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Baltimore bridge collapse: 8 Indian crew members of cargo ship MV Dali leave for India, 13 to stay back for ongoing investigation

world. After nearly three months aboard the massive cargo ship 'Dali', eight Indian crew members who were involved in the vessel's collision with Baltimore bridge in March departed for India on Friday. As per the Baltimore Maritime Exchange, four of the 21 crew members remained on the 984-foot cargo ship MV Dali, which is slated to depart for Norfolk, Virginia on Friday which is stated to depart for Norfolk, Virginia on Friday evening. Eight Indian crew members, including a cook, a fitter, and seamen, have been allowed to leave the US following a judge-approved deal, these individuals are not officers. The remaining 13 crew members will stay in the US due to ongoing investigations. The remaining crew has been relocated to a service apartment in crew has been relocated to a service apartment in Baltimore, where they will stay pending the completion of an investigation.20 of the crew members were Indian citizens and they were aboard the MV Dali Cargo when it collided with the pillars of Baltimore's Francis Scott Key Bridge, causing its collapse and the tragic loss of six construction workers' lives. The ship owned by Grace Ocean Private Ltd, MV Dali will undergo necessary repairs in Norfolk. It was en route from Baltimore to Colombo with a capacity of 10 000 TEU and an onboard Colombo with a capacity of 10,000 TEU and an onboard load of 4,679 TEU. The vessel's deadweight is 116,851 DWT.Director of the Baltimore International Seafarers' Center and chaplain for the Port of Baltimore Rev. Joshua Messick told CNN that, "They're anxious, under considerable stress considering they don't know the future. They don't know when they'll see their family again or how they'll be treated here."

As of now, no crew members have been charged in relation to the disaster. The FBI and other federal agencies are conducting investigations into the incident.

The Francis Scott Key Bridge, a 2.6km-long, four-lane structure spanning the Patapsco River in Baltimore, collapsed after being struck by the vessel Dali on March 26.

US Supreme Court upholds ban on domestic abusers possessing firearms

world. The US Supreme Court upheld a federal law on Friday that prohibits domestic abusers from possessing firearms, reinforcing regulations intended to prevent gun violence. This decision is the first on gun rights since a significant 20222 ruling that loosened firearm restrictions. Chief Justice John Roberts stated that disarming individuals who pose credible threats ins consistent with the Second Amendment.

When an individual has been found by a court to pose a credible threat to the physical safety of another, that individual may be temporarily disarmed consistent with the second amendment," Chief Justice John Roberts wrote in the 8-1 opinion. "Since the founding, the nation's firearm laws have included regulations to stop individuals who threaten physical harm to others from misusing firearms. As applied to the facts of this case, (the law) fits comfortably within this tradition."The decision comes amid ongoing debates over gun control in the United States, a country where gun violence is prevalent and there are more firearms than people. The Gun Violence Archive recorded over 40,000 deaths due to gun violence last year. Political resistance often meets attempts to tighten gun control measures. President Joe Biden welcomed the Supreme Court's decision, highlighting his administration's efforts to strengthen gun safety and combat genderbased violence. He also expressed his commitment to urging Congress to enact stricter gun control laws.

As a result of today's ruling, survivors of domestic violence and their families will still be able to count on critical protections, just as they have for the past three decades," he said in a statement.Biden added that he was "firmly committed" to ending violence against women and would push Congress for action to "stop the epidemic of gun violence tearing our communities apart."The 2022 Supreme Court decision allowed only 'reasonable" exceptions to the Second Amendment and emphasized using historical precedents to regulate firearms. This ruling left lower courts navigating whether proposed gun restrictions fit within historical firearms regulation traditions dating back to the late 18th and 19th centuries. In March, an ultraconservative appeals court ruled that a federal law banning gun ownership for people with domestic violence restraining orders was unconstitutional due to a lack of historical precedent.

During a case presentation last November, Solicitor General Elizabeth Prelogar emphasized the dangers of domestic abusers having access to firearms.

Fake elector case in Nevada dismissed over venue question, state attorney general vows appeal

LAS VEGAS. A Nevada judge dismissed an indictment Friday against six Republicans accused of submitting certificates to Congress falsely declaring Donald Trump the winner of the state's 2020 presidential election, potentially cutting from four to three the number of states with criminal charges pending against so-called fake electors.

Nevada Attorney General Aaron Ford stood after Clark County District Court Judge Mary Kay Holthus ruled that Las Vegas was the wrong venue for the case and

said he'll take the case to the state Supreme Court. The judge got it wrong and we'll be appealing immediately," Ford, a Democrat, told reporters afterward. He declined additional comment.

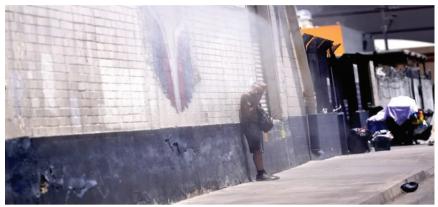
Defense attorneys bluntly declared the case dead, saying that to bring it now before another grand jury in another venue such as Nevada's capital city of Carson City would violate a three-year statute of limitations that expired last December."They're done," said Margaret McLetchie, attorney for Clark County Republican party chairman Jesse Law, one of the defendants in the

The judge called off trial, which had been scheduled for January, for defendants also including state GOP chairman Michael McDonald; national party committee member Jim DeGraffenreid; national and Douglas County committee member Shawn Meehan; Storey County clerk Jim Hindle; and Eileen Rice, a party member from the Lake Tahoe area. Each was accused of offering a false instrument for filing and uttering a forged instrument - felonies carrying a penalty of up to four or five years in prison.

6 deaths reported in US's Phoenix this year as temperatures soar to 115 degrees

Another 87 deaths are under investigation for possible heat-related causes through last Saturday, public health officials said in the most recent weekly update to its online heat surveillance information.

Phoenix, At least six people have died from heat-related causes this year so far in sizzling metro Phoenix, where the temperatures this week hit 115 degrees Fahrenheit (46 Celsius), the Maricopa County Department of Public Health reported this week. Another 87 deaths are under investigation for possible heat-related causes through last Saturday,



public health officials said in the most recent weekly update to its online heat surveillance information. Phoenix hit 115 degrees F (46 C) on Thursday and Friday, making them the hottest days of 2024 up to now.. The metro area continued to swelter through an excessive heat warning under a dome of high pressure, with some moisture and a slight cooling

possible over the weekend.A heat wave baked most of the United States on Friday, with numerous areas expected to see record-breaking temperatures.

We might see a little rain over the next few days because there is a 30% chance for Phoenix," said meteorologist Ryan Worley of the National Weather Service.
"There could be a slight cool down to

around 110 degrees, but temperatures should go back up next week."Situated in the Sonoran desert, Maricopa County saw a stunning 645 heat-related deaths last year, about 50% more than the 425 confirmed for 2022. Arizona Gov. Katie Hobbs declared a state of emergency in 2023 after metro Phoenix experienced a 31-day streak of temperatures reaching at least 110 degrees F (43.3 degrees C).Maricopa County, the hottest big metro area in the U.S., is among few jurisdictions that provide regularly updated data on heat-related deaths that can be easily accessed by the public.

The Office of the Medical Examiner in Pima County, home to Arizona's second most populous city of Tucson, this year added a dashboard to track heat deaths there. So far this year, there have been at least five heat-related deaths in Pima County, plus three more in the rural counties that contract with Pima for forensic services.Last year in Pima County there were 176 heat-related deaths and another 51 such deaths in the five additional rural counties that the medical examiner handles.

Namibian court junks colonial-era law criminalising gay sex, upholds equality

Windhoek. A court in Namibia on Friday overturned and declared unconstitutional a colonial-era law

criminalising gay sex between men in a victory for LGBTQ campaigners in the southern African nation. Three judges in the High Court in the capital, Windhoek, said in a joint ruling that the law that banned "sodomy" and "unnatural sexual offences" between men and dated back to the time when Namibia was ruled by apartheid-era South Africa was unfair discrimination and should be removed. The case against should be removed. The case against the government was brought by a gay Namibian man, Friedel Dausab, in 2022. There are no laws criminalising sexual activity between women. Dausab argued that the law was a legacy of Namibia's colonial history and was aimed at punishing and excluding gay men. He said in his court papers that although people were rarely prosecuted under the law, it stigmatised and marginalised same-sex couples "by outlawing the

same-sex couples "by outlawing the

most private and intimate expressions of their love and identity." The



government opposed Dausab's case. The United Nations' HIV/AIDS agency said the ruling "marks a significant victory for equality and human rights for all Namibians and will help protect the health of everyone." The law had "perpetuated an environment of discrimination and fear, often

hindering access to essential healthcare services" for members of the LGBTQ community, UNAIDS regional director for southern and East Africa, Anne

Githuku-Shongwe said. Amnesty International also welcomed the decision and said that Namibia had experienced a fierce anti-LQBTQ "backlash" in the past year after a 2023 Supreme Court decision that recognised same-sex unions between Namibian citizens performed in other countries. In Africa, 31

countries criminalised same-sex sexual activity at the start of this year, according to Amnesty. That includes Uganda's harsh new anti-gay law that was passed last year and allows for the death sentence in some cases.Zimbabwe's Gay and Lesbian Association said it was heartened that the Namibian ruling had upheld the principles of equality and called on its own government to

Three killed, 10 injured in shooting at grocery store in US's Arkansas

Arkansas. A shooter opened fire Friday at a grocery store in Arkansas, killing three people and wounding 10 others, including two law enforcement officers, police said. The suspect was also wounded in a shootout with police, Arkansas State Police Director Mike Hagar was quoted as saying by news agency Reuters in its report. The shooting occurred just after 11:30 a.m. at the Mad Butcher grocery store in Fordyce, a city of about 3,200 people located 65 miles (104 kilometers) south of Little Rock.Police identified the suspected shooter as 44-year-old Travis Eugene Posey of New Edinburg. He was taken to jail and charged with three counts of capital murder, while other charges are still pending. No court date had been set, according to the inmate roster. A state police spokesperson did not know if Posey had an attorney, and the Ouachita County Sheriff's Office said it had no information.

leither the officers' nor Posey's injuries were life threatening. The remaining injuries ranged from "not life-threatening to extremely critical," Hagar said.Responding officers shot the suspected shooter, whose injuries were not life-threatening, Arkansas Department of Public Safety Director Mike Hagar said at a news conference Friday. The two officers that were shot sustained injuries that were not life-threatening.

The remaining injuries ranged from "not lifethreatening to extremely critical," Hagar said. "It's tragic, our hearts are broken," he said.

its backdrop. A white supremacist in 2022 killed 10 Black people at a Buffalo supermarket. That shooting came a little more than a year after one at a Boulder, Colorado, supermarket, where 10 people were killed.Police did not immediately say whether the shooting occurred inside or outside the store. Hagar said they expected to release more information later Friday evening. Video posted on social media showed at least one person lying in the parking lot, while another captured multiple gunshots ringing out.Images from reporters on the scene showed a slew of bullet holes in the grocery store's window. In video footage, local and state agencies could be seen responding to the scene, with at least one medical helicopter landing nearby. Arkansas Gov. Sarah Huckabee Sanders said she had been briefed on the shooting."I am thankful to law enforcement and first responders for their quick and heroic action to save lives," Sanders posted on the social media platform X. "My prayers are with the victims and all those impacted by this."David Rodriguez, 58, had stopped at his local gas station in Fordyce to fill up his car when he heard what he thought were fireworks from a nearby vendor's stand. We heard a few little pops," he said.

An Indian-born billionaire Prakash Hinduja, 3 family members get prison in Switzerland for exploiting domestic workers

GENEVA. An Indian-born billionaire "The health of our clients is very poor, and three family members were sentenced to prison on Friday for exploiting domestic workers at their lakeside villa in Switzerland by seizing their passports, barring them from going out and making them work up to 18 hours a day. A Swiss court dismissed more serious charges of human trafficking against 79-year-old tycoon Prakash Hinduja; his wife, Kamal; son Ajay and daughter-in-law Namrata on the grounds that the workers understood what they were getting into, at least in part. The four received between four and 4 1/2 years in prison.

The workers were mostly illiterate Indians who were paid not in Swiss francs but in Indian rupees, deposited in banks back home that they couldn't access.Lawyers representing the defendants said they would appeal.

Robert Assael, a lawyer for Kamal Hinduja, said he was "relieved" that the court threw out the trafficking charges but called the sentence excessive. they are elderly people," he said, explaining why the family was not in court.He said Hinduja's 75-year-old wife was in intensive care and the family was with her. A fifth defendant -Najib Ziazi, the family's business manager - received an 18-month suspended sentence.Last week, it emerged in court that the family had reached an undisclosed settlement with the plaintiffs. Swiss authorities have seized diamonds, rubies, a platinum necklace and other jewelry and assets in anticipation that they could be used to pay for legal fees and possible penalties. Along with three brothers, Prakash Hinduja leads an industrial conglomerate in sectors including information technology, media, power, real estate and health care. Forbes magazine has put the Hinduja family's net worth at some \$20 billion.The family set up residence in Switzerland in the 1980s, and Hinduja was convicted in 2007 on similar

charges. A separate tax case brought by Swiss authorities is pending against Hinduja, who obtained Swiss citizenship in 2000.In this case, the court said the four were guilty of exploiting the workers and providing unauthorised employment, giving meager if any health benefits and paying wages that were less than onetenth the pay for such jobs in Switzerland.Prosecutors said workers described a "climate of fear" instituted by Kamal Hinduja. They were forced to work with little or no vacation time, and worked even later hours for receptions. They slept in the basement, sometimes on a mattress on the floor.

Iindujas file appeal against Swiss court's jail term orderOn Friday the Hindujas said they were "appalled" by a Swiss court's ruling of jail terms for some members in Geneva and that an appeal has been filed in a higher court challenging the verdict finding them guilty of exploiting vulnerable

He then saw people running from the Mad Butcher grocery store into the parking lot, and one person lying on the ground.

Balkan countries hit by massive power outage as heat overloads system

Montenegro's energy minister said the shutdown was caused by a sudden increase in power consumption brought on by high temperatures, and by the heat itself overloading systems. Power distribution is linked across the Balkans for transfers and trading.

Podgorica. A major power outage hit Montenegro, Bosnia, Albania and most of Croatia's coast on Friday, disrupting businesses, shutting down traffic lights and leaving people sweltering without air conditioning in the middle of a heatwave. Montenegro's energy minister said the

shutdown was caused by a sudden increase in power consumption brought on by high temperatures, and by the heat itself overloading systems. Power distribution is linked across the Balkans for transfers and trading. This was just waiting to happen in this heat," Gentiana, a 24-year-old student in Montenegro's capital Podgorica, told Reuters. Temperatures hit 40 degrees Celsius (104 degrees Fahrenheit) across the southeastern European region. Electricity and wifi networks went down from around 1 p.m. (1100 GMT), officials and



social media users said. Suppliers in the four countries said they started restoring supply by mid-afternoon and power was largely back by the evening. At the start of the blackout, traffic light failures caused gridlock in Bosnia's capital Sarajevo and the cities of Banja Luka and Mostar, Reuters reporters said. Many lost water in Podgorica as pumps stopped working, locals reported. Air conditioners shut down and ice cream melted in tourist shops.Cars also ground to a halt in the Croatian coastal city of Split, state TV HRT reported. Ambulance sirens rang out

across the city, it added. The failure occurred as a result of a heavy load on the network, a sudden increase in power consumption due to high temperature and the high temperatures themselves, Montenegro's energy minister, Sasa Mujovic, said in a TV broadcast.Experts were still trying to identify where the malfunction originated, he added. RISK REMAINS

Montenegro's Vijesti TV said a fire had been spotted in a 400KW transmission line in a rugged area along the border with Bosnia - though it was not immediately

of outages or in some way related to them. The report cited unnamed sources from the electric transmission company CGES which, it said, would need helicopters to access the site.Albanian Energy Minister Belinda Balluku said there had been a breakdown in an interconnector between Albania and Greece and he had heard there had been similar circumstances in Montenegro and prts of Croatia and Bosnia.A full investigation would take time, but early analysis suggested that "big volumes of power in the transmission system at the moment and very high temperatures in record levels have created this technical problem,' Balluku added in a video address. Power in Albania was restored within half an hour, but the

country remained at a high risk of further shutdowns as power usage and heat levels were still high, he said. Shifts in the region's energy supplies have put strains on its transmission systems, industry officials say. Western Balkan nations have seen a boom in solar energy investment, meant to ease a power crisis that had threatened a shift away from coal.But the infrastructure is not prepared for new energy feeds, the president of North Macedonia's Energy Regulatory Commission and other industry figures told Reuters in April last year.

India Surpasses Pakistan in Nuke Weapons: SIPRI Report

RNS: A recent assessment by the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) reveals that India currently possesses more nuclear weapons than Pakistan. The report highlights a notable expansion in China's nuclear arsenal, which increased from 410 warheads in January 2023 to 500 in January 2024.

According to SIPRI, India had 172 deployed warheads as of January 2024, surpassing Pakistan's count of 170. The report also indicates that all nine nuclear-armed states the US, Russia, the UK, France, China, India, Pakistan, North Korea, and Israel—continued to modernize their nuclear arsenals throughout 2023. This modernization includes the deployment of new



nuclear-armed or nuclearcapable weapon systems. As of January 2024, there were approximately 9,585 warheads in military stockpiles worldwide, ready for potential use out of an estimated total inventory of 12,121. About 3,904 of these warheads were deployed with missiles and aircraft, an increase of 60 from January 2023.

The remaining warheads are held in central storage, with around 2,100 of the deployed warheads main-

Surya Mandir Hosts Bhajan Sandhya on Jyestha Purnima and World Music Day

The event also featured Pt Shiv Poojan Mishra and Manoj Kumar Pandey accompanying on tabla,

enhancing the musical experience. Prior to the bhajan evening, a worship ceremony for Lord

Among the attendees were CB Mishra of Bhaskar Sevak Samiti, priest Nishant Kumar Mishra,

DPS Chas Hosts Felicitation Ceremony for

tained on high operational alert for ballistic missiles. The report highlights that Russia and the United States hold the vast majority of nuclear warheads, together accounting for over 90% of the global total.

Despite the overall stability in their stockpile sizes in 2023, Russia deployed approximately 36 more warheads with active forces compared to January 2023. For the first time, China is also believed to be keeping some warheads

on high operational alert. The study raises concerns

about decreased transparency regarding nuclear forces in both Russia and the United States following Russia's invasion of Ukraine in February 2022. This event has also sparked debates about nuclearsharing arrangements.

Hans M. Kristensen, Associate Senior Fellow with SIPRI's Weapons of Mass Destruction Programme and Director of the Nuclear Information Project at the Federation of American Scientists (FAS) said "China is expanding its nuclear arsenal faster than any other country."

"However, nearly all of the nuclear-armed states have plans or significant initiatives to increase their nuclear forces," he added.

Anuradha Singh becomes new Principal of DAV Public School Sector-6



RNS I Bokaro: Anuradha Singh assumed the role of Principal at DAV Public School Sector-6 in Bokaro Steel City on Saturday. A Havan Yagya ceremony was organized to mark the occasion, which was attended by the newly appointed principal.

The event was graced by A.R.O of Jharkhand Zone-G, Mr. Vipin Rai, Vice President of School Management Committee B.S. Jaiswal, and Member of School Management Committee Brahmadev Prasad. Having served at DAV Public School Hehal for 14 years, Anuradha Singh is known for her discipline, hard work, dynamism, and experience. She expressed her expectation of cooperation from all the teachers for the school's advancement under her guidance. Anuradha Singh holds an MA and B.Ed degree from the Economics Department. Before assuming her new role, she familiarized herself with all the departments and emphasized the need for better organization of activities through a comprehensive action plan. All the teachers of the school were present at the event, reflecting a positive outlook towards the school's future progress under her leadership.

NTA Paper Leak Row:

Centre Removes NTA Chief Subodh Kumar Singh



RNS I New Delhi: The Centre has dismissed Subodh Kumar Singh, the chief of the National Testing Agency (NTA) amid a massive controversy over alleged irregularities in the NEET-UG and UGC-NET examinations

Singh has been placed on "compulsory wait" in the Department of Personnel and Training, while retired Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer Pradeep Singh Kharola has been appointed as the new Director General of the NTA. The NTA is responsible for conducting the NEET, UGC-NET, CUET, and JEE (Main) exams.

Kharola, a 1985 batch IAS officer, has previously served as the Civil Aviation Secretary.

This appointment comes amid widespread protests after it was revealed that the NEET question paper had been leaked in some states on the eve of the exam.

The NEET-PG 2024 exam, scheduled for June 23, has also

The NEET-UG results faced scrutiny after 67 candidates attained perfect scores of 720/720. Further controversy arose over the awarding of grace marks to more than 1,500 students, leading to widespread protests and legal actions.

The Supreme Court has strongly criticised the NTA's handling of the situation.

Earlier this week, the NTA cancelled the UGC-NET exam, citing its "compromised integrity" after the question paper, taken by 900,000 candidates across 317 cities on June 18, was found to have been leaked on the dark web.

Chandrapura Officers Club Marks International Yoga Day with Celebrations



Bokaro: On International Yoga Day, the Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC) Officers Club at Chandrapura Thermal Power Station (CTPS) hosted a comprehensive event featuring yoga, discussions, meditation, and singing, which concluded late Friday evening at Bokaro.

Senior General Manager and Project Head, Manoj Kumar Thakur, addressed the gathering, emphasizing the importance of yoga for leading a prosperous life. "Yoga, discussions, meditation, and music allow us to connect with the vast creation," he stated, praising yoga instructor Deepak Kumar Mahato and vocalists Pramod Kumar and Anurag

He highlighted that such programs contribute to psychological fitness and enhance the ability to perform daily tasks. Thakur urged attendees to incorporate regular yoga practice into their routines to benefit their families, society, and in-

stitutions by maintaining physical and mental well-being His mother, Shailya Thakur, captivated the audience with her religious singing during the event. Additionally, his wife, Smt. Bhavya Thakur, spoke about the benefits of yoga and encouraged daily practice.

The event was attended by several dignitaries, including Senior General Manager of Human Resources DC Pandey, General Manager Avijit Ghosh, Deputy General Manager Sanjeev Kumar, Dilip Kumar, Mahavir Thakur.

Bangali Kalyan Samiti Delegation Congratulates Dhullu Mahato, **Newly Elected Dhanbad MP**



RNS: Today, a delegation from the social organization Bangali Kalyan Samiti of Dhanbad visited the residence of the newly elected MP of Dhanbad, Shri Dhullu Mahato in Chitahi, to extend their congratulations and best wishes. The delegation congratulated him with a bouquet and a garland. During the meeting, the MP expressed his gratitude to the committee and assured them of his support on all occasions. Despite his busy schedule, the MP welcomed the committee delegation, which was appreciated.

Former ISRO Chief Appointed to Lead Reforms for National Testing Agency

RNS I New Delhi: A highlevel expert committee was formed by the Ministry of Education in response to ongoing concerns over the management of India's premier competitive exams, UGC-NET and NEET-UG on Saturday. This move aims to ensure that the National Testing Agency's (NTA) examinations are transparent, straightforward, and fair.

The seven-member committee will be led by Dr. K. Radhakrishnan, former ISRO chief, as stated by the Ministry of Education.

This decision follows the cancellation of the UGC-NET exam after its question paper was discovered on the dark web, raising substantial debate about the examination process. Additionally, reports of irregularities in the National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET) for medical school admissions have intensified scrutiny on

The primary responsibilities of the high-level committee include reforming the examination procedure, enhancing data security standards, and improving the NTA's organization and operations.



The committee, expected to deliver its findings in approximately two months, comprises notable experts: Dr. Randeep Guleria, Former Director of AIIMS Delhi; Professor B. J. Rao, Vice-Chancellor of Central University of Hyderabad; Professor Ramamurthy K., Emeritus Professor in the Civil Engineering Department of IIT Madras; Pankaj Bansal, Board Member and Co-founder of PeopleStrong; Aditya Mittal, Faculty Member of IIT Delhi and Dean of Students; Govind Jaiswal, Joint Secretary of the Ministry of Education, serving as Member Secretary.

The committee's main objective is to propose reforms to the testing procedures. This includes a comprehensive

Woman Jumps to Death Off

4th Floor Terrace in Gaya

by Suresh Pd Nikhar

mendations to improve system efficiency and security. Additionally, the committee will conduct a thorough analysis of the NTA's protocols and standard operating procedures (SOPs), suggesting enhancements and developing stringent compliance monitoring systems. A key focus will be on evaluating and improving the NTA's current data security measures, aiming to fortify the system's resilience and protect against breaches. This involves a detailed assessment of existing security mechanisms governing paper-setting and other examination processes.

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Furthermore, the committee will review the NTA's management and organizational structure to identify areas for improvement.

This initiative marks a significant step toward ensuring the integrity and reliability of India's competitive examinations, with the expert committee poised to deliver crucial recommendations for systemic improvement.

Class X, XII Board Toppers

Bokaro: DPS Chas honored the hard work and dedication of the All India Secondary School Examination (SSE) and All India Senior Secondary Certificate Examination (SSCE) Board (2023-24) toppers by hosting a felicitation ceremony for 129 achievers from 43 schools under the Dr. Radhakrishnan Sahodaya School Complex.

RNS I Bokaro: Surya Mandir in Sector 4F, in Bokaro

STeel City hosted a Bhajan Sandhya event in ob-

servance of Jyestha Purnima, World Yoga Day, and

Senior musicians Shyam Kumar, Ramendra Narayan

Dubey, A Pandit, Arun Pathak, and Sunita Srivastava

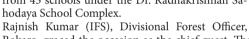
performed devotional songs, filling the atmosphere

Shankar Pandey, and Bipin Bihari Srivastava, among others.

World Music Day on Friday evening,.

with a sense of reverence and devotion.

Satyanarayan was conducted.



Bokaro, graced the occasion as the chief guest. The ceremony was attended by President of Sahodaya and Principal of DPS, Bokaro, Dr. A.S. Gangwar; Vice-president Anil Kumar Gupta from Crescent Public School; Vice-president S. Chakraborty Guru from Govind Singh Public School; and General Secretary Biswajit Patra from A.R.S. Public School. Other dignitaries present included DSMS Secretary Suresh Kumar Agarwal and Headmistress Sudeshna Sinha. The event commenced with a Rajasthani folk song, "Padhaaro Maare Desh," followed by the school song. This was followed by a mesmerizing cultural performance, including a dance offering to Lord Ganesha, symbolizing a bright future for the achievers. The program proceeded to the felicitation of the achievers, acknowledging their hard work and dedication.

In his address, the Chief Guest appreciated the students' and teachers' hard work, encouraging them to care for nature, respect their parents' and teachers' sacrifices, and stay focused on their goals. He concluded with best wishes for their future endeavors.

Dr. Hemlata S Mohan, Chief Mentor of DPS Chas, wished the students success, emphasizing the importance of hard work and divine blessings in achieving their goals.

Officiating Principal Deepali Bhuskute congratulated the achievers, urging them to explore new interests and envision their future goals.

Champua MLA Sanatan Mahakud Meets **Odisha Chief Minister**

Gua: BJD MLA from Champua, Sanatan Mahakud, visited Bhubaneswar to extend congratulations to Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi on the formation of the BJP government in Odisha and for being elected as Chief Minister of the

During his meeting with the Chief Minister, Sanatan Mahakud presented a five-page list of demands outlining the collective aspirations of the district.

The demands included the selection of a special site for a Unitary University, construction of new and adequate buildings, opening of PG



courses in remaining subjects, and regular appointments of teaching and non-teaching staff.

Gaya: A 35-year-old woman allegedly died by suicide on Saturday afternoon by jumping from the fourth floor of a Brinda apartment, flat no. 403, in the Gawalbigha locality. The reasons behind her extreme step remain unknown, but it was revealed that the deceased had been living with depression for the past year at her flat, along with her family, including her husband and 4-year-old son, said Inspector Ravi Kumar of Rampur Police

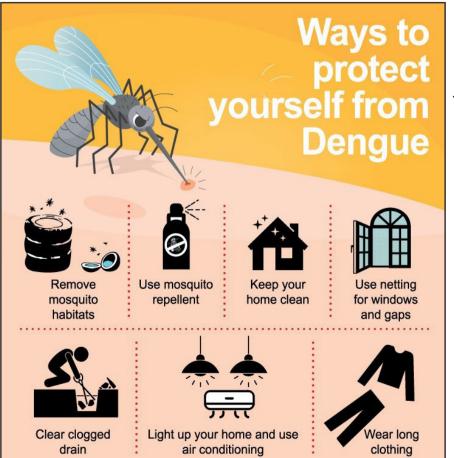
Rampur police have registered a case and initiated investigations into the matter. Inspector Ravi Kumar stated that the deceased was identified as Richa Seth, 35, a resident of the Gowalbigha area within the Rampur police station limits in Gaya.

According to reports, near the Gowalbigha turn of the Rampur police station area, Richa Seth, the wife of hardware businessman Rajan Seth, committed suicide by jumping from the fourth floor of the apartment. Upon receiving information about the incident, the police reached the scene and sent

the body for post-mortem. Rajan Seth informed that his wife had spoken to him in the morning and he had asked her to make tea. She went to the kitchen to make tea, and suddenly there was a loud noise of something falling outside.

Upon looking out of the window, he saw his wife's body on the ground. He revealed that his wife had been suffering from depression for a year and had attempted suicide four times before.

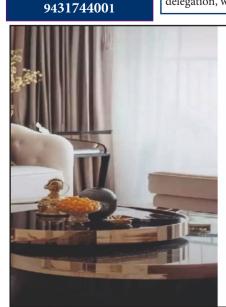
Before committing suicide, she had cut the vein of her hand in the kitchen, which he discovered after the incident. Rajan Seth also has a four-year-old son. The police are investigating the entire matter, and the family members are inconsolable after the incident.



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Bangladesh PM's Visit To India Underlines Our Close Ties: S Jaishankar

PM Modi and Sheikh Hasina are scheduled to hold wide-ranging talks on Saturday during which both sides are likely to firm up a raft of agreements providing for cooperation in several sectors.

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his visiting Bangladeshi counterpart Sheikh Hasina will hold wide-ranging talks on Saturday to give a new momentum to the bilateral ties. Hours after Hasina began a two-day state visit to India, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar met her and discussed various bilateral issues."Delighted to call on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina of Bangladesh this evening. Her State visit to India underlines our close and abiding ties.

Appreciate her guidance on the further development of our special partnership," he said on X.Bangladesh is a key partner and trusted neighbour of India and PM Hasina's visit will give a major boost to the "celebrated bilateral partnership", external affairs ministry spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said.It is the first incoming bilateral state visit by a foreign leader after the formation of the new government in India following the Lok



Sabha elections.he Bangladesh prime minister was received at the airport by Minister of State in the external afairs ministry Kirti Vardhan Singh.PM Modi and Sheikh Hasina are scheduled to hold wide-ranging talks on Saturday during which both sides are likely to firm up a raft of agreements providing for cooperation in several sectors. Hasina was among seven top leaders from India's neighbourhood and the Indian Ocean region who attended the swearing-in ceremony of Modi and the Union council of ministers at the Rashtrapati Bhavan on June 9.Apart from holding bilateral consultations with Modi, the visiting leader is scheduled to call-on President Droupadi Murmu and Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar. The talks between the two prime ministers are expected to focus on taking the bilateral ties to new heights, said a source. The overall strategic ties between India and Bangladesh have been on an upswing in the last few years.

Bangladesh is an important partner for India under its "Neighbourhood First" policy and the cooperation extends to areas of security, trade, commerce, energy, connectivity, science and technology, defence and maritime affairs among others. The achievements in the connectivity sector included the inauguration of the Maitri Setu bridge over river Feni in Tripura and the rollout of the Chilahati-Haldibari rail link.

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"Let's see what is to be done with them," he added. While the NCP (SP) won eight Lok Sabha seats out of the 10 it contested, the Ajit Pawar-led faction won only one of the four seats it fought.

As 2 engineers and a clerk are suspended over NEET 'leak', Tejashwi says probe agencies free to question my PA

Patna: As Bihar government suspended two engineers and a clerk on Thursday for allotting a room in NHAI guest house to an accused in NEET paper leak case allegedly on the request of RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav's Personal Assistant, the former Deputy CM on Friday said that the BJP was "politicising" the issue and that the investigators were free to question his PA. Tejashwi accused the BJP of "politicising" the matter, adding that the Economic Offences Unit (EOU), which is probing the NEET case, had not talked about questioning his personal assistant.On Thursday, Bihar Deputy CM Vijay Kumar Sinha told reporters: "We have suspended superintending engineer Umesh Rai, junior engineer Dharmendra Kumar Dharmkant, and clerk Pradeep Kumar for allotting a room in the name of Sikander P Yadvendu for May 4, a day before NEET-UG examination... Call details show that Yadvendu had

first called up Tejashwi's Personal Assistant Pritam Kumar on May 1. On May 4, Pritam called up clerk Pradeep Kumar who allotted a room to Sikander after informing the two engineers." Pritam, a Bihar Public Service Commission



officer, was appointed as personal assistant to Tejashwi in August 2022 when he was the Deputy CM and continues to be in the same position when the RJD leader is now Leader of Opposition in the Bihar

Tejashwi, who reacted for the first time following allegations against his personal assistant, told reporters: "They (NDA) have the government at the Centre and in Bihar. Investigation agencies are under them. They are free to speak to his PA. But BJP is trying to politicise the matter as EOU has not said anything like that."RJD national spokesperson Subodh Kumar Mehta said, "Rather than making insinuations against our party, BJP should answer how a dubious charcter like Sikander Yadavendu got the job of junior engineer during NDA regime in 2012 and how he was transferrred to urban development and housing department in 2021 when NDA was in power."

Delhi HC blocks Kejriwal's release on ED plea against bail order

NEW DELHI: Delhi high court on Friday granted interim stay on a trial court order giving bail to CM Arvind Kejriwal in an alleged scam in the now-scrapped Delhi Excise Policy 2021-22. ED had filed an appeal on Friday morning, calling the trial court order "perverse" and claiming that it did not get a fair hearing.

The court also issued notice to Kejriwal on ED's petition challenging the trial court's order and listed the matter for July 10.A vacation bench of Justice Sudhir Kumar Jain reserved its order, saying the bail order would remain stayed till the bench pronounced its verdict. Meanwhile, counsel from both sides can file written submissions by June 24.Additional solicitor general (ASG) S V Raju appeared for ED while Kejriwal was represented by senior advocates Abhishek Manu Singhvi and Vikram



The ASG told the bench that he was not given adequate opportunity by the trial court to oppose the bail plea. "The court does not hear us, does not look at the documents given by us, saying it's voluminous. The court says bulky documents have been filed. There can't be any more perverse order than this... Without going through documents filed by both sides, without giving us an opportunity, the matter is decided. It is the duty of a court to pass order in accordance with law. Without going through documents, how can you say it's relevant or not relevant?" said

In its petition, ED said the trial court judge did not grant "full and complete opportunity" to the agency to muster up all its arguments and told the ASG to cut short his arguments and only indicate the page numbers that ED wished to rely upon. The judge also asked the ASG to restrict his arguments to the points argued by the bail applicant, ED claimed. "The learned ASG on more than one occasion submitted that the bail applicant's counsel has not argued the case on merits and, therefore, it was incumbent on ED to demonstrate the prosecution case," said ED's petition, but the court stuck to its stance that the arguments should be cut short.

Amit Shah inaugurates 'Fast Track Immigration Trusted Traveller Programme' at Delhi IGI airport: What it means

NEW DELHI: Union home minister Amit Shah cardholders, enhancing travel convenience Trusted Traveller Programme' (FTI-TTP) at Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport on the travel experience for Indian nationals and Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) cardholders by making it faster, easier, and more secure. The program is a step towards modernizing India's immigration system and improving travel efficiency for Indian citizens and OCI cardholders. Key details of the program 'Fast Track Immigration Trusted Traveller Programme':bjective: The FTI-TTP aims to streamline the immigration process for pre-verified Indian nationals and OCI

inaugurated the 'Fast Track Immigration and security. Eligibility: The program is open to Indian nationals and OCI cardholders who meet the specified criteria.

Friday. This initiative aims to revolutionize Application process: Applicants must apply online, submit biometrics (fingerprints and facial image), and pay a non-refundable processing fee of Rs 2,000 for adults, Rs 1,000 for minors, or \$100 for OCI cardholders.Biometric registration: Biometric data can be submitted at designated international airports in India or the nearest FRRO office, following a scheduled Processing fees: The processing fees are Rs appointment. Membership validity: 2,000 for adult Indian nationals, Rs 1,000 for Membership is valid for a maximum of five minors, and \$100 for OCI (Overseas Citizen years or until the passport's validity expires,

whichever comes first.Passport requirement: Applicants must possess a passport with a minimum validity of six months.

Information verification: Providing a current residential address is mandatory to avoid application rejection, and false information or failure to capture biometrics can result in disqualification. Document submission: Applicants need to upload a passport-sized photograph and scanned copies of relevant documents, including the passport's first and last pages and proof of address.

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Need to shun the 'bad apple' theory

LAST year's crash involving three trains in Balasore, Odisha — which left 296 people dead and more than 1,000 injured — was attributed to human error. It was expected that this accident would make the Railways review its systems of operation and maintenance for enhancing safety, and specifically for minimising the possibility of accidents resulting from human error. That hope seems to have been belied. On the morning of June 17, a goods train hit the stationary Kanchenjunga Express in West Bengal's New Jalpaiguri, leaving 10 dead and around 40 injured. Among those killed were the driver of the goods train and the guard of the express train. This accident, too, is being blamed on human error. Even as the Commissioner of Railway Safety's statutory inquiry is in progress, we can try to piece together what happened from the information available in the public domain. It is now known that automatic signalling between Rangapani and Chatterhat stations failed at 5.50 am on June 17 due to lightning; this failure was communicated to the Signal Department at 6.05 am. As the snag was likely to be prolonged, the department, as per General and Subsidiary Rules, should have declared it as such, which would have changed the mode of working from the automatic block system to the absolute block system and perhaps avoided the accident. It is not known yet why this was not done. Consequently, the section contined to work as per automatic signal rules, which authorise drivers to pass defective signals. Since automatic territory rules were in force, the drivers were required to follow the protocol for moving at a speed not exceeding 15 kmph after stopping for a minute at every red signal. Six trains followed this protocol, including the Kanchenjunga Express, but the container goods train did not do so, which led to the mishap. If the goods train driver had followed this instruction, he would have avoided the collision. Clearly, the speed of the goods train was well above 15 kmph. Loco drivers' spokespersons are suggesting that the 'paper line clear' (a ticket issued to the loco pilot) may have been unnecessary as drivers are allowed to cross red signals, whether defective or not, at cautious speeds as the whole purpose of automatic signalling is to squeeze as many trains as close to each other as possible. According to them, the 'paper line clear', if given, would have implied a situation where the driver need not have followed the normal protocol and proceeded at a normal speed. Apparently, there is ambiguity in the working rules of the new system of signalling (the automatic system, opposed to the absolute block system which permits only one train between two stations). Inadequate understanding of these rules among different categories of staffers could also have been a factor.

Why is it so difficult to curb accidents attributable human error? Despite the efforts of the Railways to bring in new technologies for reducing human intervention, like the indigenously developed automatic train protection system Kavach — which prevents an accident resulting from the human error of passing a signal 'at danger' — the proportion of accidents linked to human lapses continues to hover around 50 per cent. If Kavach had been installed on the section concerned it would have installed on the section concerned, it would have prevented the collision but could not have stopped the driver from making a mistake. The reason why it is so difficult to eliminate human error is because this is not the basic cause of the failure but a symptom of a deeper problem plaguing the system. This is something that the Railways has yet to recognise. It looks at human error through the prism of the 'bad apple' theory — it believes that the system is basically safe but for those few unreliable people in it who should be identified and made an example of. Getting rid of these people does not remove the problem because it is systemic, and there are always others to step into the shoes of the 'bad apple'. To reduce accidents put down to human error, the railway top brass needs to recognise that identifying those responsible for the accident should not be the point. The management should ask itself what factors led the employee to make the trade-off between safety and other goals. And how much of this could be the outcome of its own decisions. After all, all levels of the organisation have to negotiate multiple system goals, some of which may put undue pressure on those directly involved in running the train.

Inequality, joblessness a drag on India's economic growth

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CONSTRAINTS on India's growth trajectory are not allowing its economic potential to be fully realised. Consequently, the economy has been recording growth rates much below the potential rate for a period spanning more than a decade since 2011-12, excluding the Covid years (2020-21 and 2021-22).

In the first half of the 20th century, the gross domestic product (GDP) of India grew at a rate of around 1 per cent, which was matched by the growth rate of the population, keeping the per capita income constant and

very low. For three decades (1950-51 to 1980-81), the GDP grew at an average annual rate of 3.5 per cent, while the population grew at an annual rate of 2 per cent or more, marking slow growth in the per capita income. But the 1980s observed a jump in the annual GDP growth rate from 3.5 per cent to 5.5 per cent, recording a period of accelerated growth rate. The 1990s brought a breakthrough in the form of economic reforms that unlocked the growth potential. The economy recorded a growth rate of 8 per cent or above for nearly eight years between 2003-04 and 2010-11.

The high growth trajectory prompted several economists to work out the potential growth rate of the economy. Dani Rodrik and Arvind Subramanian (2004) projected a potential growth rate of above 7 per cent up to 2025. Tushar Poddar and Eva Yi (2007) predicted a potential growth rate of above 8 per cent until 2020. C Rangarajan and DK Srivastava (2017) estimated it to be 8 per cent to 8.1 per cent up to 2029-30. These estimates indicate that the Indian economy

has the potential to grow by around 8 per cent for the medium and the long period. But this potential growth rate could be achieved for only eight years between 2003 and 2010-11. Although the government claims that India can become a \$25-trillion economy by 2047, it seems to ignore the fact that the economy continues to perform below its potential level. This is why efforts have not been made to identify the reasons behind the trend. This needs to be understood so that India is able to march towards becoming a developed country. The post-2010-11 period has thrown enough statistical evidence about the constraints that the economy is facing in achieving the potential growth rate. The most formidable challenge is created by the burgeoning unemployment in the country. The recent periodic labour force surveys have brought out that the country had the highest unemployment rate in the last 40 years in 2022 at 6.4 per cent, excluding the Covid years. This is due to the fact

that country had jobless growth during 2003-04 and jobloss growth after 2012-13. The workforce being released from agriculture because of mechanisation is not being absorbed in industrial or service sectors. The quality of employment has also deteriorated with the replacement of regular jobs with contractual ones.

his has contributed to making the agrarian crisis serious, and, consequently, rural unrest in India has grown. Agriculture, which employs more than 44 per cent of the total workforce, is facing a crisis of survival for 84 per



cent of the peasants. Unfortunately, the country has no alarming at 22.84 per cent at the country level, but in certain states like Punjab and Kerala, it was nearing 30 per cent in 2022. This is why the youth of this country are racing to immigrate, even to conflict zones like eastern Europe and West Asia. Without providing employment to youth, the country cannot take advantage of the demographic dividend of the young population.

Another constraint has been created by the fast-widening income and wealth inequality. Less than 1 per cent of the individuals are able to corner more than 40 per cent of the national income while 50 per cent of the population has just 13.1 per cent of income. The wealth distribution is even more skewed than income distribution. The 50 per cent low-income population has only 5.9 per cent share in the national wealth, while the top 1 per cent of the population has a 40.5 per cent share. The middle class, which expanded very fast in the initial years of postreforms period, has been facing a squeeze now under the fast-rising cost of private education and healthcare at corporate hospitals. The working poor are in a dire situation and deprived of quality education and affordable healthcare. The government's commitment to providing free food to 80 crore people is indicative of the alarming state of economic affairs. This is going to create a crisis of underconsumption and inadequacy of demand that may push the economy towards a slowdown

he fiscal and monetary policy has contributed to widening gaps in income and wealth distribution. The major burden of taxation falls on common people via the GST, while corporate income taxes have been lowered from 35 per cent to 25 per cent. Business companies have been given huge subsidies in the name of incentives. When corporates are not willing to share their prosperity even with their employees, how can one expect them to share it with common people, as borne out by a lack of adherence to the corporate social responsibility norms? A crude depiction of this was observed in the Covid period, when companies refused to pay their workers during the lockdown. And they were forced to trek hundreds of kilometres to their villages in UP and Bihar. Several among them died on the way back

home. employment policy in place. The youth unemployment is Along with burgeoning unemployment and widening income and wealth inequality, the problems related to climate change have been fast emerging on the scene. Unseasonal rainfalls and floods have been common. This is accompanied by a rise in the temperature amid a heatwave with an acute shortage of water, both for drinking and irrigation. No one is serious enough to prepare a roadmap to deal with pollution and water scarcity. This can create a crisis with ramifications for agriculture production activities in the severely affected areas.It is the right time to recognise the gravity of problems such as unemployment (especially among the youth), inequality of income and wealth, and environmental degradation. The lack of proper attention to these issues would result in major constraints on the

growth of the economy, and the projected targets would

prove to be a mere mirage for the country.

The Nijjar factor

Canada pursuing a perilous course

THE Hardeep Singh Nijjar case continues to define and undermine India-Canada relations, with the Canadian Parliament marking the first anniversary of his murder with a moment of silence in the House of Commons on Tuesday. The bilateral relationship has been in freefall ever since Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau dropped a bombshell in September last year, claiming that the alleged role of Indian government agents in the Nijjar case was being probed. The radical Sikh leader, who had been designated a terrorist by India's National Investigation Agency, was shot dead outside a gurdwara in Surrey, British Columbia, on June 18 last year. New Delhi has been pressing Ottawa to furnish concrete evidence of an 'Indian hand', even as the Canadian police have arrested four Indian nationals in connection

with the killing. In a sharp response to the commemoration of Nijjar's death, India's Consulate General in Vancouver



evoked memories of the June 23, 1985, Kanishka bombing, while asserting that India stood at the forefront of countering the menace of terrorism and was working

closely with all nations to tackle this global threat. The message to Canada was crystal clear: don't give pro-Khalistan elements a platform to target India.

After his recent meeting with Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Italy, Trudeau said that there was an 'alignment' between the two nations on several 'big issues' and he saw an opportunity to engage with the new Indian government. This was seen as a significant step forward. However, the Canadian PM has taken two steps backwards by letting domestic political considerations worsen his country's relationship with an old ally. This is a perilous course being pursued by the Canadian government. The relentless appeasement of radicals will not only do irreparable damage to India-Canada ties but

also put a question mark over the Maple Country's commitment to fighting terrorism and extremism.

The misplaced fixation with Israeli belligerence

India must separate the wheat from the chaff and seek guidance from its own winning ways of ending societal disaffection.

FOR many hawks in India, extreme right-wing Israel has been the role model of a decisive and aspirational religio-nationalist state. For them, the simplistic framework of 'my enemy's enemy is my friend' works subliminally in the spirit of majoritarianism.

Founding fathers of the 'Idea of India' were deeply sympathetic to the suffering of Jews but were simultaneously opposed to the forcible usurpation of Arab lands, especially as Arabs were not responsible for Jewish woes. Mahatma Gandhi had said, "Palestine belongs to the Arab in the same sense that England belongs to the English or France to the French. It is wrong and inhuman to impose Jews on the Arabs. What is going on in Palestine today cannot be justified by any moral code of conduct." Even foundationally, India was partitioned between a nation based on religion (Pakistan) and the other based on secularism and inclusivity; hence, India could not make common cause with yet another nation created in the name of religion (Israel). Zionism's' aggressive ethno-nationalism fascinated the Hindu Mahasabha, as both sides possibly perceived a common enemy in the largest minority denomination. This fascination overrode the inherent contradiction of many Hindutva ideologues valourising Hitler's Nazis, a pathological anathema to Jews or any right-thinking individual. But today, when the legacy of the Mahatma itself is getting contested in India and the alternative persuasion is dominating, the reverence for the 'Israeli way' is understandable. This captivation extends to the Israeli handling of the insurgency in Palestine. There is a perceived 'emulation worthiness' of the 'Israeli way' when contextualised to any societal strife or disaffection in the Indian context. Hotspots such as Manipur and Jammu & Kashmir seemingly need to be handled with Israeli methods (a euphemism for the 'scorched earth' approach). However, history is instructive — the Israeli style has been an unparallelled disaster in handling societal discontent. Only countries like India (in states like Mizoram and Punjab) or the UK

(in Ireland) were able to end secessionist movements with means that were decidedly 'un-Israeli' in approach.ndia and the UK had deployed militaristic steel in the conflict region but had in parallel invested in

the spirit of political accommodation and inclusivity, allaying concerns of disgruntled citizens. These countries had signed accords (Punjab Accord, 1985; Mizoram Peace Accord, 1986; Good Friday Agreement, 1998) and patiently agreed to honour genuine grievances. It wasn't an immediate return to normalcy, but the sincerity of outreach, socio-economic redressal and persistent engagement (despite many violent disruptions and missteps) finally won the day for India and the UK.

he Palestine-Israel violence has been continuing for decades. On October 7 last year, Hamas carried out a brutal terror attack, killing over 1,400 Israelis, and then the Israelis retaliated disproportionately by butchering over 36,000 Palestinians in the Gaza Strip. The Palestinian death count is increasing by the day. Beyond the unending blame game,

the truth is that Israel has failed to guarantee security and peace despite its fabled 'Israeli way' — both sides have not beenmore polarised, hate-filled and vengeful in 78

Perception of the hyper-muscular Israeli methods is flawed, as Israeli history has witnessed many ideological differences. The principal Israeli party (Labour) once ruled the roost, with all Prime Ministers till 1977 owing allegiance to its movement, albeit under different names. Labour is predicated on an approach based on Israel-Palestine peace talks, pragmatism in foreign policy, welfare statism, and even relative



— whereas the ruling Likud party is aggressive to the point of being predatory, proudly antipeace, against a two-state solution and exclusivist/majoritarian in instinct. PM Benjamin Netanyahu personifies Likud and the 'Israeli way' phenomenon by insisting that Israel is "not a state of all its citizens", implicitly denying dignity to native Arab Palestinians, with whom the Oslo Peace Agreements

were signed in 1993 and 1995. The agreements were

signed during the rule of Prime Minister Yitzak Rabin of the Labour Party. Rabin was later assassinated by a radicalised Jew. The dovish Rabin was formerly a decorated General of the Israeli Defence Forces (IDF),

which had won wars and conducted daring operations, yet he represented a moderate, restorative and statesmanlike face of Israeli politics.

The principal Opposition leader now is Benny Gantz, yet another retired General of the IDF and no longer part of the National Unity Government (formed after the October 7 attack). He, too, personally and politically, eschews and disavows the failed 'Israeli way' of Netanyahu. Though Israel is still in the war mode and angry at the Hamas attack, there is a huge groundswell about the failed policies and consequences of Netanyahu's counterproductive belligerence that created a tinderbox-like situation and led to endless bloodshed. Israel was at its most peaceful (relatively speaking) after the signing of the Oslo Accords.

Seeds of the Israeli template were sown by the hawkish and warmongering Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, initially from Likud (he later formed the Kadima party), who earned notoriety as the 'Butcher of Beirut'. The Human Rights Watch

recognises him as a war criminal; Netanyahu has only worsened that construct of 'muscular' politics that seems very impressive in the beginning but comes at a very heavy price in the long run. India must separate the wheat from the chaff and seek guidance from its own winning ways of ending societal disaffection, as opposed to getting galvanised by failed and vacuous muscularity of the 'Israeli way', as there is no bravery, morality or constitutionality involved in it.

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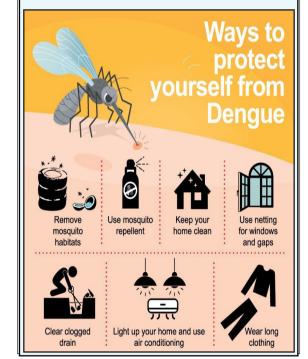


জমশেদপুর – রবিবার ঝাড়খণ্ডের জমশেদপুরে একটি নির্বাচনী সমাবেশে প্রধানমন্ত্রী নরেন্দ্র মোদী কংগ্রেস নেত্রী সোনিয়া গান্ধীকে রায়বেরেলিভত্যাপ্থ করার এবং দীর্ঘদিন ধরে কাজ করা একজন দলের কমীকে নয়, বরং তার ছেলে রাহুল গান্ধীকে মনোনীত করার জন্য সমালোচনা করেছেন।

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।



तीस जून के बाद क्रेडिट कार्ड पेमेंट में हो सकती है परेशानी

नई दिल्ली। भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक के निर्देशों की वजह से 30 जून के बाद एचडीएफसी बैंक, एक्सिस बैंक और आईसीआईसीआई बैंक समेत 26 बैंकों के क्रेडिट कार्ड का इस्तेमाल करने वाले ग्राहकों को बिल पेमेंट करने में परेशानी आ सकती है। रिजर्व बैंक ने अपने निर्देश में साफ किया है कि 30 जन के बाद सभी क्रेडिट कार्ड पेमेंट भारत बिल पेमेंट सिस्टम (बीबीपीएस) के माध्यम से ही प्रोसेस किए जाएंगे, लेकिन 26 बैंकों ने अभी तक बीबीपीएस को एक्टिवेट नहीं किया है।

दरअसल, धोखाधड़ी वाले लेनदेन को ट्रैक करने और उनका सही समय से समाधान निकालने के लिए रिजर्व बैंक ने क्रेडिट कार्ड बिल पेमेंट को एक ही प्लेटफॉर्म से प्रोसेस करने का निर्देश दिया है। क्रेडिट कार्ड पेमेंट को प्रोसेस करने के लिए एक ही प्लेटफॉर्म होने से रिजर्व बैंक पेमेंट ट्रेंड्स पर भी नजर रख सकेगा, जिससे क्रेडिट कार्ड के जरिए होने वाले साइबर फ्रॉड के मामलों पर भी अंकुश लग सकेगा।

गौरतलब है कि फिलहाल बिल डेस्क, फोन-पे, क्रेड और इंफी बीम एवेन्यू जैसे कुछ प्रमुख प्लेटफार्मी के माध्यम से क्रेडिट कार्ड बिल को कार्ड जारी करने की अनुमित दी गई

बैंक के निर्देशों के बाद सभी क्रेडिट जारी रखने के लिए जिन 8 बैंकों ने कार्ड बिल पेमेंट बीबीपीएस के जरिए ही किए जाएंगे। ऐसे में करोड़ों क्रेडिट कार्ड ग्राहकों को परेशानी का सामना

बीबीपीएस को एक्टिवेट किया है, उनमें स्टेट बैंक ऑफ इंडिया, इंडसइंड बैंक, बैंक ऑफ बड़ौदा,



करना पड़ सकता है। सिर्फ एचडीएफसी बैंक, आईसीआईसीआई बैंक और एक्सिस बैंक ने ही 5 करोड़ से अधिक क्रेडिट

कार्ड जारी किए हैं। इसके अलावा बीबीपीएस एक्टिवेट नहीं करने वाले शेष 23 बैंकों द्वारा भी काफी बड़ी संख्या में क्रेडिट कार्ड जारी किए गए हैं। इस संबंध में मिली जानकारी के मुताबिक अभी तक सिर्फ 8 बैंकों ने हीं बीबीपीएस पर बिल पेमेंट की प्रक्रिया को एक्टिव किया है। हालांकि देश में कुल 34 बैंकों को क्रेडिट

कोटक महिंद्रा बैंक और फेडरल बैंक के नाम शामिल हैं।

हालांकि पेमेंट इंडस्ट्री ने भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक से बीबीपीएस की समय सीमा को और 90 दिनों तक बढ़ाने की मांग की है लेकिन रिजर्व बैंक ने अभी तक ऐसा कोई संकेत नहीं दिया है कि वो समय सीमा में किसी तरह की छट देने जा रहा है। ऐसे में अगर बीबीपीएस को एक्टिव करने के लिए समय सीमा में बढ़ोतरी नहीं की गई, तो करोड़ों क्रेडिट कार्ड धारकों को बिल पेमेंट करने में परेशानी हो

सीतारमण ने एमएसएमई के साथ आम बजट 2024-25 को लेकर चर्चा की

नई दिल्ली। केंद्रीय वित्त एवं कॉरपोरेट मामलों की मंत्री निर्मला सीतारमण ने सूक्ष्म, लघु एवं मध्यम उद्यम (एमएसएमई) के साथ बजट पूर्व परामर्श बैठक की।

सीतारमण की अध्यक्षता में यहां आयोजित इस बैठक में एमएसएमई के प्रतिनिधियों ने अगामी आम बजट 2024-25 के संबंध में अपने विचार रखे।

वित्त मंत्रलाय ने 'एक्स' पोस्ट पर जारी एक बयान में कहा कि केंद्रीय वित्त एवं कॉरपोरेट मामलों की मंत्री निर्मला सीतारमण ने आगामी आम बजट पेश होने से पहले एमएसएमई के प्रतिनिधियों के साथ पांचवां बजट पूर्व परामर्श बैठक की। सीतारमण की अध्यक्षता में आयोजित इस बैठक में आम बजट 2024-25 के संबंध में एमएसएमई के प्रतिनिधियों ने अपनी मांग रखी।

मंत्रालय के मुताबिक अगामी आम बजट 2024-25 को लेकर एमएसएमई के प्रतिनिधियों के साथ पांचवें बजट पूर्व परामर्श बैठक में केंद्रीय वित्त राज्य मंत्री पंकज चौधरी. वित्त सचिव, व्यय विभाग के सचिव, आर्थिक मामलों के विभाग, राजस्व वित्तीय सेवाओं, कंपनी मामलों के मंत्रालय के

सचिव और भारत सरकार के मख्य आर्थिक सलाहकार भी शामिल हुए। उल्लेखनीय है कि वित्त मंत्री निर्मेला

अंतरिम बजट पेश किया था। चुनाव के बाद उन्हें फिर से वित्त मंत्रालय की जिम्मेदारी दी गई है।



सीतारमण ने आम चुनाव से पहले उन्होंने अब पूर्ण बजट की तैयारी वित्त वर्ष 2024-25 के लिए शुरू कर दी है।

देश का विदेशी मुद्रा भंडार 2.92 अरब डॉलर घटकर 652.89 अरब डॉलर पर

नर्ड दिल्ली। विदेशी मुद्रा भंडार में गिरावट आई है। देश का विदेशी मुद्रा भंडार 14 जून को समाप्त हफ्ते में 2.92 अरब डॉलर घटकर 652.89 अरब डॉलर रेह गया है। रिजर्व बैंक ऑफ इंडिया (आरबीआई) ने जारी आंकड़ों में बताया कि इस दौरान मुद्रा भंडार का अहम घटक माने जाने वाली विदेशी मुद्रा आस्तियां 2.09 अरब डॉलर घटकर 574.24 अरब डॉलर रही।आरबीआई के मुताबिक 14 जुन को समाप्त हफ्ते के दौरान स्वर्ण भंडार का आरक्षित मूल्य 1.01 अरब डॉलर घटकर 55.97 अरब डॉलर रहा है। इस दौरान विशेष आहरण अधिकार (एसडीआर) 5.4 करोड डॉलर घटकर 18.11 अरब डॉलर रह गया। हालांकि, अंतरराष्ट्रीय मुद्राकोष (आईएमएफ) के पास भारत की आरक्षित जमा 24.5 करोड़ डॉलर बढ़कर 4.58 अरब

सरकार ने अरहर, चना और काबुली चना पर 30 सितंबर तक स्टॉक सीमा किया लागू

नर्ड दिल्ली। केंद्र सरकार ने दालों की बढ़ती कीमतों पर नियंत्रण पाने और जमाखोरी रोकने के लिए संग्रहण की अधिकतम सीमा (स्टॉक लिमिट) तय कर दी है। यह स्टॉक लिमिट तूर, चना और काबुली चना पर भी लागू की गई है। ये आदेश शुक्रवार से लागू हो गया है, जो 30 सितंबर, 2024 तक प्रभावी रहेगा। उपभोक्ता, खाद्य एवं सार्वजनिक वितरण मामलों के मंत्रालय ने जारी एक बयान में कहा कि सरकार ने दालों की बढती कीमतों को रोकने और जमाखोरी पर नियंत्रण के लिए स्टॉक लिमिट निर्धारित कर दी है। केंद्र का यह निर्णय मिलों के मालिक, दाल के थोक, खुदरा एवं बड़ी श्रृंखला के खुदरा विक्रेताओं के साथ

आयातकों पर तत्काल प्रभाव से लागू हो गया है, जो 30 सितंबर तक प्रभावी रहेगा। मंत्रालय के मुताबिक फिलहाल इसके दायरे में अरहर दाल, चना एवं काबली चना को लाया गया है। सरकार के फैसले के मुताबिक थोक विक्रेता अधिकतम 2 सौ टन दाल का संग्रहण कर पाएंगे, जबकि खुदरा विक्रेताओं के लिए यह मात्रा 5 टन होगी। साथ ही बड़ी श्रृंखला के खुदरा विक्रेता अपनी दुकानों पर ज्यादा से ज्यादा पांच टन और डिपो पर 2 सौ टन दाल रख सकते हैं। इसके अलावा मिल मालिकों की संग्रहण की सीमा भी तय की गई है। वो अब पिछले तीन महीने के दाल उत्पादन या वार्षिक क्षमता का 25 फीसदी, जो भी ज्यादा हो का स्टॉक

बिटकॉइन 64 हजार डॉलर से भी नीचे

नर्ड दिल्ली। क्रिप्टो करेंसी मार्केट में आज कोहराम जैसे हालात नजर आ रहे हैं। बाजार में चौतरफा दबाव का माहौल बना हुआ है। इस दबाव के कारण दुनिया की सबसे बड़ी क्रिप्टो करेंसी बिटकॉइन और दूसरी सबसे बडी क्रिप्टो करेंसी एथेरियम समेत मार्केट कैप के लिहाज से टॉप-10 में शामिल सभी क्रिप्टो करेंसीज गिरावट के साथ रेड जोन में कारोबार कर रही हैं। आज के कारोबार में बिटकॉइन 3 प्रतिशत से भी ज्यादा टूट कर 64 हजार डॉलर के स्तर से भी नीचे पहंच गया है।

भारत में क्रिप्टो करेंसी का कारोबार करने के लिए अधिकृत आज शाम 6 बजे तक बिटकॉइन

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क्रिप्टो करेंसी मार्केट में जबरदस्त गिरावट,



3.54 प्रतिशत की गिरावट के साथ 63,953.29 डॉलर यानी 53.45 लाख रुपये के स्तर पर कारोबार कर रहा था। इसी तरह एथेरियम की कीमत भी आज 2.85 प्रतिशत की कमजोरी के साथ गिर कर गई थी। बिटकॉइन और एथेरियम के अलावा टेथर 0.03 प्रतिशत, बीएनबी 3.48 प्रतिशत, सोलाना 6.21 प्रतिशत, यूएसडी कॉइन 0.01 प्रतिशत, एक्सआरपी 1.74 प्रतिशत, डॉगकॉइन 2.39 प्रतिशत, टॉनकॉइन 1.84 प्रतिशत और कार्डानो 2.61 प्रतिशत की कमजोरी के साथ कारोबार कर रहे थे। कॉइन मार्केट कैप के मुताबिक पिछले 24 घंटे के कारोबार के दौरान क्रिप्टो करेंसी के ग्लोबल मार्केट कैप में 3.37 प्रतिशत की गिरावट दर्ज की गई है। फिलहाल क्रिप्टो करेंसी का ग्लोबल मार्केट कैप घट कर 2.34 लाख करोड़ डॉलर यानी करीब 195.55 लाख करोड़

ग्लोबल मार्केट कैप में गिरावट आने के बावजूद पिछले 24 घंटे के दौरान क्रिप्टो करेंसीज के लेन-देन में तेजी आई है। इस अवधि में कुल 7,008 करोड़ डॉलर यानी 5.86 लाख करोड़ रुपये की क्रिप्टो करेंसी की लेन-देन हुई, जो 1 दिन पहले की तुलना में 17.40 प्रतिशत अधिक है। अगर दुनिया की सबसे बड़ी क्रिप्टो करेंसी बिटकॉइन की बात करें तो कीमत में गिरावट आने के साथ ही पिछले 24 घंटे के कारोबार के दौरान क्रिप्टो करेंसी मार्केट में इस आभासी मुद्रा की स्थिति 0.20 प्रतिशत कमजोर हुई है, जिसके कारण इसकी मार्केट हिस्सेदारी घट कर 53.90

स्कोडा की कुशाक और स्लाविया की कीमतों में भारी कटौती

लोगों तक पहुंचाने की अपनी पहलों उपभोक्ताओं की स्कोडा ऑटो इंडिया की उन गाडियों तक पहंच बढी है. जिन्हें 5 स्टार रेटिंग दी गई है और जो कार में बैठे वयस्कों और बच्चों की सुरक्षा के लिहाज से पूरी तरह सुरक्षित हैं. स्कोडा ऑटो इंडिया के ब्रैंड डायरेक्टर पेट्र जेनबा ने कहा, हम भारत में लगभग 25 सालों से है और

नर्ड दिल्ली। स्कोडा ऑटो प्रतिबद्धता अटट है. हम अपने इंडिया ने ब्रांड को ज्यादा से ज्यादा प्रॉडक्ट में लगातार नए फीचर्स पेश करने के लिए तत्?पर रहते हैं और इसी को जारी रखते हए, सीमित अवधि के अनुसार कदम उठाते हैं. हमने के लिए कुशाक और स्लाविया की 2025 के लिए प्लान की गई ऑल-न्यू नई कीमतों की घोषणा की है. इससे कॉम्पैक्ट एसयवी की घोषणा की है. इसलिए हमने यह सोचा है कि इस नई कार के साथ हम नए बाजारों में जाएंगे. यवा ग्राहकों तक पहंच बनाएंगे और ब्रांड की पहुंच बढ़ाने की कोशिश करेंगे. नई कॉम्पैक्ट एसयुवी से हमारे लिए नए बाजारों के दरवाजे खुलेंगे. हमने कुशाक और स्लाविया में कुछ एफिशिएंसीज भी हासिल की हैं, और

इस मार्केट को लेकर हमारी इसकी वजह से हमने अपनी गाडियों के मल?य को बढाएं हैं और लाभों को उपभोक्ताओं एवं फैंस तक पहुंचाया है. कुशाक और स्लाविया, जो पहले एकिटव, एंबिशन, और स्टाइल साथ 1.5 टीएसआई पेट्रोल इंजन से वैरिएंट में उपलब्ध थे, अब उनका पावर्ड हैं. कुशाक और स्लाविया स्टैंडर्ड नाम बदलकर क्लासिक, सिग्नेचर और प्रेस्टीज कर दिया गया है. इन तीनों वैरिएंटस के अलावा कशाक ओनिक्स को कारों के लाइनअप के वैल्यू एंड और मोंटे कार्लो को प्रीमियम एंड पर पेश किया गया है. नई कीमतें कुशाक के सभी इंजन और ट्रांसमिशन विकल्पों पर और स्लाविया के चुनिंदा वैरिएंट्स पर

लागृ होंगी. दोनों कारें सिक्स-स्पीड मैन्अल और ऑटोमैटिक के साथ 1.0 टीएसआई पेट्रोल और सिक्स स्पीड मैनुअल और सेवन स्पीड डीएसजी के तौर पर छह एयरबैग्स के साथ आती है और इसे ग्लोबल एनसीएपी टेस्ट के तहत वयस्कों एवं बच्चों के लिए पुरे 5-स्टार मिले हैं. यह सरक्षा पर ब्रांड के अडिंग नजरिये को दर्शाता है. स्कोडा के मॉडल, वैरिएंट्स, इंजन और ट्रांसिमशन की पसंद के आधार पर उपभोक्ता 10 फीसदी का लाभ हासिल कर सकते हैं।

बैंक ऑफ महाराष्ट्र ने वित्त मत्री को 857 16 करोड़ रुपये का लाभांश चेक सौंपा



नई दिल्ली। केंद्रीय वित्त एवं कॉर्पोरेट मामलों की मंत्री निर्मला सीतारमण बैंक ऑफ महाराष्ट्र के प्रबंध निदेशक (एमडी) और मुख्य कार्यकारी अधिकारी (सीईओ) से वित्त वर्ष 2023-24 के लिए 857.16 करोड़ रुपये के लाभांश का चेक प्राप्त किया। बैंक ऑफ महाराष्ट्र के प्रबंध निदेशक और मख्य कार्यकारी अधिकारी निध सक्सेना ने केंद्रीय वित्त एवं कॉर्पोरेट मामलों की मंत्री निर्मला सीतारमण को वित्त वर्ष 2023-24 के लिए 857.16 करोड रुपये के लाभांश का चेक सौंपा।

सोयाबीन और मूंगफली की फसल में खरपतवार नष्ट करने रैलिस इंडिया ने लांच किया 'मार्क प्लस'

और भारतीय कृषि इनपुट उद्योग की अग्रणी कंपनी रैलिस इंडिया लिमिटेड ने मध्य प्रदेश में एक नया खरपतवार नाशक 'मार्क प्लस' लॉन्च किया है। मंगफली और सोयाबीन जैसी फसलों के लिए प्रभावी खरपतवार नाशक गुणों के साथ यह इन पर व्यापक नियंत्रण प्रदान करता है। इस उत्पाद को शुरुआत में मध्य प्रदेश में लॉन्च किये जाने के बाद गुजरात, महाराष्ट्र और देशभर के अन्य प्रमुख बाजारों में भी पेश किया जाएगा।

प्लस शक्तिशाली खरपतवार नाशक है, जो सोयाबीन

एक नया फॉर्म्युलेशन है, जिसे पहली बार भारत में पेश किया जा रहा है। भोपाल। टाटा समह के उद्यम खरपतवार उगने से पहेले के दौर में





विभिन्न किस्म के खरपतवारों को प्रभावी ढंग से नियंत्रित करता है। इसे उन्नत शोध के जरिये तैयार किया गया है और इसमें दो सक्रिय अवयवों का

मार्क प्लस, दो अलग-अलग तरीकों से काम करता है- यह एएलएस (खरपतवार के बढने के लिए

(खरपतवार में कोशिका विभाजन के लिए आवश्यक) को बाधित करता है। यह दोहरी प्रक्रिया व्यापक और दीर्घकालिक खरपतवार नियंत्रण सुनिश्चित करती है। रैलिस इंडिया लिमिटेड के मुख्य परिचालन अधिकारी एस नागराजन ने खरपतवार नाशक उत्पाद के बारे में कहा कि हम मार्क प्लस जो मुंगफली और सोयाबीन की फसलों में खरपतवार नियंत्रण की जरूरत को पूरा करने के लिए तैयार किया गया एक प्रभावी और उन्नत खरपतवार नाशक है। यह खरपतवार नाशक उत्पाद रैलिस का अनूठा उत्पाद है।

मजबूती का नया रिकॉर्ड बनाने के बाद लुढ़का शेयर बाजार, निवेशकों को 1.67 लाख करोड़ का घाटा

नर्ड दिल्ली। घरेल शेयर बाजार में पिछले 12 जून से लगातार जारी तेजी के सिलसिले पर आज ब्रेक लग गया। हालांकि आज के कारोबार की शुरुआत मजबूती के साथ हुई थी। सेंसेक्स और निफ्टी दोनों सूचकांकों ने आज ऑल टाइम हाई ओपनिंग का नया रिकॉर्ड बनाया। बाजार खुलने के बाद निफ्टी खरीदारी के सपोर्ट से अभी तक के सर्वोच्च स्तर तक पहुंचने में भी सफल रहा लेकिन इसके बाद बिकवाली शुरू हो जाने की वजह से शेयर बाजार में गिरावट आ गई। पूरे दिन के कारोबार के बाद सेंसेक्स 0.35 प्रतिशत और निफ्टी

बंद हुए। आज दिनभर के कारोबार 435.74 लाख करोड़ रुपये था। इस के दौरान मेटल, आईटी, कंज्यमर तरह निवेशकों को आज के कारोबार से ड्यूरेबल्स, टेलीकॉम और मीडिया करीब 1.67 लाख करोड़ रुपये का



सेक्टर के शेयरों में खरीदारी होती रही। दूसरी ओर एनर्जी, ऑयल एंड गैस, एफएमसीजी, ऑटोमोबाइल. पीएसय बैंक और रियल्टी सेक्टर के शेयरों पर बिकवाली का दबाव बना रहा। ब्रॉडर मार्केट में आज मिला-जुला कारोबार होता रहा, जिसके कारण बीएसई का मिडकैप इंडेक्स 0.26 प्रतिशत की कमजोरी के साथ बंद हुआ। दूसरी ओर स्मॉलकैप इंडेक्स ने 0.06 प्रतिशत की मजबती के साथ आज के कारोबार का अंत

आज बाजार की कमजोरी के कारण स्टॉक मार्केट के निवेशकों की संपत्ति में डेड़ लाख करोड़ रुपये से अधिक की कमी हो गई। बीएसई में लिस्टेड कंपनियों का मार्केट कैपिटलाइजेशन आज के कारोबार के बाद घट कर 434.07 लाख करोड़ रुपये (अस्थाई) हो गया। जबकि पिछले कारोबारी दिन यानी गुरुवार को

नुकसान हो गया।आज दिनभर के कारोबार में बीएसई में 3,987 शेयरों में एक्टिव ट्रेडिंग हुई। इनमें 1,784 शेयर बढत के साथ बंद हए, जबकि 2,086 शेयरों में गिरावट का रुख रहा, वहीं 117 शेयर बिना किसी उतार चढ़ाव के बंद हुए। एनएसई में आज 2.293 शेयरों में एक्टिव ट्रेडिंग हुई। इनमें से 1,028 शेयर मुनाफा कमा कर हरे निशान में और 1,265 शेयर नुकसान उठा कर लाल निशान में बंद हुए। इसी तरह सेंसेक्स में शामिल 30 शेयरों में से 11 शेयर बढ़त के साथ और 19 शेयर गिरावट के साथ बंद हुए। जबकि निफ्टी में शामिल शेयरों में से 19 शेयर हरे निशान में और 31 शेयर लाल निशान में बंद हुए। बीएसई का सेंसेक्स आज ऑल टाइम हाई ओपनिंग का रिकॉर्ड बनाते हुए 250.55 अंक की बढ़त के साथ 77,729.48 अंक के स्तर पर खुला। कारोबार की शुरुआत होते ही खरीदारी

की चाल में गिरावट आ गई। लगातार हो रही बिकवाली के कारण ये सुचकांक दिन के ऊपरी स्तर से 1,006.45 अंक टूट कर 676.93 अंक की कमजोरी के साथ 76,802 अंक के स्तर तक गिर गया। हालांकि आखिरी 2 घंटे के कारोबार में खरीदारों ने भी मोर्चा संभाल लिया, जिसकी वजह से ये सूचकांक दिन के निचले स्तर से 400 अंक से अधिक की रिकवरी करके 269.03 अंक की गिरावट के साथ 77,209.90 अंक के स्तर पर बंद हुआ। सेंसेक्स की तरह ही एनएसई के निफ्टी ने भी आज 94.15 अंक की उछाल के साथ ऑल टाइम हाई का नया रिकॉर्ड बनाते हुए 23,661.15 अंक के स्तर से कारोबार की शुरुआत की। शुरुआती कारोबार में खरीदारी का सपोर्ट मिलने के कारण ये सूचकांक 100.10 अंक की तेजी के साथ अभी तक के सर्वोच्च स्तर 23,667.10 अंक तक पहंच गया लेकिन इसके बाद बाजार में मुनाफा वसूली शुरू हो जाने की वजह से इस सूचेकांक में गिरावट आ गई। लगातार हो रही बिकवाली के कारण ये सूचकांक दिन के ऊपरी स्तर से 268.90 अंक टूट कर 168.80 अंक की कमजोरी के साथ दिन के सबसे निचले स्तर 23,398.20 अंक तक लुढ़क गया।

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स्टेनली लाइफस्टाइल्स का आईपीओ खुला, निवेशक 25 जून तक कर सकेंगे निवेश

आवश्यक एक एंजाइम) को रोकता

मुंबई/नई दिल्ली। लक्जरी फर्नीचर ब्रांड कंपनी स्टेनली लाइफस्टाइल्स लिमिटेड का आरंभिक सार्वजनिक निर्गम (आईपीओ) निवेशकों के लिए खुल गया। खुदरा निवेशक इस आईपीओ के लिए 25

जून तक बोली लगा सकते हैं। कंपनी के शेयर बॉम्बे स्टॉक एक्सचेंज (बीएसई) और नेशनल स्टॉक एक्सचेंज (एनएसई) पर 28 जून को लिस्ट होंगे। स्टेनली लाइफस्टाइल्स लिमिटेड इस आईपीओ के जरिए कुल 537.02 करोड़

रुपये जुटाना चाहती है। कंपनी ने आईपीओ का मूल्य दायरा



(प्राइस बैंड) 351 रुपये से 369 रुपये प्रति शेयर निर्धारित किया है। इस आईपीओ में कंपनी 200 करोड़ रुपये मूल्य के ताजा शेयर जारी करेगी।

इसके अलावा कंपनी ने 337 करोड रुपये के 91.33 लाख इक्विटी शेयर ऑफर फॉर सेल (ओएफएस) के लिए रखा है।

बेंगलुरु स्थित स्टेनली लाइफस्टाइल्स लिमिटेड एक लक्जरी फर्नीचर ब्रांड है। यह अपने कई ब्रांड के जरिए सुपर-प्रीमियम, लक्जरी और अल्ट्रा-लक्जरी सहित विभिन्न मुल्य श्रेणियों में काम करने वाली कुछ भारतीय कंपनियों में से एक है।

आज का इतिहास

- 1520 : फ्रांस और इंग्लैंड ने स्कॉटलैंड संधि पर हस्ताक्षर किए।
- 1556 : सिखों के गुरु श्री हरगोविंद सिंह जी का जन्म।
- 1674 : छत्रपति शिवाजी महाराज (शिवाजी राजे भोंसले) का रायगढ के किले में राज्याभिषेक।
- 1808 : नेपोलियन बोनापार्ट के भाई जोसफ को स्पेन का राजा
- 1882 : न्यूयार्क के हेनरी डब्ल्यू सिले ने इलेक्ट्रिक आयरन का
- 1916 : अमेरिका के ईस्ट क्लीवलैंड में महिलाओं को वोट देने का
- 1919 : फिनलैंड ने बोलशेविक के खिलाफ युद्ध की घोषणा की।
- 1926 : मिस्र में एडली पाशा के नेतृत्व में सरकार बनी।
- 1929 : प्रसिद्ध फिल्म अभिनेता, निर्माता एवं निर्देशक सुनील दत्त
- 1944 : नाजी सेना के फायरिंग दस्ते ने 96 कैदियों की हत्या की।





रंग-बिरंगी मछलियों का सुंदर सा एक्वेरियम ड्राइंग रूम में रखा हो, तो माहौल जीवंत हो उठता है। घर में एक्वेरियम रखना सिर्फ एक शौक नहीं, बल्कि अब यह एक आम बात हो गई है। कई बार घर में एक्वेरियम रखने या मछलियां पालने को लेकर लोग आशंकित भी रहते हैं। उन्हें लगता है कि एक्वेरियम रखना वास्तु और

की चाहत रखते हैं, तो आशंकाओं से उबरना जरूरी है।

आपके घर को प्रदूषण मुक्त बना सकता है ये प्लांट

हाल ही में एक स्टडी में पता चला है कि घर में बदलाव लाने वाले पौधे पोथोस आईवी को घर में लगाने से प्रदूषित हवा से बचा जा सकता है। इसके साथ-साथ ये पौधे घर में बेंजीन और क्लोरोफॉर्म को खत्म कर देता है, क्योंकि इससे कैंसर होने का खतरा भी बना रहता है।

इन पौधे से आपको एक प्रोटीन भी मिलता है, जिसे पी450, 2ई1 या 2ई1 के नाम से जाना जाता है। यह ट्रांसफॉर्मेशन कंपाउंड्स से मोलेक्युल्स को बदलने में मदद करते हैं। इससे वो खुद अपनी ग्रोथ को भी बढ़ाते हैं। यूनिवर्सिटी ऑफ वाशिंगटन के प्रोफेसर स्टअर्ट स्टांड के मृताबिक, लोग वास्तव में घरों में इन खतरनाक कंपाउंड्स के बारे में बात या फिर इसे बाहर करने के लिए कुछ नहीं करते हैं।

स्टडी के लिए टीम ने ऐसे पौधे को टेस्ट भी किया और इसे प्रदुषित

हवा से पोथोस आईवी का मुकाबला कराया। उन लोगों ने दो ग्लास ट्यूब में प्लांट को रखा और फिर उन्होंने बेंजीन और क्लोरोफॉर्म को भी मिलाया। इसे परिवर्तन करने वाले प्लांट में 11 दिनों के भीतर ही पाया कि ट्यूब काफी प्रदूषित हो गया। वहीं, पर्यावरण विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी में प्रकाशित एक और रिसर्च में देखने को मिला कि बिना किसी बदलाव लाने वाले पौधों को ट्यूब में डाला गया, लेकिन, इनमें कोई परिवर्तन देखने को नहीं मिला है। हालांकि, परिवर्तन होने वाले पौधों को जब घरों में लगाया गया तो इससे तीन दिन के भीतर ही 82 फीसदी प्रदूषित हवा साफ हो गई।

जानें

उपाय

खर्चीला शौक

एक आम धारणा है, कि फिश टैंक का रख-रखाव काफी खर्चीला है। यह बात सही नहीं है। वास्तव में एक्वेरियम जितना बडा होगा, उसका रख-रखाव उतना ही आसान होता है। फ्रेश वाटर में रहने वाली मछलियों का रख-रखाव बेहद आसान है और यह ज्यादा खर्चीला भी नहीं है। फ्रेश वाटर में रहने वाली मछिलयां नई परिस्थितियों में आसानी से ढल भी जाती हैं। फ्रेश वाटर टैंक के रख-रखाव की बात करें, तो फिश फूड, पर्याप्त लाइटिंग और फिल्टरिंग का ध्यान रखना जरूरी है और इन चीजों का खर्च बेहद कम होता है।

छोटा नहीं बडा टैंक

अगर आप एक्वेरियम रखने जा रहे हैं, तो छोटे टैंक से शुरुआत करना गलत है। छोटे टैंक का रख-रखाव मुश्किल होता है। बड़े टैंक का रख-रखाव आसान होता है और इसमें मछिलयों की मृत्यु दर भी कम होती है। किसी बॉल में फिश (खासतौर पर गोल्ड फिश) रखना सबसे खराब आइडिया है। चहलकदमी करने का स्पेस बॉल में कम होता है। ऐसे में मछलियों की मौत हो सकती है।

टैंक वाटर बदलने का झंझट

कई लोगों को लगता है कि हर रोज एक्वेरियम का पानी बदलना एक बड़ा झंझट है। जबिक ऐसा नहीं करना होता, क्योंकि हर रोज पानी बदलने से मछलियों की मौत हो सकती है। पानी में मौजूद बैक्टिरिया मछिलयों को जिंदा रहने में मददगार होते हैं। इसिलिए टैंक का पानी पूरी तरह नहीं बदलना चाहिए। सप्ताह में एक बार सिर्फ 10-20 प्रतिशत पानी ही बदलने की जरूरत होती है। अगर फिल्टरेशन सिस्टम है, तो एक महीने के अंतराल में 30-50 प्रतिशत तक पानी बदल सकते हैं।

नेचुरल एन्वायरमेंट नहीं

किसी पेट शॉप में मिलने वाली मछलियां प्राकृतिक आवास से नहीं लाई जाती, बल्कि इन मछलियों की ब्रीडिंग नियंत्रित वातावरण में होती है। प्राकृतिक आवास में इन मछलियों के लिए जिंदा रहना आसान नहीं होगा। अगर किसी तालाब या फिर नदी में इन मछलियों को डाल दिया जाए तो वो दूसरी मछलियों की आसान शिकार बन सकती हैं।

कैटफिश टैंक रखती है क्लीन

अगर टैंक में काई है, तो इसे साफ करना पड़ता है, क्योंकि मछली टैंक की सफाई नहीं करती। ऐसे में संभावना कम ही है कि कैटफिश

आपके एक्वेरियम टैंक को साफ रखेगी।

ज्यादा आबादी नहीं

यह समझना सही नहीं है कि टैंक में मछलियों की अधिक संख्या नुकसानदायक हो सकती है। इतना जरूर समझ लें कि मछिलयों को अपने उत्सर्जित अपशिष्ट को मैनेज करना होता है। ऐसा नहीं होगा, तो अपशिष्ट जहर बनकर मछलियों की जान ले सकता है। इसलिए निर्धारित मात्रा में पानी की उपलब्धता और तय समय पर पानी बदलना एक्वेरियम की मछलियों की सेहत के लिए फायदेमंद होता है।

शास्त्रों में अमांगलिक माने गए हैं कुत्ते

शास्त्रों के अनुसार उल्लू एवं कबूतर की भांति ही कुत्ते भी यम के दूत माने गए हैं और अमांगलिक हैं, जिनसे सावधान होकर पितृलोक में मृतात्माओं के जाने के लिए कहाँ गया है। ये दूसरों के प्राण भक्षण कर तृप्त होते हैं। श्वान को यमराज से जोड़ा गया है अतःअशुभ है।

ऋग्वेद में एक स्थान पर जघन्य शब्द करने वाले श्वानों का उल्लेख मिलता है, जो विनाश के लिए आते हैं। अतः श्वानों की

आवाज को जघन्य माना गया है तथा इनका देखना भी अमांगलिक समझा गया है, क्योंकि मृतात्माओं को इनकी दृष्टि से बचाने के 📕 भारत में भी श्वान को गुरु ग्रह से संबंधित माना गया है। लिए सावधान किया गया है। सूत्र-ग्रंथों में भी श्वान को अपवित्र माना गया है। इसके स्पर्श एवं दृष्टि से भोजन अपवित्र हो जाता है। इस धारणा का कारण भी श्वान का यम से संबंधित होना है। श्वान का गृह के चारों ओर घूमते हुए क्रंदन करना अपशकुन या अद्भुत घटना कहा गया है और इसे इंद्र से संबंधित भय माना गया है। अतः श्वान के संबंध में वैदिक साहित्य में अपशकनसूचक होने की ही प्रबल धारणाएं पाई जाती हैं, किंत ईरान में श्वान के प्रति शुभ शकुनसूचक भावनाएं पाती जाती हैं।



करें ये उपाय

- शिन की प्रसन्नता के लिए भी काले कृत्ते को नियमित रोटी देना शूभ माना जाता है।
- भैरों देवता को प्रसन्न करने के लिए भी इन्हें रोटी खिलाने का प्रावधान है।

इस मंदिर में स्थित मां लक्ष्मी की मूर्ति दिन में तीन बार बदलती है रंग

हमारे देश में कई सारे प्राचीन मंदिर स्थित हैं। लगभग हर प्राचीन मंदिर से कोई न कोई चमत्कार जुड़ा है, जो आपको सोचने पर मजबूर कर देता है। ऐसे ही एक मंदिर के बारे में आज हम आपको बताने जा रहे हैं। इस मंदिर में स्थित मां लक्ष्मी की मृर्ति दिनभर में तीन बार अपना रंग बदलती है।

जी हां, ये चमत्कारिक मंदिर स्थित है मध्यप्रदेश के जबलपुर में। ये स्थान पचमठा मंदिर के नाम से प्रसिद्ध है। कहा जाता है कि यह स्थान देशभर के तांत्रिकों के लिए तंत्र साधना का विशेष केंद्र माना जाता है। इस मंदिर के चारों तरफ श्रीयंत्र की विशेष संरचना बनी हुई है। इतना ही नहीं इस मंदिर में स्थित मां लक्ष्मी की प्रतिमा आज भी दिन में तीन बार रंग बदलती है।

बताया जाता है कि इस पचमठा मंदिर का निर्माण लगभग 11 सौ वर्ष पूर्व हुआ था। इस पचमठा मंदिर की एक और विशेष बात यह है कि

यहां पर आज भी सूरज की पहली किरण मां लक्ष्मी के चरणों में पड़ती है। यहां पर प्रतिदिन मां लक्ष्मी की प्रतिमा का रंग तीन बार परिवर्तित होता है। प्रातः काल के समय प्रतिमा का रंग सफेद, दोपहर में पीला और शाम को नीला हो जाता है। शुक्रवार के दिन इस मंदिर में भक्तों की भारी भीड़ रहती है।

कहा जाता है कि, सात शुक्रवार तक यहां पर मां लक्ष्मी के दर्शन करने से आपकी मनोकामना पूरी होती है। पचमठा मंदिर के पास एक तालाब भी है, जिसे अधारताल तालाब के नाम से जाना जाता है। इस तालाब का निर्माण रानी दुर्गावती के विशेष सेवापित रहे दीवान अधार सिंह ने बनवाया



था। पचमठा मंदिर में दिवाली के दिन देशभर से लोग मां लक्ष्मी की विशेष पूजा करने पहुंचते है। दिवाली की रात पचमठा मंदिर के कपाट पुरी तरह खोल दिए जाते हैं और पूरे मंदिर को दीपक से प्रज्विल्लित कर दिया जाता है। ये दृश्य बेहद मनमोहक और अद्भृत होता है।

भारतीय संस्कृति का हिस्सा है नमस्कार

नमस्कार हमारी संस्कृति का हिस्सा है। नमस्कार सदियों से हमारी जीवन शैली से जुड़ा हुआ है, जिसे हम आज की



पश्चिमी देशों की संस्कृति को इस कदर बंद करते अपनाते जा रहे हैं, कि हमें सस्कृति वास्तविक

करने

मायने ही भूलते जा रहे हैं। एक-दूसरे के हाथ में हाथ मिलाकर हेल्लो हाय बोलने से काफी बेहतर नमस्कार करना होता है। नमस्कार के पीछे कोई रूढ़िवादी सोच नहीं है। इसके पीछे वैज्ञानिक दृष्टि है, जिसे समझ कर इसे अपने जीवन में सभी लोगों को अपनाना चाहिए।

नमस्कार करने का तरीका

आराम से सीधे खडे रहो। दोनों हाथों के पंजे छाती के पास लाकर हाथों के पंजों को मिला दो। ये हाथों के पंजों को थोडा टेढ़ा रखते हुए छाती के पास हो। उंगलियों से उंगलियां मिलना चाहिए। नमस्कार करते वक्त हाथों में कुछ समान नहीं पकड़ना चाहिए। मन में कोई भी दूर भाव नहीं लाना चाहिए। नमस्कार करते वक्त शरीर को न तो सख्त रखे न ही पूरा ढीला। भगवान हो चाहे अच्छा बुरा इंसान को नमस्कार, करते वक्त गुस्सा नहीं करना चाहिए। नमस्कार करते वक्त शरीर को हिलाना नहीं चाहिए और पैरों को बहुत दूर भी नहीं रखना चाहिए।

अगर शरीर के इन खास हिस्सों पर है तिल तो बहुत लकी हैं आप

आमतौर पर हर किसी को शरीर के किसी न किसी हिस्से पर तिल जरूर रहता है। गाल पर तिल होने को लोग सुंदरता से जोड़कर देखते हैं। इसी तरह के अंगों पर

शरीर के अंगों पर तिल का तिल का अपना ही महत्व होता है। कुछ मतलब तिल लोगों के लिए शुभ माने जाते हैं तो कुछ अशुभ। तिल उस इंसान के लक्की होने का

वैसे तो शरीर के अंगों पर तिल का अपनी ही महत्व होता है, लेकिन कुछ सबूत होते हैं। आपने अक्सर लोगों को कहते सुना होगा कि जिसकी हथेली में तिल होता है और वो मुट्ठी में बंद हो जाए तो उसके पास बहुत पैसे आते हैं। सामुद्रिक शास्त्र पर गौर करें तो शरीर पर तिल होना तो कोई खास अंतर नहीं डालता, लेकिन वह शरीर के किस अंग पर है, ये बात बहुत अहम होती है।



हथेली पर तिल

समुद्रशास्त्र के अनुसार, हथेली पर तिल वाले लोग बहुत ही किरमत वाले होते हैं। ऐसे लोगों को हर काम में तरक्की मिलती है। कभी हारने न मानने वाले इस तिल के लोग अपनी मेहनत से हर मुकाम हासिल कर लेते हैं और ऐसे लोग अमीर भी बन जाते हैं।

नाक पर तिल

ऐसे लोग सुंदर होने के साथ-साथ नखराले भी होते हैं। इन लोगों को छोटी-छोटी बात पर गुस्सा आता है। स्वभाव से नखराले होने के बावजूद भी इसँ तिल के लोग बहुत भाग्यशाली होते हैं। ये जो चाहते हैं, इन्हें मिल जाता है।

आपकी भी तो नाक पर तिल नहीं है।

रोडी पर तिल

जिन लोगों के ठोडी पर तिल होता है वो सुंदर होने के साथ ही स्वभाव से काफी शांत होते हैं। ऐसे लोग हर बिगड़े हुए काम को आसानी से सुलझ लेते हैं। ऐसे लोग अपनी मधुर वाणी का लाभ हमेशा उठाते हैं। ऐसे लोग बहुत भाग्यशाली होते हैं, उन्हें जीवन में दौलत और खुशियां मिलती हैं।

पीठ पर तिल

जिन लोगों के पीठ पर तिल मौजूद होता है वो स्वभाव से बेहद रोमांटिक

होते हैं। अक्सर घूमने-फिरने के बारे में सोचने वाले इस तरह के लोगों की हर इच्छा पूरी होती है। इन लोगों के मन की इच्छा बिना मेहनत के ही पूरी हो जाती है, तो हुए न ये लोग लकी, क्योंकि मेहनत से हर किसी को बहुत कुछ हासिल हो सकता है, जिसे बिना मेहनत के मनचाहीँ चीज मिल जाए वो वाकई में लकी होता है।

पैर के अंगूठे में तिल

नाभि के पास तिल

समुद्रशास्त्र के अनुसार आपकी नाभि के पास तिल है, तो यह आपके लिए बहुत ही शुभ फलदायी है। ऐसे तिल का होना आपके लिए सुख समृद्धि का सूचक है।

तो आज ही आप चेक कर लीजिए, की आपके शरीर के किन-किन हिस्सों पर तिल है और उस तिल का क्या महत्व है, लेकिन इसका मतलब ये नहीं है कि आप मेहनत करना छोड़ दें।



जिन लोगों के पैर के अंगूठे पर तिल होता है, उन्हें कभी पैसों की कमी नहीं होती। इसके अलावा समाज में प्रतिष्ठता के मामले में भी ऐसे लोग लकी होते हैं। पैर के अंगूटे पर तिल होना सौभाग्यशाली माना जाता है।

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'Misunderstood' Gautam Gambhir's desire to win is unbelievable, says R Ashwin

Veteran spinner Ravichandran Ashwin praised Gautam Gambhir, the leading candidate to succeed Rahul Dravid as India's head coach, describing him as a "fighter" and hailing his desire to win as unbelievable. Speaking at the launch of his book, I Have the Streets - A Kutti Cricket Story, Ashwin reminisced about his interactions with Gambhir during his first full Test series for India against New Zealand in 2012. "I was playing my first full series. I only carried drinks during the first two years before the World Cup in 2011. Gautam gave me a lot of confidence at the beginning of my career. I was not used to someone beyond my state (Tamil Nadu) giving me that sort of confidence," Ashwin revealed. Gautam Gambhir is the frontrunner to replace Rahul Dravid as the head coach of the Indian men's cricket team, with Dravid's tenure ending in June. Gambhir recently attended an interview conducted by the BCCI Cricket Advisory Committee for the coveted position. The other candidates interviewed included WV Raman and an overseas contender. The 37year-old spinner emphasised that Gambhir, a former Indian opener, is often misunderstood due to his candid nature. "Gautam Gambhir is a very misunderstood person. It's all about perception. He is a fighter. The biggest issue with many of us is that we give hero status to someone in our mind and forget about everyone else. This is a sport, not a movie narrative. There are no heroes and villains. Gambhir is a competitor. His desire and hunger to win is unbelievable. I have massive respect for him," Ashwin addedGambhir is anticipated to secure the head coach role ahead of WV Raman, with the BCCI expected to announce their decision soon. However, Gambhir might officially assume the position in mid-July when India travels to Sri Lanka for a limitedovers series. In the interim, VVS Laxman, the director of the National Cricket Academy, is likely to accompany the team as head coach for the tour of Zimbabwe, which follows the T20 World Cup, according to

Afghanistan players turn chefs in West Indies after unavailability of halal meat in team hotel

New Delhi The Afghanistan players had to don the chef's hat after the unavailability of halal meat at their team hotel in Barbados, West Indies. The absence of halal meat, a compulsory component in their dietary requirements, left them with no choice but to cook themselves or go out and eat. The Afghanistan team that was accustomed to the brilliant hospitality offered in India, found themselves facing a different situation in the Caribbean island. In order to address the issue, the players took it upon themselves to resolve the issue. After experiencing marvellous hospitality in the ODİ World Cup 2023 in India, the Afghans landed in the West Indies for the T20 World Cup 2024. However, there was uncertainty around the meat available in the Bridgetown hotel being halal or not. The halal meat is available in the Caribbean island, but it is not certain if all the hotels and restaurants have it on their menu."Halal meat is not available in our hotel. Sometimes we cook on our own, or sometimes we go out. In the last World Cup In India, everything was perfect. Halal beef is an issue here."We had it in St. Lucia but it is not there at all venues. A friend arranged it for us, and we cooked on our own," a player told PTI.The scheduling of Super 8s in the T20 World Cup 2024 has been quite intense with teams playing three games in three different countries. It has been a logistical nightmare with one day of travel in between must-win

'Fear of failure and...': Former New **Zealand cricketer Ian Smith** analyzes Indian cricket team's struggle to win ICC trophy

NEW DELHI. Former New Zealand cricketer Ian Smith believes that the Indian cricket team's inability to clinch major titles stems from a deep-rooted fear of failure. Despite their immense talent and skill, Team India has not secured a ICC trophy since 2013,

leaving fans and experts perplexed. Smith empathized with the team, acknowledging the immense pressure they face. According to him, fear of failure is a significant factor in sports, especially in cricket. He highlighted the unique burden that the Indian team carries, playing under the weight of unparalleled expectations.

T20 World Cup Schedule | Points Table | Stats Smith also noted that no other team faces as much pressure, with the desire to win every game palpable among the huge fans.

"Fear of failure is a massive thing in sport. Pressure is a big thing. Being able to handle the big occasion. I mean, I don't think any team in the world, or cricket in particular, plays with as much pressure on their shoulders as the Indian cricket team," Smith was quoted as saying by PTI.

The constant need for victory makes every day a challenge for the players, intensifying the already high stakes of international cricket. The Indian cricket team's journey is laden with expectations and scrutiny, making it a tough mental battle for the players.

My goal is the UFC title: Sergei Pavlovich on Alexander Volkov fight and Jon Jones

NEW DELHI. When Sergei Pavlovich went into his fight for the UFC Interim Heavyweight title against Tom Aspinall, he had the world at his feet. A six-fight winning streak that saw him finish off opponents well within the first round and score impressive wins over the likes of Derrick Lewis and Curtis Blaydes. However, UFC 295 was a reality check for the Russian star as he faced defeat in the first round to Aspinall.The Russian decided to lay low and work back to get into his rhythm and work back towards his goal. The UFC Heavyweight title. Pavlovic, in an exclusive interaction with India Today, opened up on the loss to Aspinall and said for him, it is all about moving forward and preparing well for the fight, irrespective of the final outcome."You know, for every fight I prepare to the fullest. It doesn't matter if I win or lose. It's just every fight is very important for me. What's important for me is to just keep moving forward and do my work. Prepare and make sure that I've done everything to be able to catch the victory," said Pavlovich.

So why the Volkov fight?

At the Kingdom Arena in Saudi Arabia, Pavlovich will now face Alexander Volkov in the co-main event of UFC Saudi Arabia, a fight that caught everyone by surprise. Both

men used to train together and it is a rarity that people who know each other fight it out in the UFC. Pavlovich did say that they were just acquaintances and not 'friends' as many perceived them to be. The Russian would then reveal that he was initially uninterested in fighting Volkov, someone below him in the rankings. The 32-year-old further commented that he didn't want to fight somebody down the rankings but wasn't ready to appear like someone who turns down fights."First of all, I have to tell you that I'm completely uninterested in this fight. I was uninterested in this fight because I'm higher than he is in the rankings. And so, I didn't really want to have to fight down. But, you know, it doesn't work like that. Because if they sign the contract and I don't, that means I'm quote-unquote not accepting the fight.""And that's not how UFC works. You know, it can be one fighter that always Abit of trash talk? accepts all the fights and the other fighter A striking feature about Pavlovich and his that turns it down. So, if both fighters aren't interested in the fight, then both fighters should not sign the contract. Now, if I know that he has gone ahead and signed the contract, the only thing that I have left is to



because I'm not going to be the one who turns down fights," said Pavlovich.Pavlovich also said he would try to go get a quick exciting finish against Volkov."We'll try and make sure to get the finish. Uh, like I said before, you can never plan for a knockout. It comes spontaneously. It just happens. Of course. We're gonna try and show a a quick, exciting finish. That's the goal," said Pavlovich.

build toward fights is the fact he stays away from trash-talking. Most of the UFC fights see opponents have some verbal punches thrown at each other before the actual one inside the octagon. So will we see Pavlovich do some trash-talking? The Russian joked

all comes down to his inner feelings going into a fight. Pavlovich claimed that sets his path as a fighter and guides him on in his MMA career."You know, great idea. Maybe I should start some trash talk. No, I'm kidding. Of course, but you know it's kind of an inner feeling. You know what? We as fighters, how we feel inside is how we lay our path to where we want to go in this career. So I think that this is just

how I am. This is what's guiding me."Pavlovich, however, isn't averse to the idea of a bit of trash talk, but within the limits and not saying anything outrageous."But, you know what? Maybe a little bit I should start saying some things, you know, of course, keeping myself to the limit, not saying anything outrageous. But just to do a little more, you know, promotion," said Pavlovich.

Fighting Jon Jones?

Jon Jones' return has been a much-talkedabout topic in the UFC Heavyweight division. Many feel Jones is ducking premier stars like Aspinall and Pavlovich and angling

toward a fight that is better for him. Roston Chase's roller-coaster ride: From almost missing team

bus to winning match for WI

New Delhi. Roston Chase described his rollercoaster of a day from almost missing his team bus to winning the match for West Indies. The hosts West Indies registered a convincing win by 9 wickets against the USA at the Daren Sammy National Cricket Stadium in St Lucia on June 22, Saturday. Chase was adjudged as the Player of the Match for his figures of 4-0-19-3 against the USA. The West Indies spinner registered his best figures in the T20Is and played a crucial role in restricting the USA to 128 runs. Chase picked wicket on his very first ball to dismiss USA captain Aaron Jones for just 11 runs. He struck yet again with the wicket of the dangerous Corey Anderson. He also dismissed Harmeet Singh to put West Indies on the front foot. He was supported well by Andre Russell and Alzarri Joseph, who picked three and two wickets respectively. Chase ran through the middle-order with three wickets and the USA couldn't really recover from that damage. Chase revealed how he was

sign the contract and accept the fight as well, **Rovman Powell credits Roston Chase and** Shai Hope for WI's thumping win vs USA

NEW DELHI. Rovman Powell credited Roston Chase and Shai Hope for a commanding win for West Indies against the USA. In the clash of the co-hosts of the T20 World Cup 2024, West Indies emerged victorious by 9 wickets against the USA at the Daren Sammy National Cricket Stadium in St Lucia on June 22, Saturday. Roston Chase was adjudged as the Player of the Match for his figures of 4-0-19-3, which are also his career-best figures in T20Is. His brilliant bowling spell was followed by a scintillating batting display by Shai Hope, who remained unbeaten on 89. Chase dominated the middle overs with his 3-wicket spell as he ran through USA's middle order. He played a crucial role alongside Andre Russell and Alzarri Josheph, who picked three and two wickets respectively. The collective bowling effort helped West Indies restrict USA to 128 runs. Hope went all guns blazing right from the



start and played a blistering knock of 89* runs from just 39 balls. He struck over 210 runs as his knock included 8 fours and 4 fours. Powell praised Chase's spell and mentioned that Hope was hungry to put up a big show. He thanked the crowd for their support and reckoned that the game against South Africa would be a cracker.

"It's very special, Kensington brings back special memories for us. We had a great

opportunity to come out and play some good cricket. (On Roston Chase) He plays really well, plays a role very well. Keeps things tight. On a good surface, he bowled really well," Powell told the broadcasters after West Indies' win against the USA.

WI vs USA: Match Report | Highlights Chase and Hope's contribution

"(On Shai Hope) He's been fantastic, he got a chance against Afghanistan but was dropped next game against England in St Lucia because of the combination. However, he was hungry for a good performance. It (WI vs South Africa) should be a top game, we are up for the fight. We got a full house here to support us, that's all we can ask for," Powell added. West Indies next encounter against South Africa could be a virtual quarter-final. However, their commanding win over the USA gave them a huge shot in the arm as their net-run-rate received a massive boost.



not having the best of days and managed to around, that too in front of his and friends.

My best figures, to do it at home is a great feeling with all my friends and family watching. We spoke about it in the team meeting that it's our job as spinners to restrict them if they go well in the powerplay. Today I wasn't having the best of days, I almost missed the bus. Great place to play cricket here, it's a great stadium and the fans are always around. Our is to go and win this World Cup, we need to beat anyone in front of us," Chase told the

broadcasters after the match. Roston Chase wins Player of the Match

Thumping win for West Indies

West Indies gave a reality check to the USA team after they were in dreamland. Shai Hope Nicholas Pooran who scored 27 runs from 12

Andy Murray to undergo back surgery after Queen's, uncertain for Wimbledon

Andy Murray is set to undergo back surgery after retiring midway from his second-round match in the Queen's Club Championships. Murray is looking to get fit before Wimbledon 2024.

NEW DELHI. Andy Murray, the celebrated British tennis player, is set to undergo a back procedure after an injury compelled him to retire from his second-round match at the Queen's Club Championships. This news was confirmed by his management team on

The 3-time Grand Slam champion had to exit the London tournament after falling behind 4-1 in the first set against Australian player Jordan Thompson on Wednesday. The injury, which forced his withdrawal, marks yet another setback in Murray's storied



career, one that has been fraught with physical challenges.Murray's decision to undergo a back procedure highlights the severity of his condition and underscores his commitment to returning to peak form. Fans and fellow players alike will be eagerly monitoring his recovery progress, hoping for a swift and successful return to the court.Andy is having a procedure on his back tomorrow. (Saturday) We will know more after this has taken place and will

update further as soon as possible," a statement to British media said. The Guardian has revealed that Murray is set

to undergo surgery. The renowned Scottish tennis star, who has secured two Olympic gold medals, mentioned earlier this year that continuing his career beyond this season seems unlikely. As Wimbledon quickly approaches, Murray faces a time crunch to regain his form and fitness for the prestigious event. Andy Murray racing against time

At 37, Murray has suggested that retiring from

professional tennis, either at this year's Wimbledon or the Paris Olympics, could mark a fitting end to his illustrious career. Wimbledon, a centrepiece in the tennis calendar, will take place from July 1 to 14. Conversely, the tennis events at the Paris Olympics are slated to begin shortly after. on July 27. This parallel timeline puts immense pressure on Murray, who must not only heal but also achieve peak performance. His possible retirement adds an emotional layer, as fans and fellow athletes brace to potentially witness the concluding chapters of a spectacular career that has inspired numerous young talents.

started off the proceedings on an aggressive note as he remained unbeaten at 82 runs from just 39 balls. He was supported well by balls. West Indies managed to complete the chase withing 10.5 overs. They gave their netrun-rate a big boost in the lead-up to the semifinals of the T20 World Cup 2024.

T20 World Cup Group 2 Semi-final qualification scenario: 3-way race in heated battle

→T20 World Cup 2024: Jos Buttler's England, Aiden Markram's South Africa and Rovman Powell's West Indies are involved in a 3-way race to book spots in the semi-final of the multi-nation event.

NEW DELHI. The race for spots in the semifinal of the T20 World Cup 2024 is heating up big time. In Group 2 of the Super 8, only 2 matches remain, but neither a team has qualified nor has any team been knocked out South Africa scenario scenario, South Africa, England and the West Indies are in with a realistic chance of advancing to the semis. South Africa have won 6 matches in a row in the tournament,

but they need more work to do for a spot in the semi-final. West Indies lost to England in their first Super 8 match, but made a stupendous comeback to beat the United States by 9 wickets at the Kensington Oval in Bridgetown, Barbados.

USA vs WI, T20 World Cup, Highlights

England, on the other hand, made a thunderous start against the West Indies. However, after facing defeat at the hands of the Proteas, they are sitting third in the points table. The USA are all but out of the competition, although they are still in with a mathematical chance. Here is the qualification scenario of all 4 teams in the T20 World Cup 2024 semi-final.

of the competition. Given the current It's pretty straightforward for South Africa from here on. The Proteas need an outright win against West Indies to qualify for the semis. But if they lose their last Super 8 game, they might well be knocked out of the



competition on the basis of net run rate. Currently, the Proteas have a net run rate of +0.625, which is slightly above England's +0.412 and way below West Indies'+1.814.

West Indies scenario

West Indies need a win against South Africa to book their berth in the semis. If they secure victory, they will be locked on 4 points with the Proteas. But the Caribbean team will go through on the basis of a superior net run

rate. West Indies had a terrible net run rate of -1.343, which they improved after their huge win over

England scenario

For England, the scenario is a little complicated as of now. A win alone against the United States would not be enough for them to qualify for the semis. First and foremost, they need to beat the USA and also try and improve their net run rate. Then they

have to depend on the result of the match between South Africa and the West Indies.

USA scenario

For the USA, they need a miracle to go through to the semis. They need to beat England by a mammoth margin in their last Super 8 match and then hope for South Africa to hammer West Indies. They are sitting at the bottom with a disastrous net run rate of -2.471.

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Looks Sizzling In A Tube Top As She Steps Out For Date Night, **Hot Video Goes Viral**

Mouni Roy needs no introduction. She has become one of the highest-paid Hindi television actresses after appearing in the supernatural thriller series Naagin and its sequel, Naagin Apart from her outstanding acting skills, she is also known as a fashion icon. She never misses a single chance to embrace her distinctive sense of style and surprise her fans. Not only that, even the paps' social feeds are often peppered with candid pictures and moments. Maintaining that trajectory, Mouni Roy set the internet on fire once again after they dropped a sizzling video of the actress with her husband. Mouni Roy recently stepped

out for a date night with her husband, Suraj Nambiar. She looked ravishing as she flaunted her curves in a white tubestyle top and black pants. Watch here:Mouni Roy has come a long way ever since she made her television debut with Ekta Kapoor's Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi. She became a popular name after she starred in Naagin. Mouni made her Bollywood debut with Akshay Kumar's Gold in 2018. Last year, Mouni was seen in Ayan Mukerji's magnum opus, Brahmastra. Recently, she was also seen in a music video titled 'Dotara' along with Jubin Nautiyal. Mouni Roy was also seen in the web-series Sultan of Delhi. She was last seen in Emraan Hashmi-starrer Showtime.In a recent interview, Mouni shared that it is projects like Sultan of Delhi and Brahmastra which changed



people's perception of her as an actor. "Brahmastra was absolutely different. When you see Gold, RAW and Made In China, I had played very Indianised characters. Maybe after Naagin and Sati, people could only see me as a 'saree-clad Indian character'. So, for Milan sir to think of me as this cabaret dancer Nayantara, at a time when Brahmastra had not even released. I think it is an exciting time to be an actor where makers can visualise you in different roles. Such great parts are being written. I really feel fortunate to be offered these parts and be able to play them on screen," she told Indian Express.

Swara Bhasker
Says Producers Think She's 'Untouchable':
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Actress Swara Bhasker's performance was appreciated in films like Tanu Weds Manu, Raanjhanaa and Anarkali of Aarah among others. However, despite much critical acclaim, the actress did not appear in many mainstream movies. Known for never mincing her words, Swara recently said that voicing her opinions on social media cost her her career. Speaking to Connect Cine, Swara said, "If there was anything in the world that was most expensive for me, it was my Twitter account because it cost me my career, in a sense... For a lot of producers, I am untouchable in the industry and these are not my words, these are the words of my well-wishers, producer, director friends who have called me up and told me. People tell me that we wanted to cast you but the studio heard your name and said no.'



Swara said that casting directors are asked to look for "an actress like Swara Bhasker" but wouldn't cast her. She said, "They are like controversies happen'. I don't know what is the fear but there is a fear.'

There are a lot of people who keep saying that 'You have done the wrong thing, you destroyed your career, why did you do this? It was very foolish of you', including often your own team. People who love you, and they are coming from a place of concern. They are your well-wishers so they are feeling bad looking at you. Like my brother, he is my

biggest supporter and he gets the most angry too that an actor of your calibre shot herself in the foot," she said. In the same conversation, Swara also said that it was a conscious decision for her to make her opinions heard. She said, "I don't want to act like I am a victim. I chose this path. I decided that I will be vocal and puth forth my opinion on issues. I could've chosen to stay silent. There was no need for me to write an open letter, expressing my discontent on the Johar scene in Padmaavat. Mujhe koi zarurat nahin thi (There was no need



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Shahid Kapoor's wife Mira Rajput recently embarked on her entrepreneurial journey and launched a skincare

brand named Akind. Well, this is not the only reason she is grabbing headlines for. Back in 2017, Mira had questioned working mothers for not spending time with their babies and leaving them at home for work. She had even compared babies with 'puppies' in a statement. Now, the content creator has reacted to her past comment in an interview with Film Champion. Mira Rajput clarified her stance about the misconceptions people have regarding her statement. She even expressed "regret" over her past comments. Mira said that she felt being "pushed into a corner" for taking a "conventional, conservative approach" during her pregnancy. Calling this line of thought "unfair," the entrepreneur added that she wanted to give time to her children. Mira Rajput shared, "While I was pushed in that corner for seeming very regressive, I think I probably acted out by saying things... I don't think I agree with them right now. I think I have come a long way from that."Mira Rajput added that she now understands why her comments didn't go down well with the audience. "I can understand why it wasn't taken well. I think I was in a vulnerable, emotional space. I think I was just trying to defend myself that my choices are also valid," added the star wife.Mira Rajput was trying to advocate for equal recognition of mothers and fathers who stay at home when she made the viral comment. The popular influencer said that her

receiving flak from audiences. In the same interaction, Mira Rajput also came in support of Hrithik Roshan's beau Saba Azad. FYI: Saba recently criticised the "patriarchal mindset". The actress revealed that she missed out on various voiceover job opportunities because of her relationship with Hrithik.Supporting Saba Azad, Mira Rajput said that one's identity shouldn't be solely based on their

daughter Misha was not a puppy whom she could leave

at home for work and called out women for prioritising

their work. The comment did not go down well,

Singer Eshani On Darshan's Arrest: 'Must Face **Punishment If Wrong**



Popular actor Darshan was recently arrested in connection with the Renuka Swamy murder case. The actor along with 17 other people was arrested on June 11. The court ordered 9 days of judicial custody which ends today, June 20. Since the actor's arrest, several stars from the film industry reacted to the development. Bigg Boss Kannada 10 fame singer Eshani Shekr posted a message along with some pictures with Drashan on her Instagram handle. In the post, Eshani mentioned that everyone should abide by the law and if the actor has done anything wrong he should be punished accordingly. She wrote, "This is truly shocking news! It is very hard to believe that Darshan Sir, whom I saw as a brother, is involved in such an act. Although his actions seemed right as he tried to save the dignity of a woman, taking the law into one's own hands is not at all acceptable under the Constitution of India. If Darshan Sir has done wrong, he must face the punishment, but spreading baseless rumours and tarnishing his image until then is not right," when translated to English.

33-year-old Renuka Swamy, who was reportedly an autorickshaw driver, was allegedly kidnapped from the Chitradurga district of Karnataka on June 8. He reportedly sent some derogatory messages to actress Pavithra Gowda. According to the statement by the Police department, Renuka Swamy blamed the actress for souring Darshan's relationship with his wife. This allegedly angered the actor, who then reportedly hired some members of one of his fan clubs to kidnap the man. The gang allegedly kidnapped and murdered him as per the instructions of Darshan. His dead body was later found on June 9 near a flyover in Bengaluru.In another development, the Kannada Bigg Boss winner Pratham recently filed a comment after receiving death threats from Darshan's fans. He reportedly made certain comments that angered some fans of