucial gateway for recruitment as Assistant Professors in universities and colleges, as well as for eligibility for junior research fellowships.

The decision to cancel the exam, scheduled for June comes following alarming inputs received by the University Grants Commission (UGC) from the National Cyber Crime Threat Analytics Unit of the Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C) under the Ministry of Home Affairs. These inputs, according to the Education Ministry, sug-

gest potential compromises to the exam's integrity. In response to the developments, Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra criticized the government for



its perceived negligence and demanded accountability in

crucial exams. The Education Ministry, in a formal statement, clarified that the June 2024 UGC-NET exam was conducted across the country in OMR

ensuring the sanctity of such



(pen and paper) mode on Tuesday, June 19th. "To uphold the highest standards of transparency and credibility in the examination process," the ministry asserted, "the decision has been made to cancel the exam, with arrangements for a fresh examination to be announced in due course."

While reports of exam paper leaks have surfaced, the ministry refrained from confirming these allegations but confirmed that the matter has been forwarded to the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) for a thorough investigation.

The UGC-NET exam, traditionally conducted biannually in June and December, now faces uncertainty pending the outcome of the investigation and subsequent corrective measures.



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# 'PM Modi's Decision Acceptable to All': Allies Assure Full Support to BJP For Lok Sabha Speaker Election

The BJP top brass has also conveyed to the alliance partners that they will be keen on giving the Deputy Speaker post to one of the alliance partners.

**New Delhi:** In the run-up to the Lok Sabha Janata Party (BJP), which is the single largest party in the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) have reached out to the alliance partners for the post. Senior leaders from the BJP have dialled various allies to discuss the Speaker post with them. This also includes discussion with smaller allies in the BJP-led NDA.Sources have told CNN-News18 that the NDA alliance partners have assured complete support to the candidate that the BJP decides to nominate for this post. "Allies have been called to seek their suggestions for the candidate for the Speaker post. However, most of the allies have not given any preference or choice of a particlar person," a source told CNN-News18.It has been conveyed to the BJP top brass that the NDA will continue to be a cohesive unit under Prime Minister Narendra Modi, and that it is his decision to decide on this post that will be binding and acceptable to all the alliance

partners.

Speaker election, leaders from the Bharatiya The BJP top brass has also conveyed to the alliance partners that they will be keen on giving the Deputy Speaker post to one of the alliance partners. However, the opposition is But before the election of the Lok Sabha also likely to stake their claim for this post as the numbers are also with them to ask for this. Some of the allies, whic also include senior Parliamentarians have also requested the BJP to come up with a candidate for the Speaker post in which consensus can be obtained. "2014 and 2019 were different when BJP had absolute majority in Lok Sabha. But this time there will be a more buoyant and aggressive opposition supported by good numbers. Therefore, the Speaker post becomes even more important," a few alliance partners have conveyed to the government. The special session of Parliament will get underway on June 24. Even though this session is primarily for the affirmation of oath for all the elected members of Parliament in the Lok Sabha. The third day, June 26 will see

the election take place for the Soeaker. At present, Om Birla has been in the office of the Lok Sabha Speaker since the past five

Speaker takes place, there is going to be the post of a Protem Speaker who will preside over the House for the first three days till the Speaker is elected. The general practice for giving this post has been to make the senior most member as the Protem Speaker. Government sources have also told News18 that leaders will reach out to all political parties, including the opposition to elect the Speaker by consensus. The numbers are comfortable as far as the NDA candidate is concerned. Union Defence Minister and Deputy Leader of the Lok Sabha, Rajnath Singh, will reach out to all political parties to seek consensus. Very recently, the newly appointed Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju met with the Leader Of opposition in Rajya Sabha and Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge.



On June 26, the process to elect the Lok Sabha Speaker will see Prime Minister Narendra Modi propose the name of the NDA candidate. This motion is expected to be seconded by senior minister Rajnath Singh. Similarly, the INDI alliance candidate for the Lok Sabha Speaker post will also be proposed. "All our alliance partners will be proposers for the post of the Lok Sabha

Speaker," a top source told News18f the Opposition proposes another candidate for the Lok Sabha Speaker post, voting is expected to take place for the post. In case there is no Opposition candidate, then by the account of hands, the Lok Sabha Speaker will be elected.

After the election of the Lok Sabha Speaker on June 26, PM Narendra Modi is expected to introduce his Council of Ministers in the Lok Sabha. The following day, which is June 27, Rajya Sabha will also resume. President Droupadi Murmu will deliver the joint address to both houses of Parliament on June 27. After this, the discussion on the Motion of Thanks will begin in both Houses of Parliament. Prime Minister Narendra Modi is expected to reply to this Motion of Thanks in Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha on Tuesday (July 2) and Wednesday (July 3) respectively. July 3 is the last day for the special session of Parliament before Parliament reconvenes on July 22 again after a break.

### Rahul Gandhi turns 54, INDIA bloc leaders lead chorus of birthday wishes

New Delhi.Birthday wishes poured in for Rahul Gandhi as he turned 54 on Wednesday with Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge saying that his qualities of unwavering commitment to the values espoused in the Constitution and his emphatic compassion for the millions of unheard voices set him apart.Gandhi, a former Congress president and MP from Raebareli, has instructed all Congress workers to avoid any grand celebrations, and instead celebrate this occasion by engaging in humanitarian efforts and charity.

"Your unwavering commitment to the values espoused in the Constitution of India and your emphatic compassion for the millions of unheard voices, are the qualities which sets you apart,"



Kharge said of Gandhi.

'Congress party's ethos of unity in diversity, harmony and compassion, is visible in all your actions, as you continue in your mission to wipe off the tear from the last person standing, by showing the mirror of truth to power," he said.Kharge wished Gandhi a long, healthy and happy life ahead. Tamil Nadu Chief

Minister and DMK chief MK Stalin also hailed Gandhi on his

Happy Birthday, dear brother Rahul Gandhi! Your dedication to the people of our country will take you to great heights. Wishing you a year of continued progress and success," Stalin said on X.Former Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister and Semajuradi Party. Minister and Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav wished

Gandhi on his birthday.Congress general secretary, in-charge, organisation, KC Venugopal said, "I join crores of Indians in wishing our beloved leader Sh. Rahul Gandhi ji a very happy birthday!""Rahul ji is the undisputed leader of India's poor, marginalised and backward citizens. The voice of the voiceless,

the pillar of strength for the weak, the guardian of our Constitution, the quintessential Nyay Yoddha,

moral compass guides us every step of the way," he said"He (Gandhi) has seen the toughest of times, faced the worst abuses, withstood attacks from all corners, but he has stood tall and never wavered from his principles no matter the ridicule or insult he faces," Venugopal said. In him today, our country has a

conscience keeper and a leader who has a lifelong mission of making our country into an inclusive, progressive and prosperous nation of all our dreams, Venugopal said.

### Pinarayi Vijayan writes to PM on Kuwait visit denial: 'Should not convey bias'

New Delhi: Expressing displeasure at the Centre not giving clearance to Kerala Health Minister Veena George to travel to Kuwait following the recent fire incident, Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan, in a letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, said political or other considerations should not come in the way on such issues. Vijayan, in his June 15 letter, also said the decision taken should not appear to convey a bias.A massive fire at Al-Mangaf 'labour camp' building in Kuwait City killed 46 Indians, including 23 from Kerala. The deceased were working for



a private company.

The Kerala Chief Minister said the denial by the Centre "goes against the principles of cooperative federalism"Vijayan said there was no response from Foreign Minister S Jaishankar to the Kerala government's request, calling it "extremely unfortunate". In his letter, the Chief Minister requested PM Modi to advise the External Affairs Ministry to be "more responsive" in future to such requests."Her (Veena George) presence in Kuwait would have helped substantially in liaisoning with the Union Minister of State for External Affairs, the team of officials and the Embassy. This could have provided mental relief and confidence to the families of those who were affected by the unforeseen tragedy," Vijayan said in the letter. Asserting that his intention was not to rake up a controversy in the hour of distress, Vijayan said, "The collective decision of the State Cabinet has been disregarded.""The present request amply falls within the purview of compelling circumstances and non-consideration of the same clearly goes against the principles of cooperative federalism in which the Union and the States are equal partners in the pursuit of development as well as in mitigation efforts, when our people face disasters and calamities," Vijayan further said in the letter.

## Delhi Court Extends Arvind Kejriwal's Jail Stay Till July 3, ED Says Case Boiled Down To His Role

New Delhi: A Delhi court on Wednesday heard the bail plea of Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal in a money laundering case related to the alleged now-scrapped excise scam and extended his jail stay till July 3. Probe agency Enforcement Directorate (ED) the Delhi court that everything in the matter had boiled down to his role. Additional Solicitor General SV Raju said, "The matter boils down to his role." He clarified that allegations of Kejriwal demanding Rs 100 crore bribe were brought by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) and not the ED. During the hearing, Kejriwal's lawyer said, "Various chargesheets have been filed and in none of them, he was made and accused. Despite several people having been arrested in the earlier stages,

nothing was about him." Earlier, Additional Sessions Judge Mukesh Kumar had adjourned the matter after the probe agency Enforcement



Directorate (ED) sought time to file a reply in the matter. The judge, meanwhile, fixed for Saturday, an application filed by Kejriwal seeking directions to allow his wife to join through video conference the proceedings of the medical board constituted to determine Kejriwal's health condition and treatment. The judge directed the jail authorities concerned to file a reply in matter. During the proceedings, the ED requested the court to adjourned the matter till June 25. The judge, however, said he would consider the accused's convenience for the next date of hearing, not the probe agency's.

The accused is in judicial custody (JC), and not in your (ED's) custody. If he wants some convenience, you do not have any role in that. You have no role to play. He is in JC. I will consider his convenience, not yours," the judge said.A Delhi court had on June 5 dismissed Kejriwal's application seeking interim bail on medical grounds in the case. The judge, however, had directed the Tihar

jail authorities to take care of Kejriwal's medical needs in judicial custody.

## Ex-Haryana Congress leader Kiran Choudhry and daughter join BJP

Kiran Choudhry and Shruti Choudhry joined the party at an event held in the BJP office in the presence of Haryana **Chief Minister** Nayab Singh Saini, former Chief Minister and Union Minister Manohar Lal Khattar and other party leaders.

New Delhi: Former Haryana Congress Kiran Choudhry and her daughter Shruti Choudhry joined the BJP on Wednesday, ahead of the assembly polls in Haryana slated to be held later this year. Kiran Choudhry, 69, and Shruti Choudhry joined the party at an event held in the BJP office in the presence of Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini, former Chief Minister and Union Minister Manohar Lal Khattar, BJP National General Secretary Tarun Chugh and other party leaders.

Kiran Choudhry is the daughter-in-law of late former Haryana Chief Minister and Congress stalwart Bansi Lal. She and her daughter Shruti resigned from the primary membership of Congress on Tuesday after she took a dig at former Chief Minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda, alleging that the party's state unit was being run as a "personal fiefdom".On her decision to join the BJP, Kiran Choudhry said she was inspired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision to develop India by 2047."Today, I took this decision because of the Prime Minister, who has pledged to have a developed India by 2047. I have full faith that India will shine in the world. The public welfare work done by the Prime Minister has led to the formation of a BJP government in Delhi for the third time," she said."I have worked a lot with Khattar ji. There used to be a lot of bitterness between us. But the way he worked has been my source of inspiration," she added.She

alleged that the Haryana Congress became an "individual-centric party" and said she took the call to quit the party so that her worker got their rights equally."I was a very dedicated worker of the Congress. I dedicated my life to Congress with hard work. But for a few years, I watched the Haryana Congress become an



individual-centric party. They didn't want Congress to go ahead and follow such policies," she told news agency ANI.

'So, you can understand that Congress would never have progressed in Haryana. Big leaders quit the party due to them. I took this step to ensure that my workers get their due

rights and equal rights," she said. Following her induction into the party, Khattar recaled Kiran Choudhry's association with him."Today is a very historic day. Today, two prominent personalities are in the party who have worked in the Congress for many years. I have known Kiran ji since the time we worked with Bansi Lal ji. Kiran ji and I used to sit face to face in the assembly, but, after some time, we used to know what we wanted to say," he said.

On the other hand, Saini said the BJP will work to strengthen the party in Haryana ahead of the assembly polls in the state. Shruti Choudhry was also the working president of the Haryana unit of the Congress. She is a sitting MLA from Tosham in Haryana's Bhiwani district and considered a bete noire of Bhupinder Singh Hooda.

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## **Chance for Pakistan to** raise its UN profile

PAKISTAN's recent election as a non-permanent member of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) with the overwhelming support of the community of nations would have bewildered Indians had it been widely reported in this country. With India caught up in the Lok Sabha election results and their far-reaching repercussions, the news of Pakistan's seat at the UN high table got little traction in the country. The election, in which 182 of the UN's 193 member countries voted in favour of Pakistan, offers a major foreign policy challenge for the Narendra Modi government during its third term.

With the election of Pakistan and Somalia, which will join the UNSC on January 1, 2025, for a twoyear term, the UN's highest decision-making body will have five members of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC). That is half the number of elected members of the only UN arm whose decisions are legally binding on the entire world. It is another matter that such decisions are often pre-empted by a veto, exercised by one or more of the five permanent members of the Council, the P-5, also known as the Big Five. Some UN member countries defy the decisions of the UNSC. The Council can impose sanctions on errant states, and in extreme cases, authorise the use of force under the UN Charter.

None of the above means that India faces any imminent diplomatic threat merely because the UNSC doors are now open to Islamabad. Threat, no. Challenge, yes. Therefore, India cannot be complacent. To start with, the post of India's Permanent Representative to the UN in New York is vacant. The Pakistani counterpart is the forbidding and redoubtable Ambassador Munir Akram, who has been holding the post for the past almost five years. He did the same job earlier for six years from 2002. It was Akram whose covert diplomacy nearly succeeded in getting Kashmir on the agenda of the UN Human Rights Commission in 1994. The following year, he was formally appointed Permanent Representative to the UN in Geneva and remained on this post for seven years. So, the new government must immediately appoint a successor to Permanent Representative Ruchira Kamboj, who retired in the midst of the Lok Sabha election campaign.

Next year, the counter-terrorism document will be back at the UN for its biennial review, the text of which will be of critical importance to India as a victim of cross-border terrorism. A universally acceptable definition of terrorism has eluded the in the General Assembly because of recalcitrant states like Pakistan, which has used terror for many decades as an instrument of state policy. Together with the dubious presence of Somalia at the epochal horseshoe table, the influence of the duo could spill over to the General Assembly and corrupt the counter-terrorism document during its review.

Another risk which India will have to guard against is the possibility — indeed, likelihood — that the five Security Council members belonging to the OIC will together work to list an Indian as a UNdesignated terrorist. They will obviously look for a Hindu to be listed as a terrorist under the Security Council's famous Resolution 1267. Adopted in 1999, this resolution's most notorious designee hitherto was Osama bin Laden. A Hindu nationalist government in New Delhi is potential fodder for the OIC in this objective. A lot will depend on how the new Modi government behaves at home during the remainder of 2024 and next year. Ambassador Akram is widely and next year. Ambassador Akram is widely known in Turtle Bay, the site of the UN headquarters, to be still nursing his hurt over India's successful drive—jointly with the US—in listing Abdul Rehman Makki as a 'global terrorist' via a Sanctions Committee set up through Resolution 1267. Pakistan's hurt was compounded by the designation's description that Makki was responsible for terror acts in Jammu and Kashmir. He is the brother-in-law of Lashkare-Taiba founder Hafiz Saeed. After India abrogated Article 370 of the Constitution, Pakistan managed only to have 'consultations' in the Security Council. Such a procedure meant incamera discussions among Council members, of which there is no record and nothing at all in the public domain. Once Pakistan enters the Security Council with the support of four other OIC members, it may attempt to move the needle on Kashmir in its favour.

### Go ahead with J&K Assembly polls despite terror attacks

The absence of violence is not peace. But it would be unfair to bill Baramulla's electoral verdict as one driven by separatist sentiments.

The results of the Lok Sabha polls in Jammu and Kashmir have been interesting. One of the things everyone is looking for is a signal for the conduct of the Assembly polls, based upon a Supreme Court direction to the Election Commission of India (ECI) to hold the polls before September 30. There was a time when it was contemplated that the Lok Sabha and Assembly polls could be conducted simultaneously. That would have been an ambitious step. The ECI's decision was sound in that the Lok Sabha polls would restore confidence in the conduct of peaceful elections with an encouraging turnout. Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar recently said, "We will very soon start the poll process in J&K. We are very enthused by the voter turnout... J&K recorded the highest turnout in four decades at 58.58 per cent overall, and 51.05 per cent in the Valley"

The poll results, however, have been followed by a series of terror attacks. The June 9 Reasi attack on a bus carrying pilgrims was meant to send out a message that the Assembly polls would be targeted. While decrying this and urging the security forces to undertake a largescale offensive to dominate Pir Panjal and neutralise the terrorists, there must be no climbdown on the Assembly polls, which are due in three months. A few issues came to the fore with reference to the J&K polls. Each constituency in Kashmir has an interesting dynamic, and delimitation added to the suspense. The inclusion of Rajouri and parts of Poonch with Anantnag constituency gave a unique opportunity to the National Conference (NC) to exploit the Gujjar surge. Mian Altaf Ahmad of the NC, the virtual spiritual leader of the Gujjar community, was tailor-made for the fight there. He won comfortably against People's Democratic Party (PDP) candidate Mehbooba Mufti, who also belongs to south Kashmir and is extremely influential in its prime locations at the Valley end, Bijbehara, Anantnag and Kulgam. The Srinagar constituency includes Ganderbal in the north, Pulwama-Shopian in the south and Budgam to the west. The southern belt is where stone-throwing was most intense in 2014-19, and the terror incidents were the most marked there. The radical footprint remains dormant, biding its time for another opportunity.

The Srinagar seat has been won by Aga Syed Ruhullah Mehdi, a cleric from a prominent Shia family of Budgam. Mehdi is an old NC hand who has represented Budgam in the J&K Assembly. He identified 'dignity' and 'identity' as his core concerns. This sentiment was mostly about Article 370 being an article of faith, the Kashmiri not ever being anti-national and the need for the restoration of statehood. Mehdi's victory against Waheed Para — the young, intelligent and well-respected youth leader of the PDP—could be a surprise for some, as support for a Shia may have been unexpected. Waheed belongs to Pulwama



and Mehdi to Budgam. So, both are not hardcore Srinagar representatives. The NC's organising capability and 'cadres in depth', however, do usually spell advantage for its candidates. That capability will be an advantage in the Assembly polls too.

But the same 'cadres in depth' and the party's excellent organising skills have been unable to put former CM Omar Abdullah in the driver's seat in Baramulla. If I know any part of Kashmir the best, it is Baramulla both the city and the constituency — having commanded a brigade and a division in the area. I was a little surprised to see Omar enter the fray there. Of course, no party can claim ownership of Baramulla. It's the gateway to the Valley from Muzaffarabad, and it has been so for centuries, while the main route lay through Uri along the Jhelum Road to Baramulla. The constituency is spread far and wide, including Gurez, Bandipora, Machil, Keran, Kupwara, Handwara, Tangdhar, Uri and Gulmarg. The outlying areas in the higher mountains along the LoC are populated by Pahadis, who have benefited from reservation, which was initially 4 per cent but subsequently raised to 10 per cent.

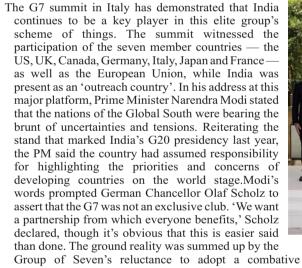
These areas are sparsely populated, although the communities there are all pro-India. There is no grey zone there. It's the Valley floor with the townships of north Kashmir, where the separatist sentiment was high at one time. The decline in violence does not necessarily alter the sentiment. I have often reminded observers that 'absence of violence is not peace' and it's not a change of heart either. However, it would be unfair to bill Baramulla's electoral verdict as one driven by separatist sentiments. The Assembly polls will tell us more.

Engineer Rashid, the man who defeated former CM Omar Abdullah by over 2 lakh votes, is known as a separatist. He fought the election while lodged in Delhi's Tihar Jail through a two-week campaign managed on a shoestring budget by his sons. I have known Engineer Rashid for a long time. He once came calling on me in a rickety Maruti 800. I was aware of his popularity among the poorer segments of Langate in Rafiabad; that is what made him famous all over the Baramulla constituency.

It is believed by some that Rashid managed to get the support of non-voters (those who traditionally kept away from voting) in the hope of conveying that they backed his separatist stance. What is important for the establishment is that the Assembly polls are conducted, and in time. The people's verdict aimed at development and welfare needs to be adequately reinforced against any persisting sentiments of separatism, which no doubt

### G7 summit

Commitment on corridor big takeaway for India





approach on China. The summit statement said the G7 was not trying to harm China or thwart its economic

stable' relations with China and recognised the 'importance of direct and candid engagement to express concerns and manage differences'. The G7's stress on cooperation rather than confrontation left no room for doubt about China's indispensability to the international community.Beyond the optics of PM Modi's interaction with several world leaders days after he assumed office for a third term, a big takeaway for India was the commitment made by the G7 to promote infrastructure initiatives such as the India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor (IMEC). This ambitious project, which envisages a vast road, railroad and shipping network connecting Asia with the West, is seen as a counter to China's multi-modal, multilateral Belt and Road Initiative. However, the IMEC's fate hangs in the balance amid the ongoing turbulence

development; instead, it sought 'constructive and

in West Asia.

## **NEET 2024: A Scam in Brewing**



Petitions over irregularities in NEET 2024 mount-up. The Pandora's Box opens wider. The NTA and the Ministry of Education (ME) like Dhritarashtra seem blind to the misdeeds of the Duryodhans involved in the irregularities in NEET 2024. It seems the NTA and ME are hell bent to decorate the scam-less Modi government with a mega scam. There is no logic of maintaining silence over the mounting allegations of irregularities. Silence does not stop more and new allegations and filing of petitions every day. The matter becomes a national issue concerning all sections of people unlike scams before Modi government, because the NEET candidates are from all sections of the society and from all regions of the

The irregularities involve the

role of five parties in different ways: the candidates, the NTA and the government (ME), the SC, the 'Civil Society', and the culprits. The candidates are victims and also the object of the cause of irregularities. The victims are seen demanding justice. The NTA and the government seem to ignore the irregularities and the culprits. The SC gives chance to the NTA and the government to rectify the irregularities, even if it is 0.001%, upon which the latter have not paid proper attention or initiated action. Concerned public, lawyers, media, YouTubers, guardians, counselling centres, political parties, etc. demand action and many vested interests in them misguide students about the nature of action which they demand. The culprits are yet to be identified and booked fully as the Centre in-charge of an Examination Centre denies time-lapse factor which was taken as the ground for grace marks. It is also alleged that the SC's verdict in 2018 on grace mark is a plea taken by the NTA to justify

irregularities as the said ver-

dict was not for NEET type of examinations. The issue of opening windows second time is questioned. For this the involvement of the NTA and the Ministry in corruption alleged. Even, the name of Education Minister is dragged to irregularities. The allegation links second time opening of windows to facilitate those students who are involved in malpractices. The more the NTA and the ME maintain silence the worse the situation turns with mounting-up fresh evidences and demands. Now,

Some of the demands made by the students are very irrelevant. When the issue of grace marks is addressed, what is the logic of harping on the issue in a new petition filed by 8 students? The demand for retest has no sound logic. From media it seems that those candidates, some four timers, with less than 500 and even 400 marks, claim to be the victim. They are very vocal for retest and cancellation of counselling. Some media houses sensitize demand for retest and cancellation of counselling through

them. Are all the scorers

above 600 involved in malpractices? Except a few places and centres there are not such allegations from elsewhere. Besides, all the scorers above 600 are from different centres and states of the country. The SC understands the value of honest and hard labour and therefore it is very strict on rectifying the irregularities. It has refused to cancel the result of NEET 2024, issue order for retest and stay counselling. The SC has asked for timely action from the NTA and stressed on fair treatment for all candidates. It has highlighted the significant efforts of students put into preparing for the NEET. Fair treatment for all candidates does not mean to treat all in one line; it means treatment according to nature of grievances and context. Retest or cancellation of counselling, is a single line treatment and will put many honest scorers into distress and depression, because their honesty is questioned and their trust in the system shall be betrayed.

The candidates, as one can understand from media, are three types. The first type is one who involved in malpractices, the second one is those who scored less than 600, and the third type is those who secured desirable scores by dint of honest labour. It is to be mentioned that the NTA has analysed the students of the centres under scanner and found that 98 % of the candidates have secured less than 500 marks, not good for admission in government colleges. From among them who are rich can enrol in private colleges and god knows what types of doctor they will become when they are involved in unfair means from the beginning. Irregularities have to be rectified with regard to the first type. The law enforcing authority is capable enough of identifying these candidates. In fact the racket is busted. The police have made arrests in Godhra and Bihar. In Godhra the arrested accused include Principal and teacher of Jalaram School, and one person from Roy Overseas, an education consultancy. When a centre dealing with consultancy and coaching can involve in crime why not some centres whose candidates could not

perform well instigate stu-

dents against the NTA to save their face? All the allegations of irregularities are linked to the students of few centres of

examinations. The claim of second type is ridiculous and has no logic when they demand retest. It is just to create disturbance for the system and the honest scorers or convince their parents of their commitment to study which was betrayed by the irregularities in the NTA. There is no denial of the truth that they are not backed by vested interests. The documents of one candidate, Ayushi Patel, submitted at Allahabad High Court to prove irregularities in the NTA were found forged. But her video was circulated by Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi and others. What is the guarantee that Ms. Patel was not instigated by politician? The real injustice is done for the third type of candidates. Despite their hard labour they are in distress, in a state of uncertainty and confusion, and mental stress. How a retest or stay of counselling will do justice to them together with those who demand for the retest? This aspect has

to be taken seriously while claiming justice for 24 lakh candidates and the SC is clear

about it. There is a point to ponder over in the contestation about the rising cut-off marks. Those who prepared keeping an eye on a particular score to achieve are frustrated. It is natural. The NTA justifies this rise by stating increased number of candidates and easy questions. Since these changes were not foreseen by the students, or they were not informed, they are not to blame for keeping eye on a target based on NEET 2023. If irregularities are rectified, perhaps a number of candidates above the cut-off marks may be reduced. Further, the retest of 1563 candidates earns them good scores; obviously, the cut-off mark issue is a real concern for good scorers who prepared keeping the previous year cut-off level in view. It should be mentioned that those who scored above 600 marks in centres under scanner are very negligible. In that case the plausible solution is to increase seats in medical colleges for this year which is not a big deal for the

To err is human. To rectify errors is commitment to the cause of fairness and Otherwise, transparency. the allegations will keep on escalating, new evidences and questions will keep on multiplying thereby pushing the NTA and the government into the dock. The onus is on the NTA and the government, whether they want to solve the problem judiciously by rectifying irregularities, uncovering the conspiracy behind allegations, or maintaining silence.

Claim of irregularities is as strong as the possibility of conspiracy. When irregularities are reported in the working of a system, it is either inefficient, people in it are involved in corruption, or there is a deep conspiracy behind labelling irregularities. NEET 2004 has brought in challenges for the NTA and the ME to prove the system clean and restore the confidence of people in the system, their leaders and agencies of the country.

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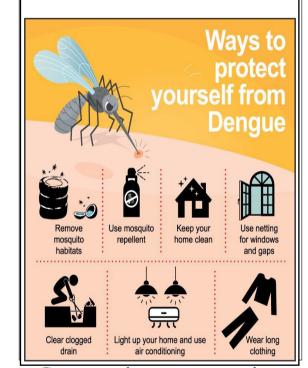


জমশেদপুর – রবিবার ঝাড়খণ্ডের জমশেদপুরে একটি নির্বাচনী সমাবেশে প্রধানমন্ত্রী নরেন্দ্র মোদী কংগ্রেস নেত্রী সোনিয়া গান্ধীকে রায়বেরেলিভত্যাপ্থ করার এবং দীর্ঘদিন ধরে কাজ করা একজন দলের কর্মীকে নয়, বরং তার ছেলে রাহুল গান্ধীকে মনোনীত করার জন্য সমালোচনা করেছেন।

মোদী উল্লেখ করেছেন যে সোনিয়া গান্ধী কো-ভড মহামারীর পরে রায়বেরেলি সফর করেননি, যে আসনটি তিনি সংসদে প্রতিনিধিত্ব করেছিলেন। "এখন তিনি তার ছেলের জন্য ভোট চাইতে সেখানে গেছেন," মোদী বলেন। শনিবার, সোনিয়া গান্ধী তার সন্তান রাহুল এবং প্রিয়াঙ্কা গান্ধীর সাথে রায়বেরেলিতে একটি নির্বাচনী সমাবেশে ভাষণ দেন, যেখানে তিনি ঘোষণা করেন যে তিনি তার ছেলে রাহুল গান্ধীকে রায়বেরেলির প্রতি সমর্পণ করছেন এবং জনতাকে আশুস্ত করেন যে ื তিনি আপনাদের হতাশ করবেন না।চ

মোদী আরও সমালোচনা করেছেন যে রাহুল গান্ধী দুটি লোকসভা আসন, রায়বেরেলি এবং কেরালার ওয়ানাড থেকে প্রার্থী হচ্ছেন। "কংগ্রেস রাজপুত্র ওয়ানাড ছেড়ে রায়বেরেলিতে নির্বাচন লড়ছেন। তিনি সবাইকে বলছেন যে এই আসনটি তার মায়ের," মোদী বলেন, পরিস্থিতিটিকে এমন একটি শিশুর সাথে তুলনা করে যে তার বাবার স্কুলে পড়েছে বলে স্কুলটিকে নিজের বলে দাবি করে।

"এই পরিবারকেন্দ্রিক ব্যক্তিরা সংসদীয় আসনগুলিকে তাদের উত্তরাধিকার হিসেবে দেখছে। এমন পরিবারকেন্দ্রিক দল থেকে ঝাড়খণ্ডকে রক্ষা করতে হবে," প্রধানমন্ত্রী আরও বলেন।



# से हुआ लागू : संचार मंत्रालय

नई दिल्ली। डाकघर अधिनियम 2023 बुधवार से लागू हो गया। इसका उद्देश्य अंतिम मील तक नागरिक केंद्रित सेवाओं, बैंकिंग सेवाओं और सरकारी योजनाओं का लाभ प्रदान करने के लिए एक सरल विधायी ढांचा तैयार करना है।

संचार मंत्रालय ने जारी एक बयान में कहा कि डाकघर अधिनियम 2023 आज से लागू हो गया है। इसके लागू होने से भारतीय डाकघर अधिनियम, 1898 निरस्त हो गया है। इस अधिनियम का उद्देश्य अंतिम मील तक नागरिक केंद्रित सेवाओं, बैंकिंग सेवाओं और सरकारी योजनाओं का लाभ प्रदान करने के लिए एक सरल विधायी ढांचा तैयार करना है।मंत्रालय के मुताबिक डाकघर अधिनियम 2023 यह वस्तुओं, पहचानकर्ताओं और पोस्टकोड के उपयोग के बारे में निर्धारित मानकों के लिए प्रारूप उपलब्ध करता है। ये अधिनियम

को आसान बनाने के लिए पत्रों के 18 दिसंबर 2023 को विचार के संग्रह, प्रोसेसिंग और वितरण के बाद पारित किया गया। इस

व्यापार करने में आसानी और जीवन बाद यह विधेयक लोकसभा द्वारा



विशेष विशेषाधिकार जैसे प्रावधानों को समाप्त करता है। अधिनियम में कोई दंडनीय प्रावधान नहीं किए गए हैं। इस विधयेक को राज्यसभा में 04 दिसंबर को पेश किया गया, जिसको 12 दिंसबर 2023 को राज्यसभा ने पारित किया था। इसके

अधिनियम को 24 दिसंबर 2023 को राष्ट्रपति की सहमति प्राप्त हुई, जिसे विधि और न्याय मंत्रालय (विधायी विभाग) द्वारा 24 दिसंबर 2023 को भारत के राजपत्र असाधारण, भाग II, खंड-1 में

## डाकघर अधिनियम २०२३ बुधवार प्रत्यक्ष कर संग्रह २१ फीसदी बढ़कर 4.62 लाख करोड़ रुपये हुआ

अच्छी खबर है। सरकार का खजाना टैक्स क्लेकशन से भर गया है। देश का शुद्ध प्रत्यक्ष कर संग्रह चालू वित्त वर्ष 2024-25 में एक अप्रैल से 17 जून, 2024 के बीच सालाना आधार पर 21 फीसदी उछलकर 4.62 लाख करोड़ रुपये से अधिक रहा है। वहीं, सकल कर संग्रह सालाना आधार पर 22.19 फीसदी बढकर 5.16 लाख करोड रुपये रहा।

वित्त मंत्रालय ने जारी बयान में कहा कि चालू वित्त वर्ष 2024-25 के लिए सकल प्रत्यक्ष कर संग्रह सालाना आधार पर 22.19 फीसदी की बढ़ोतरी के साथ 5.16 लाख करोड़ रुपये रहा। वहीं, शुद्ध प्रत्यक्ष कर संग्रह चालू वित्त वर्ष में एक अप्रैल से 17 जून, 2024 के बीच सालाना आधार पर 21 फीसदी उछलकर 4.62 लाख करोड़ रुपये से अधिक रहा है। मंत्रालय के मुताबिक वित्त वर्ष 2024-25 के लिए अग्रिम टैक्स संग्रह 27.34 फीसदी बढकर

**नई दिल्ली।** आर्थिक मींचे पर 1,48,823 करोड रुपये रहा है। कहा कि केंद्रीय प्रत्यक्ष कर बोर्ड मंत्रालय ने कहा कि चालू वित्त वर्ष (सीबीडीटी) के मुताबिक वित्त वर्ष में अबतक शुद्ध प्रत्यक्ष कर संग्रह में 2024-25 में एक अप्रैल से 17 जून, अग्रिम कर संग्रह में हुई वृद्धि का 2024 तक 4,62,664 करोड़ रुपये



विशेष योगदान रहा। अग्रिम कर की पहली किस्त 15 जून को देय थी। यह संग्रह 27.34 फीसदी बढ़कर 1.48 लाख करोड़ रुपये रहा है। इसमें 1.14 लाख करोड़ रुपये का कॉरपोरेट कर (सीआईटी) और 34,470 करोड़ रुपये का व्यक्तिगत आयकर (पीआईटी) शामिल है। वित्त मंत्रालय ने कहा कि चालू वित्त वर्ष 2024-25 में कुल 53,322 करोड़ रुपये का रिफंड जारी किया गया है। मंत्रालय ने

का शुद्ध प्रत्यक्ष कर संग्रह हुआ है। इसमें 1,80,949 करोड़ रुपये का सीआईटी और 2,81,013 करोड़ रुपये का पीआईटी (प्रतिभूति लेनदेन कर सहित) शामिल हैं। सीबीडीटी के मुताबिक वित्त वर्ष चालु 2024-25 में 17 जून तक 53,322 करोड़ रुपये का रिफंड भी जारी किया गया है, जो पिछले वित्त वर्ष के समान अवधि के दौरान जारी किए गए रिफंड से 34 फीसदी अधिक है।

## क्रिप्टो करेंसी मार्केट में कोहराम, टॉप 10 में से 9 आभासी मुद्राओं में गिरावट

नई दिल्ली। क्रिप्टो करेंसी मार्केट में आज कोहराम मचा हुआ है। बाजार में चौतरफा दबाव का माहौल बना हुआ है। जिसके कारण मार्केट कैप के लिहाज से टॉप-10 में शामिल क्रिप्टो करेंसीज में से सिर्फ एक मामूली बढ़त के साथ ग्रीन जोन में कारोबार कर रहा है, जबकि बिटकॉइन और एथेरियम समेत 9 क्रिप्टो करेंसी बड़ी गिरावट के साथ रेड जोन में कारोबार करती नजर आ रही हैं। आज के कारोबार में दुनिया की सबसे बड़ी क्रिप्टो करेंसी बिटकॉइन लुढ़क कर 66 हजार डॉलर के स्तर से नीचे गई। इसी तरह दुनिया की दुसरी सबसे बडी क्रिप्टो करेंसी एथेरियम ने भी 3,500 डॉलर के स्तर से नीचे गोता लगा दिया।

भारत में क्रिप्टो करेंसी का कारोबार करने के लिए अधिकृत एजेंसी कॉइन मार्केट कैप से मिली जानकारी के मृताबिक भारतीय समय

के हिसाब से आज शाम 6 बजे तक के अलावा बीएनबी 1.66 प्रतिशत, बिटकॉइन 0.53 प्रतिशत की गिरावट सोलाना 4.34 प्रतिशत, यूएसडी के साथ 65,389.96 डॉलर यानी कॉइन 0.01 प्रतिशत, एक्सआरपी



कारोबार कर रहा था। इसी तरह एथेरियम की कीमत भी आज 2.41 प्रतिशत की कमजोरी के साथ गिर कर 3,418.29 डॉलर के स्तर पर थे। कॉइन मार्केट कैप से मिली आ गई थी। बिटकॉइन और एथेरियम जानकारी के मृताबिक पिछले 24

54.55 लाख रुपये के स्तर पर 0.14 प्रतिशत, टॉनकॉइन 5.10 प्रतिशत. डॉगकॉइन 8.74 प्रतिशत और कार्डानो 6.86 प्रतिशत की कमजोरी के साथ कारोबार कर रहे घंटे के कारोबार के दौरान क्रिप्टो करेंसी के ग्लोबल मार्केट कैप में 1.32 प्रतिशत की गिरावट दर्ज की गई है। फिलहाल क्रिप्टो करेंसी का ग्लोबल मार्केट कैप घट कर 2.35 लाख करोड़ डॉलर यानी करीब 196.05 लाख करोड़ रुपये रह गया है। ग्लोबल मार्केट कैप में गिरावट आने के बावजद पिछले 24 घंटे के दौरान क्रिप्टो करेंसीज के लेन-देन में तेजी आई है। इस अवधि में कुल 9,371 करोड़ डॉलर यानी 7.82 लाख करोड़ रुपये की क्रिप्टो करेंसी की लेन-देन हुई, जो 1 दिन पहले की तुलना में 67.76 प्रतिशत अधिक है। अगर दुनिया की सबसे बड़ी क्रिप्टो करेंसी बिटकॉइन की बात करें कीमत में गिरावट आने के बावजूद पिछले 24 घंटे के कारोबार के दौरान क्रिप्टो करेंसी मार्केट में इस आभासी मुद्रा की स्थिति 0.52 प्रतिशत मजबूत हुई है, जिसके कारण इसकी मार्केट हिस्सेदारी बढ कर

### कच्चा तेल ८५ डॉलर प्रति बैरल के करीब, पेट्रोल-डीजल की कीमत स्थिर

नई दिल्ली।अंतरराष्ट्रीय बाजार में कच्चे तेल की कीमत में उतार-चढ़ाव जारी है। ब्रेंट क्रूड का मूल्य 85 डॉलर और डब्ल्यूटीआई क्रूड 81 डॉलर

प्रति बैरल के करीब गया सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र की तेल एवं गैस विपणन कंपनियों ने पेट्रोल और डीजल के मुल्य में कोई बदलाव नहीं किया है। अंतरराष्ट्रीय बाजार में हफ्ते के दूसरे दिन शुरुआती कारोबार में ब्रेंड क्रूड 0.12 डॉलर यानी 0.14 फीसदी की



गिरावट के साथ 84.13 डॉलर और वेस्ट टेक्सस इंटरमीडिएट (डब्ल्यूटीआई) क्रूड भी 0.15 डॉलर यानी 0.19 फीसदी लुढ़ककर 80.18 डॉलर प्रति बैरल पर कारोबार कर रहा है। इंडियन ऑयल की वेबसाइट के मुताबिक, दिल्ली में पेट्रोल 94.72 रुपये, डीजल 87.62 रुपये, मुंबई में पेट्रोल 104.21 रुपये, डीजल 92.15 रुपये, कोलकाता में पेट्रोल 103.94 रुपये, डीजल 90.76 रुपये, चेन्नई में पेट्रोल 100.75 रुपये और डीजल 92.34 रुपये प्रति लीटर की दर पर उपलब्ध है।

## अजित कुमार केके धनलक्ष्मी बैंक के सीईओ और एमडी नियुक्त

नर्ड दिल्ली। निजी क्षेत्र के धनलक्ष्मी बैंक ने अजित कुमार केके को बैंक का प्रबंध निदेशक (एमडी) और मुख्य कार्यकारी अधिकारी (सीईओं) नियुक्त किया है। वह 20 जन को अपना कार्यभार संभालेंगे।

धनलक्ष्मी बैंक ने शेयर बाजार सचित किया कि उसने अजित कमार केके को बैंक का मुख्य कार्यकारी अधिकारी और प्रबंध निदेशक नियक्त किया है। बैंक ने बताया कि निदेशक मंडल ने आज हुई बैठक में अजित कुमार केके को 20 जून, 2024 से तीन साल के लिए बैंक का एमडी और सीईओ के रूप में नियुक्त करने को अपनी

मंजूरी दी है। बैंक ने कहा कि कंपनी एक अनुभवी बैंकर हैं, जिन्हें जिन्हें अधिनियम, 2013 और भारतीय ऋग, मानव संसाधन, व्यवसाय, शाखा



प्रतिभृति एवं विनिमय बोर्ड (सेबी) के प्रावधानों के अनुसार इस नियुक्ति के लिए शेयरधारकों की मंजरी ली जाएगी। गौरतलब है कि अजित कुमार

बैंकिंग जैसे क्षेत्रों में फेडरल बैंक के साथ 36 साल से अधिक का अनुभव है। वह फिलहाल फेडरल बैंक में मुख्य मानव संसाधन अधिकारी हैं।

## नेस्ले की मैगी के लिए दुनिया का सबसे बड़ा बाजार बना भारत

54.84 प्रतिशत हो गई है।

नर्ड दिल्ली। पैकेज्ड फड कंपनी नेस्ले के इंस्टैंट नुडल्स एवं सूप ब्रांड मैगी के लिए वैश्विक स्तर पर भारत सबसे बड़ा बाजार बन गया है, जबिक चॉकलेट वेफर ब्रांड किटकैट के लिए यह दूसरा सबसे बड़ा बाजार है। नेस्ले इंडिया की ताजा वार्षिक रिपोर्ट में यह जानकारी दी गई है।

नेस्ले इंदिया की वार्षिक रिपोर्ट के मुताबिक कंपनी ने वित्त वर्ष 2023-24 में मैगी की छह अरब से ज्यदा सर्विंग्स बेचीं. जिससे भारत दुनियाभर में मैगी के लिए सबसे बड़ा नेस्ले बाजार बन गया। कंपनी ने किटकैट की 4,20 करोड़ 'फिंगर्स' बेचीं हैं, जिसकी वहज से वह किटकैट के लिए दूसरा सबसे

बड़ा बाजार भी है। इसके अलावा 🏻 हैं। नेस्ले इंडिया ने 31 मार्च, 2024 भारतीय बाजार नेस्ले के लिए सबसे तक के पिछले 15 माह में 24,275.5



तेजी से बढते बाजारों में से एक बन गया है। कंपनी के मुताबिक नेस्ले मैगी ब्रांड के तहत अपनी बिक्री का विस्तार कर रही है। इसके तहत उसने 10 रुपये की किफायती कीमत पर ओटस नडल. कोरियन नडल्स और अलग-अलग मसाले वाली मैगी एवं नूडल्स पेश किए

करोड़ रुपये की बिक्री दर्ज की है। नेस्ले मैगी बांड के तहत लोकप्रिय इंस्टेंट नुडल्स और तैयार व्यंजन आदि बेचती है। गौरतलब है कि स्विस वैश्विक खाद्य और पेय प्रमुख नेस्ले के लिए भारत सबसे तेजी से बढ़ते बाजारों में से एक है।

## फिच ने भारत के आर्थिक वृद्धि दर का अनुमान बढ़ाकर 7.2 फीसदी किया

नई दिल्ली। अर्थव्यवस्था के र्मोचे पर अच्छी खबर है। रेटिंग एजेंसी फिच रेटिंग्स ने चालू वित्त वर्ष 2024-25 के लिए भारत की आर्थिक वृद्धि दर के अनुमान को बढ़ाकर 7.2 फीसदी कर दिया है। रेटिंग एजेंसी ने मार्च में इसके सात

फीसदी रहने का अनुमान जताया था। फिच रेटिंग्स ने जारी अपनी वैश्विक आर्थिक परिदृश्य रिपोर्ट में कहा कि चालू वित्त वर्ष 2024-25 में भारतीय अर्थव्यवस्था में 7.2 फीसदी की मजबूत वृद्धि होगी। वहीं, एजेंसी ने वित्त वर्ष 2025-26 और

2026-27 के लिए विकास दर फीसदी रहने का अनुमान लगाया है। क्रमशः 6.5 फीसदी और 6.2 रेटिंग एजेंसी ने उपभोक्ता खर्च



#### हवाला देते हुए भारतीय अर्थव्यवस्था में विकास दर के अपने अनुमान में संशोधन किया है। हालांकि, फिच रेटिंग्स का अनुमान रिजर्व बैंक ऑफ इंडिया (आरबीआई) के अनुमान के अनुरूप ही है। आरबीआई ने इसी महीने ग्रामीण मांग में सुधार और महंगाई दर में नरमी के कारण चालू वित्त वर्ष में भारतीय अर्थव्यवस्था 7.2 फीसदी की दर से बढ़ने का अनुमान जताया था। गौरतलब है कि बीते वित्त वर्ष 2023-24 में भारत की आर्थिक वृद्धि दर 8.2 फीसदी

में सुधार और निवेश में वृद्धि का

## सर्राफा बाजार में कमजोरी, 200 रुपये तक सस्ता हुआ सोना

नई दिल्ली। घरेलू सर्राफा बाजार में आज लगातार गिरावट नजर आ रही है। सोना आज 200 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम तक सस्ता हुआ है। इस गिरावट के कारण देश के ज्यादातर सर्रोफा बाजारों में 24 कैरेट सोना 72,970 रुपये से लेकर 72,320 प्रति 10 ग्राम के स्तर के बीच कारोबार कर रहा है। इसी तरह 22 कैरेट सोना भी आज 66,890 रुपये से लेकर 66,290 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम के दायरे में बिक रहा है। सोने की तरह ही आज चांदी के भाव में भी कमजोरी आई है। आज की गिरावट के कारण आज दिल्ली सर्राफा बाजार में चांदी 90,900 रुपये प्रति किलोग्राम के स्तर पर कारोबार कर रहा है।

देश की राजधानी दिल्ली में 24 कैरेट सोना आज 72,470 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम के स्तर पर कारोबार कर रहा है, जबकि 22 कैरेट सोने की

कीमत 66,440 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम दर्ज की गई। इसी तरह मुंबई में 24 कैरेट सोना 72,340 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम और 22 कैरेट सोना 66,290 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम के स्तर पर बिक रहा है। जबिक चेन्नई में 24 कैरेट सोने की रिटेल कीमत 72,970 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम और 22 कैरेट सोने की कीमत 66,890 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम दर्ज की गई है। इन प्रमख शहरों के अलावा अहमदाबाद में 24 कैरेट सोना आज 72,370 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम की कीमत पर और 22 कैरेट सोना 66,340 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम की कीमत पर बिक रहा है। इसी तरह कोलकाता में 24 कैरेट सोना 72,320 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम और 22 कैरेट सोना 66,290 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम के स्तर पर पहुंचा हुआ है।लखनऊ के सर्राफा बाजार में 24 कैरेट सोना आज 72.470 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम के स्तर पर और 22 कैरेट

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देश के अन्य राज्यों की तरह कर्नाटक, तेलंगाना और ओडिशा के सर्राफा बाजार में भी सोने की कीमत में आज गिरावट आई है। इन तीनों राज्यों की राजधानियों बेंगलुरु, हैदराबाद और भुवनेश्वर में 24 कैरेट सोना आज 72,320 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम के स्तर पर कारोबार कर रहा है। वहीं इन तीनों शहरों के सर्राफा बाजारों में 22 कैरेट सोना 66,290 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम के स्तर पर बिक रहा है।

## लगातार चौथे दिन शिखर पर शेयर बाजार, सेंसेक्स और निफ्टी ने बनाया मजबूती का नया रिकॉर्ड

नई दिल्ली। घरेलू शेयर बाजार

में आज लगातार चौथे दिन रिकॉर्ड तोड़ तेजी जारी रही। शेयर बाजार आज एक बार फिर ऑल टाइम हाई का नया रिकॉर्ड बना कर खुला, दिन के कारोबार में अपने रिकॉर्ड में और सधार किया और अंत में ऑल टाइम हाई क्लोजिंग का नया रिकॉर्ड बना कर बंद हुआ। बाजार में आई आज की तेजी के कारण शेयर बाजार के निवेशकों की संपत्ति में 2.40 करोड़ रुपये से भी अधिक का इजाफा हो गया। पूरे दिन के कारोबार के बाद सेंसेक्स<sup>े</sup> 0.40 प्रतिशत और निफ्टी 0.39 प्रतिशत की मजबूती के साथ बंद हुए। आज के कारोबार के दौरान कंज्यूमर ड्युरेबल्स, रियल्टी, यूटिलिटी और टेलीकॉम सेक्टर के शेयरों में सबसे अधिक खरीदारी होती रही। इसके अलावा पब्लिक सेक्टर एंटरप्राइज, बैंकिंग, आईटी, एनर्जी और इंफास्ट्रक्चर इंडेक्स भी बढ़त के साथ बंद होने में सफल रहे। दूसरी ओर एफएमसीजी, फार्मास्यूटिकल और मेटल सेक्टर के शेयर दबाव में कारोबार करते रहे। ब्रॉडर मार्केट में भी आज लगातार खरीदारी होती रही. जिसके कारण बीएसई का मिडकैप इंडेक्स 0.43 प्रतिशत की मजबूती के साथ बंद हुआ। इसी तरेह स्मॉलकैप इंडेक्स ने 0.96 प्रतिशत की तेजी के साथ आज के कारोबार

का अंत किया। आज बाजार की तेजी के कारण स्टॉक मार्केट के निवेशकों की संपत्ति में करीब ढाई लाख करोड़ रुपये की

बढ़ोतरी हो गई। बीएसई में लिस्टेड 🛮 30 शेयरों में से 22 शेयर बढ़त के 🗷 उतार-चढ़ाव होता रहा। पूरे दिन के कंपनियों का मार्केट कैपिटलाइजेशन साथ और 8 शेयर गिरावट के साथ



आज के कारोबार के बाद बढ़ कर 437.30 लाख करोड रुपये (अस्थाई) हो गया। जबकि पिछले सप्ताह के आखिरी कारोबारी दिन यानी शुक्रवार को इनका मार्केट कैपिटलाइजेशन 434.88 लाख करोड़ रुपये था। इस तरह निवेशकों को आज के कारोबार से करीब 2.42 लाख करोड़ रुपये का मुनाफा हो गया। आज दिनभर के कारोबार में बीएसई में 4,150 शेयरों में एक्टिव ट्रेंडिंग हुई। इनमें 2,173 शेयर बढ़त के साथ बंद हुए, जबकि 1,828 शेयरों में गिरावट का रुख रहा, वहीं 149 शेयर बिना किसी उतार-चढ़ाव के बंद हुए। एनएसई में आज 2,351 शेयरों में एक्टिव ट्रेडिंग हुई। इनमें से 1,297 शेयर मुनाफा कमा कर हरे निशान में और 1,054 शेयर नुकसान उठा कर लाल निशान में बंद हुए। इसी तरह सेंसेक्स में शामिल

बंद हुए। जबकि निफ्टी में शामिल शेयरों में से 35 शेयर हरे निशान में और 15 शेयर लाल निशान में बंद हुए। बीएसई का सेंसेक्स आज 242.54 अंक की उछाल के साथ ऑल टाइम हाई का नया रिकॉर्ड बनाते हुए 77,235.31 अंक के स्तर पर खुला। शुरुआती कारोबार में बिकवाली का मामूली झटका लगने के बाद तेजड़ियों ने पूरी तरह से बाजार में अपना सिक्का जमा दिया, जिसके कारण इस सूचकांक की चाल में भी तेजी आ गई। पहले घंटे के कारोबार में ही ये सूचकांक 374 अंक उछल कर अभी तक के सर्वोच्च स्तर 77, 366.77 अंक के स्तर पर पहुंच गया। हालांकि इसके बाद बाजार में लिवालों और बिकवालों के बीच लगातार खींचतान चलती रही, जिसकी वजह से इस सूचकांक की चाल में भी मामूली कारोबार के बाद सेंसेक्स 308.37 अंक की मजबती के साथ ऑल टाइम हाई क्लोजिंग का नया रिकॉर्ड बना कर 77,301.14 अंक के स्तर पर बंद हुआ।

सेंसेक्स की तरह ही एनएसई के निफ्टी ने आज मजबूती का नया रिकॉर्ड बनाते हुए 105.20 अंक की बढ़त के साथ 23,570.80 अंक के स्तर से कारोबार की शुरुआत की। पहले घंटे के कारोबार में ही ये सूचकांक 113.45 अंक की तेजी के साथ अभी तक के सर्वोच्च स्तर 23,579.05 अंक तक पहुंच गया। पूरे दिन के कारोबार के बाद निफ्टी 92.30 अंक की उछाल के साथ क्लोजिंग के उच्चतम स्तर 23,557.90 अंक तक पहुंच कर बंद हुआ। पूरे दिन के कारोबार के बाद स्टॉक मार्केट के दिग्गज शेयरों में से श्रीराम फाइनेंस 3.57 प्रतिशत, पावर ग्रिड कॉरपोरेशन 3.20 प्रतिशत, विप्रो 3.01 प्रतिशत, टाइटन कंपनी 1.67 प्रतिशत और आईसीआईसीआई बैंक 1.56 प्रतिशत की मजबती के साथ आज के टॉप 5 गेनर्स की सूची में शामिल हुए। दूसरी ओर, मारुति सुजुकी 2.21 प्रतिशत, डॉ. रेड्डीज लेबोरेट्टीज 1.54 प्रतिशत, टाटा स्टील 1.11 प्रतिशत, अल्ट्राटेक सीमेंट 1.10 प्रतिशत और हीरो मोटोकॉर्प 0.85 प्रतिशत की गिरावट के साथ आज के टॉप 5 लुजर्स की सूची में शामिल

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हम आपके लिए कुछ फन एक्टिविटीज लेकर आए हैं जो आपको बीकएंड में अपने बच्चों के साथ करने में बेहद मजा

आएंगा और साथ ही आप अपने बच्चों के साथ ज्यादा समय भी व्यतीत कर पाएंगे। वीकएंड़स पर बच्चों को संभालना बेहद मुश्किल हो जाता है। ऐसे में वे बोर होने लगते हैं और घर में हुड़दंग मचाना शुरू कर देंते

हैं। ...तो क्यों न वीकएंड के लिए आप पहले से ही कुछ फन एक्टिविटीज प्लॉन करके रखें जिसे करने में आपको भी मजा आए और आपके बच्चों को भी।



बच्चों के साथ बिताएं अपना

पेपर प्लेट मास्क-घर पर रखे पेपर प्लेट्स निकालें और साथ ही बच्चों की कैंची भी। बच्चें को उनके पेंट और ब्रश के साथ बिटाएं और देखें की वे अपनी इमेजिनेशन से क्या पेंट करते हैं इन पेपर प्लेट्स पर। पेपर प्लेट्स से फेस मास्क बनाना मजेदार होता है। आप खाली जूस के बॉटल्स और अन्य बॉक्सेसज भी कई चीजे बना

गाडर्निग- इससे आपके बच्चों में प्रकृती के प्रति लगाव

सकते हैं।

रखे बढ़ेगा। अपने बच्चों को पेड़ १थ लगाना, बीज बोना सिखाएं। यह चें न केवल उनके लिए एक लर्निग साथ एक्सपीरियंस होगा बल्कि वे नी नेचर के प्रति जिम्मेदार भी ते हैं बनेंगे।

पिगी बैंक बनाएं - उसे सेविंग करना सिखाएं। घर पर पड़े बड़े बॉक्सेज और जार लेकर आएं और उन्हें इसे अपने मनपसंद तरीके से सजाने को कहें फिर ईनाम के रूप में इन बॉस या जार में कुछ सिक्के डाल दें। स्टिक पपेट- आइसक्रीम स्टिक्स पर बच्चों को बर्ड्स या एनिमल ड्रॉ करने को कहें और फिर इनका इस्तेमाल बुकमार्क के रूप में भी कर सकते हैं।

वेजिटेबल ड्रॉइंग- भिंडी, प्याज और अन्य सिक्जियों के छोटे उकड़े काटें। इन दुकड़ों को आप अपने बच्चों को पकड़ा दें और फिर उन्हें पेंट कलर्स में डिप करके ड्रॉइंग बनाने को कहें। इससे उन्हें ड्रॉइंग के नए तरीके सीखने को मिलेगा और समय का सही उपयोग भी होगा।

## मानसून में ऐसे करें आई केयर



बारिश में आंखों का ख्याल रखना बेहद जरूरी होता है। कई बार बारिश के मौसम में आंखों में सूजन, जलन, लाली आदि की समस्या पैदा हो जाती है। इन समस्याओं से बचने के लिए इन बातों का खासतौर पर ध्यान रखें।

#### गंदे हाथ

गंदे हाथों से आंखों को न छुएं।

ठंडे पानी का इस्तेमाल

#### आंखों को ठंडे पानी से धोएं। साबुन से हाथ धोएं

घर में अगर कोई कन्जिक्टवाइटस से पीडित है तो उसकी आंखों में दवा डालने के बाद साबुन से हाथ जरूर धोएं।

#### ज्यादा परेशानी होने पर विशेषज्ञ से मिलें

आंखों में लाली, खुजली व जलन मानसून से जुड़ी परेशानी है जो ज्यादा किताब पढ़ने, कम्प्यूटर पर घंटों काम करने व ज्यादा टेलीविजन देखने से होती है। यदि ऐसी परेशानी हो तो विशेषज्ञ से मिलें।

आंखों को पोंछने वाले कपड़े को शेयर न करें अपना तौलिया, रूमाल आदि दूसरों के साथ शेयर न करें।

#### कॉन्टेक्ट लेंस का प्रयोग नहीं

किसी भी संक्रमण के दौरान कॉन्टेक्ट लेंस का प्रयोग न करें।

#### मेकअप से दूर रहें

बाहर जाते वक्त चश्मा लगाएं। दिक्कत होने पर आंखों को रगडें नहीं। किसी भी प्रकार का संक्रमण होने पर आंखों का मेकअप न करें।

#### बिलनी

आंखों का बैक्टीरियल संक्रमण है जो ज्यादातर बारिश के मौसम में होता है। इसमें आंखों की पुतली में पीड़ादायक गठान हो जाती है जो कुछ समय बाद दवा से टीक हो जाती है।



# घरेलू उपायों से निखारें अपनी रंगत



दमकता गोरापन पाने के लिए महिलाएं बहुत से उपाय करती हैं। बाजार में भी गोरा बनाने के लिए ढेरों प्रोडेक्ट उपलब्ध हैं। जिन्हें खरीदने के लिए महिलाएं पानी की तरह पैसा बहाती हैं, लेकिन क्या आप जानती हैं कि कुछ घरेलू तरीके अपनाकर भी आप पा सकती है निखरी त्वचा-

#### नींबू

नींबू के रस को गुलाब जल के साथ मिलाकर चेहरे पर लगाएं। इससे चेहरे में निखार आएगा। अगर आपके हाथ काले हैं तो सोते वक्त हाथों पर नींबू रगड़े। एक हफ्ते में ही आपको फर्क महसूस होने लगेगा।

#### शहद

शहद में कच्चा दूध मिलाकर लगाने से चेहरा खुबसूरत और कोमल हो जाता है। इससे फटी हुई स्किन भी सही हो जाती है।

#### **संतरा**्

संतरे के छिलकों को सुखा लें। फिर उन्हें मिक्सी में पीसकर पाउडर बना लें। इस पाउडर में गुलाब जल, कच्चा दूध और नींबू का रस मिलाकर इसे चेहरे और गर्दन पर लगाएं। इससे आपकी त्वचा गोरी होने लगेगी।

#### टमाटर

टमाटर के रस में गुलाब जल और कच्चा दूध मिलाकर लगाएं। इससे कील, मुंहासों से राहत

#### खीरा

खीरे के रस को चेहरे पर लगाएं। इससे आपके चेहरे की रंगत निखरने लगेगी। इसके अलावा खीरे को आंखों पर लगाने से डार्क सर्कल भी दूर होते हैं और आंखों को आराम मिलता है।

#### हल्दी

हल्दी में ताजी मलाई, आटा और कच्चा दूध मिलाकर चेहरे पर लगाएं। फिर 10 मिनट बाद चेहरा धो लें। इससे चेहरे पर निखार आ जाता है।



### बालों के लिए

रुखे बालों के लिए चार चम्मच मुल्तानी मिट्टी के साथ 1/4 कप दही, दो चम्मच नींबू रस और दो चम्मच शहद मिलाकर बालों पर लगाएं। बाल मुलायम होंगे। मुल्तानी मिट्टी को चार घंटे तक भिगोकर उसमें रीठा पाउडर मिलाएं। इस पेस्ट को बालों में लगाने से तैलीय बालों की समस्या दूर होती है। नेचुरल कंडिशनिंग के लिए मुल्तानी में छाछ मिलाकर लगाएं। मुल्तानी मिट्टी को बालों में 10 मिनट से ज्यादा ना लगाएं।

#### गर्मियों में फायदेमंद

सनबर्न होने पर मुल्तानी मिट्टी को गुलाब जल या टमाटर के रस में मिलाकर लगाएं। मुल्तानी मिट्टी का लेप पैरों के तलवों में लगाने से ठंडक मिलती हैं। इसे नीम की पत्तियों वाले पानी में भिगोकर लेप करने से घमौरियां दूर होती हैं। फोड़े-फ्रुंसियां होने पर इस मिट्टी में कपूर मिलाकर लगाएं। गर्मी में नकसीर की समस्या होने पर एक चौथाई गिलास पानी में रात को 5 चम्मच मुल्तानी मिट्टी भिगो दें। सुबह इसे छानकर नाक पर लेप करने से खून आना बंद हो जाएगा। ड्राई और सेंसटिव स्किन वालों को मुल्तानी मिट्टी का प्रयोग सप्ताह में एक बार ही करना चाहिए।

## ब्यूटी और हैल्थ दोनों के लिए प्रभावी

# मुल्तानी मिट्टी

ब्यूटी और हैल्य दोनों के लिए मुल्तानी मिट्टी प्रभावी होती है। इसे चेहरे पर लगाने से रंगत निखरती है और बालों में प्रयोग करने से वे घने व मुलायम होते हैं। यह त्वचा संबंधी रोगों को दूर कर ब्लड सर्कुलेशन ठीक करती है।

#### तैलीय त्वचा के लिए

ऑयली स्किन वालों के लिए यह फायदेमंद होती है, क्योंकि यह चेहरे का तेल सोखकर मुंहासे दूर करती है। ऑयली स्किन वाले लोगों को इस मिट्टी में दही व पुदीने की पत्तियों का पाउडर मिलाकर लगाना चाहिए। गुलाब जल व मुल्तानी मिट्टी मिलाकर भी चेहरे पर लगाई जा सकती है। मुंहासे होने पर मिट्टी में सूखी नीम की पत्तियां मिलाकर लगाएं। रुखी त्वचा होने पर इसमें चंदन पाउडर मिलाकर लगाएं। आंखों के नीचे काले घेरे कम करने के लिए खीरे का रस व उबला आलू मुल्तानी मिट्टी में मिलाकर आंखों के नीचे 10-15 मिनट तक लगाएं।



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### Cristiano Ronaldo mocks Czech Republic goalie after Portugal winner

**New Delhi.** A video of Cristiano Ronaldo mocking the Czech Republic goalkeeper after Portugal's winner during the Euro 2024 clash has now gone viral. The 2016 Euro winners secured a comeback win against Czech Republic on June 18, Tuesday, after going behind in the 62nd minute to a goal from Lukas Provod. However, Portugal equalised in the 69th minute through a Robin Hranac own goal. As the match edged into stoppage time, Francisco Conceicao became the hero for the former champions as he scored in the 92nd minute to seal all 3 points for his side. As Conceicao wheeled off celebrating his goal, cameras caught Ronaldo mocking the Czech goalkeeper Jindrich Stanek, who was left in anger after seeing his side concede the late winner.Ronaldo had a chance in the first half, that was blocked by Stanek as it prevented Portugal from taking the lead. While the Portuguese superstar didn't find himself on the scoresheet, he was a constant threat inside the box and led the line well. Ronaldo had 100 percent pass accuracy on the day. The Al-Nassr star had thought he had helped his side score yet



again when his header was deflected on to the path of Diogo Jota. However, Ronaldo was a fraction off-side for it.

#### Ronaldo sets new Euro record

The match against the Czech Republic also unlocked a new milestone for Ronaldo. The Portuguese superstar became the first player in the history of football to take part in 6 different editions of the Euros. Ronaldo announced himself at the Euros in 2004, where Portugal reached the final to end up as runners-up.

Ronaldo has since gone on to be Portugal's main man in the competition and holds the record for most appearances and most goals in the tournament's history. Portugal will next be in action against Turkiye on 22nd June, who also started with a 2-1 win against Georgia.

#### **Virat Kohli meets West Indies** legend Sir Wesley Hall, receives signed book in Barbados

New Delhi. Star India cricketer Virat Kohli met West Indies legend Sir Wesley Hall at the Kensington Oval in Barbados, Kohli shared a heart-warming interaction with the 86year-old West Indies legend after the team's practice session in Barbados. Kohli also received a signed book from Hall as they were clicked by the media at the stadium. Hall gifted the 35-year-old his autobiography book named "Answering the Call -The extraordinary Life of Sir Wesley Hall". Kohli is currently with the Indian team at the Caribbean island for the T20 World Cup 2024.marquee tournament. Kohli has not been in the best of form in the T20 World Cup 2024 so far. The batter, who was asked to open alongside Rohit Sharma, has managed to score only 5 runs in 3 matches. Kohli has been India's top-run scorer in T20 World Cups since 2014. However, he has been dismissed at the scores of 1, 4 and 0 against Ireland, Pakistan and the USA. However, certain experts have showcased their trust in Kohli and have backed him to do

well in the West Indies leg. Kohli's form in T20 World Cup 2024



Yeah, I think he's just in America. I think he's relying on the other players to get him through there. But I think he's really got to step up over in the Caribbean. And I think the likes of Mitchell Starc and other left-arm bowlers bowling to Virat Kohli, he'll be looking for that ball to come in. The one, the straight one is the one, it worries me because he's been playing away from his body a little bit of late," Brad Hogg told Star Sports.

Hall played 48 Test matches and claimed 192 wickets. He also took 170 wickets in his firstclass career. The 6 ft 2 inch tall cricketer terrified batters all over the world. It was a fearsome sight with Hall running in to bowl with the red cherry in his hand.

## Ready to make another upset: USA train hard ahead of Super 8 clash vs South Africa

France captain Kylian Mbappe broke his nose in the team's first match at Euro 2024 against Austria. Mbappe had to be subbed off after he was left bleeding due to an aerial clash late in the match.

New Delhi. The USA team has been running hard yards in the nets ahead of their Super 8 clash against South Africa at the Sir Vivian Richards Stadium, Antigua on June 19, Wednesday. It must be a pinch-me moment for the Americans who reached this far in the T20 World Cup 2024 and that too in their very first appearance at the big stage. The USA team is ensuring that they break a sweat and leave no stone unturned in the Super 8s as well. USA cricket posted a special video on their Instagram, giving a sneak-peak into the team's practice session. The players were doing their respective training drills as they covered the bowling, batting and fielding



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everybody knows we came out on top against Bangladesh, which is a really good team to be

honest. So, we always believed before the World Cup that we

could beat bigger teams or better

teams, and obviously we showed

it against Pakistan," Jones told

the media in the pre-match press-

Pakistan in their next match. They held their nerves till the end to register a Super Over win against Pakistan. They had a close contest against India in the Group A match as well, which they eventually lost. The washout game against Ireland in Florida resulted in the Monank Patel-led side qualifying for the Super 8s.In the Super 8s, the USA are placed in the Group 2 alongside heavy-weights like England, West Indies and South Africa. After showcasing their prowess in the group stage, the USA will be eager to pull off an upset or two in the Super 8s as well.

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The USA opener Aaron Jones showed his confidence in the team getting the better of South Africa.

I mean I don't want to get into too deep about the whole meetings and stuff we have but I'll say we have some guys that played against South Africa and played with South African guys in the past and we have some South African guys on our team as well. So, we have a bit of

insight on the team and yeah, hopefully everything goes well," Jones told the media in the pre-match press-conference.

#### Not a small team anymore: Markram says SA will need to be at their best to beat USA

New Delhi. South Africa skipper Aiden Markram has claimed that his side would need to be at their best if they have to beat surprise package USA, who feels aren't a small team anymore. The USA side shocked everyone when they came out of Group A, which included both India and Pakistan. USA defeated Canada in their first game with a fantastic chase before pulling off a big upset over Pakistan via a Super Over. They then went on to give India a good test and finished behind Rohit Sharma and his men to finish second and reach the Super 8s. Ahead of the Super 8 opener in Antigua, Markram said at the press conference that South Africa will need to be at 100 percent to beat the USA side. Markram said he is excited by the challenge of facing Monank Patel and his men."Yeah, they've been really good I think not just them but a lot of the people will sort of say smaller nations, but they're not and they've proved that they're not anymore. So,





# Belief of beating any team: Aaron Jones reveals USA's Super 8 mantra before SA match

New Delhi. USA opener Aaron Jones reveals the team's mantra for the Super 8s before the match against South Africa at the Sir Vivian Richards Stadium, Antigua on June 19, Wednesday. Jones said that their side has carried a belief of beating any team in this world before coming into the T20 World Cup 2024. As a host-nation, the USA created a lot of buzz in a country which was not so familiar with cricket. The Monank Patel-led side managed to enter the Super 8 stage of the tournament by putting up stellar performances in the group stage. The USA have had a dream run in the T20 World Cup 2024 so far in their home leg. Before coming into the tournament, marking their first-ever appearance, they beat Bangladesh 2-1 in a T20I series. The USA hammered Canada before pulling off a massive upset over Pakistan by beating them in the Super Over. The side also challenged India in the Group A match before losing the contest. Their



washout game against Ireland meant that they advanced into the Super 8s. The USA managed to edge past Pakistan to make it to the next stage of the tournament.

#### The USA team's strong belief

Jones affirmed that the USA will take on the big teams like South Africa, West Indies and England with a similar mindset. Well, to be honest to you, I think it starts with the belief

Can USA pose a threat to South "And it's going to be the same mindset going

conference.

into the Super 8 now starting tomorrow we play against South Africa we want to play hard cricket and if you come out on top it's good if you don't come out on top then we learn."The USA have been placed in the Group 2 of the Super 8s alongside some big

## Explained: How Kane Williamson will continue to play for NZ after central contract snub

New Delhi. On June 19, Wednesday, big news came out from New Zealand that Kane Williamson would be stepping down as the skipper of the nation's white-ball teams. Apart from this, Williamson also decided to snub the central contract offered to him by New Zealand cricket for the 2024/25 season. The star batter said he made the decision to prolong his international career. Williamson took the decision to snub the contract offer as New Zealand wouldn't be playing a lot of international cricket at home during the January 2025 window. The star batter also said that it doesn't mean he will be taking a hiatus from international cricket and will be available for selection in all formats of the game. The New Zealand Cricket CEO Scott Weenink welcomed the move by Williamson and said they are ready to make an exception to have Williamson as a part of the team despite the contract snub.

'This is a good way to help keep Kane in the international game so that he continues to play a major role for the BLACKCAPS both now and in the years to come," said Mr Weenink."We have very little international cricket in New Zealand through January and outside that period he's still available for the BLACKCAPS."NZC has a strong preference to select centrally contracted



players for the BLACKCAPS, however we're happy to make an exception for our greatest ever batter - especially as he remains so committed to the team.

'I know it sounds a bit counterintuitive, but I'm very encouraged by this development." Williamson takes the Trent Boult route

While Williamson may have rejected the central contract from New Zealand cricket, it doesn't mean that his international career is over. A similar move was done by Trent Boult in 2022 when the pacer decided to snub the deal from the Blackcaps and focus more of his time on family and playing in

Kane Williamson may have announced that he has decided to snub a central contract from New Zealand cricket, but expect the star batter to remain one of the main players for the nation in probably all formats of the game. Here's how Williamson can continue to play for New Zealand despite the contract snub.

franchise leagues. However, the pacer has since played the T20 World Cups in 2022 and 2024 and also spearheaded the attack in India during the ODI World Cup 2023 as New Zealand went all the way to the semifinals, where they were defeated by the hosts. Apart from the Test cricket format, Boult has been ever-present in the New Zealand side in major tournaments and has always made himself available for selection. The pacer could be winding up his international career after saying the T20 World Cup 2024 would be his last major tournament in the shortest format of the

we're going to 100% have to be on our best game tomorrow to, hopefully for things to go well, but I'm excited for that challenge. A team that we haven't played much cricket against so looking forward to that and different conditions here in Antigua as well so all those things sort of together, we probably have to assess pretty quickly and develop plans out there on the field that can hopefully do the job for us," said Markram.The USA can make life very difficult for you

Markram was asked if he had followed the USA a lot in the campaign and he said he did catch a few highlights of their game. The Proteas skipper said that the USA team does have an explosive batting lineup, a good seam and spin attack. Markram said the USA can make things difficult for anyone on their day and they will need to get their plans spot on."You haven't watched much cricket to be very honest with you It's been it's been pretty busy, but you catch a few highlights here, and then it looks pretty explosive - so a good seam attack, good couple of spinners and then an explosive batting order that any one of those guys on their day can make life really difficult for you.

## Not a small team anymore: Markram says SA will need to be at their best to beat USA

South Africa skipper Aiden Markram is wary of the threat posed by the USA side and claimed they weren't 'a small team anymore.' USA shocked the world when they defeated Pakistan in the group stages of the T20 World Cup 2024.a

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#### USA vs SA: Weather report

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trying to have plans in place to combat that, to keep them quiet ultimately to get them out as well. But again, a fantastic opportunity and exciting challenge for us tomorrow, said Markram.



Kriti explained, "I wanted to be a producer because I love the creative process of filmmaking. In a few of my films as an actor – ones that I felt very passionate about - I realised I wanted to be involved in every aspect. It propelled me into production." Her journey into production signifies a new chapter in her career, one where she can shape

stories. "Being a producer allows me to have a say in the narrative, to influence the storytelling process, and to bring my vision to life," she added. With her eyes set on portraying multifaceted roles and her hands in the creative processes of filmmaking, Kriti is undoubtedly set for even greater success in the future. Coming to Do Patti with Kajol, the teaser opens with an aerial view of Manali and Kajol is seen as a cop riding a bike. Her voice can be heard in the background throughout the video. She is talking about wrong and right situations in life. Kriti Sanon's character is also shown as a glamorous one. She is seen in a grey shade. Looks like it is a murder mystery but still nothing is clear. The film will surely keep you on the edge of your seat.

Sonali Bendre

Reveals How The First Paycheck Pushed Her Into Showbiz: 'I Was Like This World Exists?'

onali Bendre did not harbor dreams of becoming an actor like many starry-eyed individuals. It was pure fate that led her to the city and set her on the path of acting. Coming from a background where her father, an 'honest' central government employee, faced constant transfers, Sonali witnessed her parents' financial struggles firsthand. It was during her teenage years when her father was transferred to Mumbai that her story took a new turn. Sonali Bendre recently shared in an interview how receiving her first paycheck and realizing the potential earnings significantly shaped her decisionmaking process at that time. Upon receiving her first paycheck in the early 90s, Sonali was astonished to find out that the contract amounted to Rs 25000, a considerably large sum at that time. This revelation sparked her realization of the promising financial prospects that a career in the show business held for her. She told Mid-

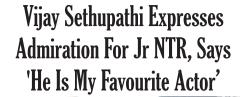


Day, "Thing that changed for me was when I saw the contract. Whatever you give and what they said they will give was also like 'what! I can make this and that got me thinking. So,I said, this world exists? And that's when I told my father, look at my age. I have the time. I have it on my side. I promise you, give me three years. If this doesn't work out, I will do what you're saying, but look at the amount of money. If it works out, I can use that for life."Describing the financial challenges her family faced at the time, Sonali viewed her entry into the entertainment industry as a means to uplift her family from those circumstances. Reflecting on her motivation, Sonali added, "If my father was not going through that kind of a struggle, and if I was not seeing how my

parents were struggling and what they were feeling, I would have probably not stood up and said,

I'm doing it."

Having begun her career as a model in her teenage years, Sonali transitioned into Bollywood after working on numerous advertisements. She gained recognition for her roles in films like Diljale(1996), Duplicate(1997), Major Saab(1998) and Dhai Akshar Prem Ke (2000). Recently, milestones were reached as her movies Sarfarosh and Hum Saath Saath Hain celebrated their 25th anniversaries earlier this year. Following a break due to her battle with cancer, Sonali marked her return to acting with the web series The Broken News (2022). Her







n a recent fan interaction, celebrated actor Vijay Sethupathi, who is currently basking in Lithe success of his latest film 'Maharaja', openly expressed his admiration for 'RRR' star Jr NTR. Sethupathi, in a heartfelt moment, revealed that the 'Devara' actor holds a special place in his heart and is undoubtedly his favourite. When asked about his favourite actor, Vijay Sethupathi didn't hesitate for a moment before replying, "NTR Garu is my favourite." This heartfelt admiration comes at a time when Sethupathi's milestone 50th film, 'Maharaja', is captivating audiences in theatres. Released on May 30, 'Maharaja' marks a significant achievement in his illustrious career.eanwhile, during one of his recent interviews, that is doing the rounds on Reddit, Vijay Sethupathi turned emotional, recalling tough phase of his life. When asked whom he misses the most, Vijay named himself. He said, "I miss myself. There was a guy who was very innocent, didn't have any dreams, he didn't even know what he's going to do in his life. When he was studying in first year of college, he didn't know the second years syllabus also. My friends were like 'this is second years syllabus' - I didn't even know."He continued, "I was not good in sports studies or anything. I don't talk to any girls also when I was in college, I don't talk to any. I was very shy. But still, this guy wanted to be big in something in life, but he didn't know how to become big. He didn't have big dreams also. He just wanted to come out of this poverty. That's all. He was very cute. I miss myself."Recently, during the press meet of Maharaja, he revealed that he got an accountant job before he entered the light-camera-action world. Vijay initially thought his life would be transformed after getting a job in Dubai, but it didn't go as expected. The actor struggled hard to fulfil the basic needs of his family. Helmed by Nithilan Saminathan, Vijay Sethupathi starrer Maharaja is one of the much-anticipated action dramas boasting an ensemble cast including Vijay Sethupathi, Natty, Anurag Kashyap, Bharathiraja, Abhirami, Singampuli, Mamta Mohandas, Aruldoss, Munishkanth.

## Rajinikanth, Jackie Shroff Attend Aishwarya Arjun-Umapathy Ramaiah's **Wedding Reception**



any celebrities, including Rajinikanth, his daughter Aishwarya, Jackie Shroff, Land Prabhu Deva, attended the wedding reception of Aishwarya Arjun and Umapathy Ramaiah. Aishwarya is the daughter of Arjun Sarja, and Umapathy is the son of actor-director Thambi Ramaiah. According to Pinkvilla, Lokesh Kanagaraj, Vijay Sethupathi, Dhruva Sarja and Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin with his wife Durga Stalin, were also present, according to HT. The reception took place at the Hotel Leela Palace in Chennai on June 14.

For the event, Rajinikanth wore a white kurta and veshti. Aishwarya Arjun wore a white and golden saree. Jackie Shroff chose a white kurta and pyjama with a black coat. Prabhu Deva wore a printed shirt and black pants. The bride, Aishwarya, wore a pink saree, while Umapathy Ramaiah wore a white shirt, black jacket, and matching pants. Aishwarya and Umapathy got married on June 10 in a private ceremony at the Hanuman Temple in Gerugambakkam, Chennai, with family and friends. They later shared photos from the wedding on Instagram.Arjun Sarja posted a video on Instagram. He wrote, "Words cannot express the joy and happiness we feel as we witnessed our beloved daughter AISHWARYA marry the love of her life, our dearest UMAPATHY. It was a day filled with love, laughter, and unforgettable memories. Watching you step into this new chapter has filled our hearts with pride and overwhelming emotion. Here's to a lifetime of love, joy, and countless blessings. May your journey together be as beautiful as the love you share. We love you both dearly! Appa Amma Anju Junee and truffyy @aishwaryaarjun @umapathyramaiah @neetuarjun14