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## NEWS BOX

### US 'shocked' by video of wounded Palestinian tied to Israeli military jeep

**World** The US State Department on Monday said a video of a wounded Palestinian man strapped to a military jeep by Israeli forces was "shocking" and urged a swift investigation to hold those responsible to account.

At a State Department news briefing, a reporter asked, "Isn't that basically the army using Palestinians as human shields?" State Department spokesperson Matthew Miller responded, "I will say we saw that video. It was shocking. The practice was absolutely unacceptable. Humans should never be used as human shields." "The IDF should swiftly investigate what happened, hold people accountable," Miller said, using an acronym for the Israel Defense Forces.

On Saturday, Israeli army forces tied a wounded Palestinian man to the hood of a military jeep during an arrest raid in the occupied West Bank city of Jenin, the Israeli military said. The video circulating on social media and verified by Reuters showed a Palestinian resident of Jenin, Mujahed Azmi, on a military jeep that passed between two ambulances. The Israeli military in a statement said Israeli forces were fired at and exchanged fire, wounding a suspect and apprehending him.

Soldiers then violated military protocol, the statement said. The military said the "conduct of the forces in the video of the incident does not conform to the values" of the Israeli military and the incident will be investigated and dealt with. The military said the man was transferred to medics for treatment. "I saw the statement they made out that the actions were inconsistent with the orders those soldiers received and that is being investigated, and the people involved will be dealt with accordingly. That is absolutely appropriate," Miller said. Violence in the West Bank, already on the rise before the Israel-Hamas war in Gaza began in October, has escalated since then with frequent army raids on militant groups, rampages by Jewish settlers in Palestinian villages and deadly Palestinian street attacks.

### Many stranded after heavy rain, avalanches in Chile mountain towns

**World** Dozens of people were stranded after avalanches blanketed mountain towns east of Chile's capital Santiago and blocked roads, according to authorities.

Heavy rain and snowstorms from the last few days have left large piles of snow throughout the province of Maipo, in central Chile. Two small towns in the Cajon del Maipo mountain range have been cut off as well as a ski center, due to road closures caused by snow slides, police and provincial government authorities said.

"We are doing everything possible to reach them and take them to a safe area," said Alejandra Cortes, a federal government delegate to Cordillera province.

She added that in the next few days, authorities will attempt to set off a controlled avalanche to clear snow if it does not occur naturally first. At Lagunillas Ski Center, 33 people were trapped, including eight children, Lieutenant Colonel Bernardo Leiva of Chile's national police said. "No people were injured (at the ski resort), and food has been brought to them," he said.

A second avalanche blocked an access road in the mountains, leaving nine people trapped in the town of Banos Morales and 20 stuck in Lo Valdes, according to Cortes' office. Both towns are awaiting snow plows to clear roads, where 10 meters (33 feet) of snow built up after the avalanche.

### Two US judges block parts of Biden's student loan repayment plan for millions



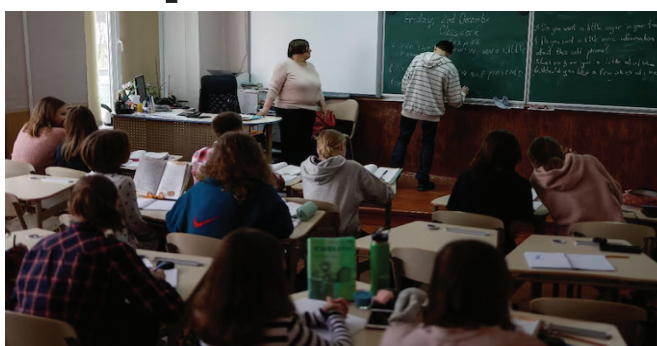
**UPDATED** Two federal judges in Kansas and Missouri on Monday, at the urging of several Republican-led states, blocked President Joe Biden's administration from further implementing a new student debt relief plan that lowers payments US District Judge Daniel Crabtree in Wichita, Kansas, blocked, opens new tab the US Department of Education from implementing parts of a student loan repayment plan not already in effect that cuts borrowers' monthly payments and provides a faster path to have debts forgiven. He ruled shortly before US District Judge John Ross in St Louis, Missouri, issued a preliminary injunction, opens new tab barring the department from granting further loan forgiveness under the administration's Saving on a Valuable Education (SAVE) Plan. The SAVE plan provides more generous terms than past income-based repayment plans, lowering monthly payments for eligible borrowers and allowing those whose original principal balances were \$12,000 or less to have their debt forgiven after 10 years. Missouri Attorney General Andrew Bailey, a Republican who helped lead the litigation, hailed Ross' decision. "Congress never gave Biden the authority to saddle working Americans with half-a-trillion dollars in other people's debt," he wrote on social media platform X. The Education Department and the White House had no immediate comment. Biden, a Democrat, announced the SAVE Plan in 2022, alongside a broader \$430 billion program that would have fulfilled a campaign promise by cancelling up to \$20,000 in debt for up to 43 million Americans. It was ultimately blocked by the conservative-majority US Supreme Court in June 2023. The SAVE Plan was slated to fully take effect on July 1, though parts of it already been implemented, with 414,000 borrowers by mid-May having been granted \$5.5 billion in debt relief, according to the Education Department. The White House has said that over 20 million borrowers could benefit from the SAVE Plan. The administration in May said that 8 million are already enrolled, including 4.6 million whose monthly payments have been reduced to \$0. Eleven states challenged the plan in a lawsuit in Kansas. Crabtree had recently dismissed eight of the states' claims, but allowed South Carolina, Texas and Alaska to push forward. Seven other states sued in Missouri.

## Louisiana sued for requiring to display list of religious precepts in classrooms

**Louisiana became the only US state requiring displays of the Ten Commandments when Governor Jeff Landry, a Republican, signed the law on June 19.**

Louisiana was sued on Monday (local time) over a new law requiring the display of the Ten Commandments in all public school classrooms in the state. The complaint said displaying the Ten Commandments violates the First Amendment of the US Constitution, and "simply cannot be reconciled with the fundamental religious-freedom principles that animated the founding of our nation". Nine families, including several clergy, with children in public schools filed the lawsuit in the Baton Rouge, Louisiana federal court, seeking an injunction against the law. Louisiana became the only US state requiring displays of the Ten Commandments when

Governor Jeff Landry, a Republican, signed the law on June 19. The law is also part of a broader push by conservative groups to make expressions of faith a more prominent part in society. Some hope that such laws, when challenged in court, could eventually receive a friendly welcome at the US Supreme Court, which has a 6-3 conservative majority. That court in 1980 declared unconstitutional a Kentucky law requiring the display of the Ten Commandments in public schools. But in 2022, the court sided with a high school football coach in Washington state who said he had a constitutional right to pray with his players at the 50-yard line after games. Landry's office did not immediately respond to requests for comment. In signing the Louisiana law, Landry said displaying the Ten Commandments would help expand faith in public schools. "If you want to respect the rule of law, you've got to start from the



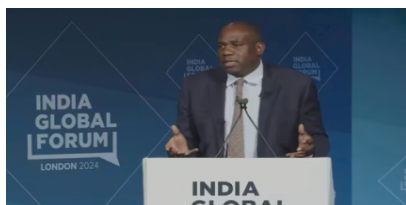
original law-giver, which was Moses," he said. The plaintiffs said the law violates the First Amendment's prohibition against state establishment of religion. They also said the law violates the First Amendment's free exercise clause by pressuring parents and children to accept the state's favoured religious message. "It is our children's right" to decide what views to accept, plaintiff Darcy Roake, a minister in the Unitarian Universalist

Church whose husband is Jewish and also a plaintiff, said on a conference call with reporters. In the Christian and Jewish faiths, God revealed the Ten Commandments to the Hebrew prophet Moses. Louisiana's law requires an easy-to-read, poster-sized display of the Ten Commandments in all classrooms, from kindergarten through public colleges.

It also requires a statement that the Ten Commandments had been "a prominent part of American public education for almost three centuries". Such a statement could suggest that the Ten Commandments have historical, as well as religious, value. The lawsuit was assigned to US District Judge John deGravelles, who was appointed to the bench by Democratic President Barack Obama.

## UK Opposition leader's 'many Diwalis gone' barb over free trade deal with India

**World** The UK's Opposition Labour Party leader David Lammy on Monday criticised the ruling Conservatives and appeared to take a jibe at former Prime Minister Boris Johnson for failing to close the long-awaited Free Trade Agreement (FTA) with India. "Many Diwalis have come and gone without a trade deal and too many businesses have been left waiting," Lammy, who is the Labour Party's shadow foreign secretary, said in his address at the India Global Forum (IGF). His comment was in reference to the missed Diwali 2022 deadline set by Boris Johnson for the FTA. David Lammy also described India as a "priority" for the Labour Party and an economic, technological and cultural "superpower". "With Labour, the days of Boris Johnson reciting that old verse from Rudyard Kipling in Asia are over. If I recite a poem in India, it will be Tagore... because with a superpower like India, the areas of cooperation and the areas for learning are limitless," the Labour Party leader said. David Lammy also had a message for Indian Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and Trade Minister Piyush Goyal,



saying that his Labour Party is "ready to go" strike up a deal if his side wins the July 4 general elections. "Let's finally get our free trade deal done and move on," Lammy said, adding he will be in Delhi before the end of July. David Lammy also criticised the governing Conservatives for having "overpromised and under delivered" on ties with India. He also put forth his ambitions of the FTA being a "floor not a ceiling" of the partnership he aspires to with his "friend" Indian External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar. India and the UK have completed 13 rounds of FTA negotiations since talks began in January 2022 to enhance the estimated Great British Pound 38.1 billion a year trading relationship. The 14th round of discussions opened on January 10. During his speech, David Lammy

also drew parallels with the shared democratic values in both India and the UK as he congratulated Prime Minister Narendra Modi on his record third term. "I deeply believe that India's democratic elections, with almost a billion voters, are the most important statement, the most important validation, not only of the democratic ideal but of democratic practice in today's world. This is something that binds us together," Lammy said.

The UK Labour Party leader also flagged climate change as one of the key areas of collaboration, saying the UK stood in solidarity with India through the soaring temperatures in the country that has led to multiple deaths. "There can be no energy transition without an Indian energy transition. India is the indispensable partner, not only to Britain but the whole developed world," he noted. Guyanese-heritage also recalled his Indian connection, saying his "great-grandmother was Indian from Calcutta" who went to the Caribbean as an "indentured labourer". His reminiscence followed his praises of the British Indians for their "extraordinary contribution" and without whom, Lammy said.

## US to send \$150 million in military aid to Ukraine to combat Russia's strikes

**Washington** The US is expected to announce on Tuesday that it will be sending an additional \$150 million (approx Rs 12.52 crore) in critically needed munitions to Ukraine, as Russia accuses Ukraine of using US-provided munitions to strike inside Russia or Russian-held territory, according to two US officials. On Monday, Russia summoned the American ambassador to protest what it says was the use of US-made advanced missiles in a Ukrainian attack on Crimea on June 23 that reportedly killed four people and wounded more than 150.

Crimea, which Russia seized from Ukraine in 2014 in a move that most of the world rejected as unlawful, had

long been declared a fair target for Ukraine by its Western allies. However, the Pentagon said last week that Ukraine's military is also now allowed to use longer-range missiles provided by the US to strike targets inside Russia if it is acting in self-defence. Since the outset of the war, the US had maintained a policy of not allowing Ukraine to use the weapons it provided to hit targets on Russian soil for fear of further escalating the conflict.

The continued flow of US munitions, which will be drawn from existing stockpiles, is intended to help Ukrainian forces repel intensified Russian attacks. The upcoming shipment is expected to include munitions for the High Mobility

Artillery Rocket Systems, or HIMARS. That system is capable of firing longer-range missiles from the Army Tactical Missile System, or ATACMS, which Russia has said would prompt retaliation and risk escalating the conflict. One of the US officials said they could not verify whether this aid package included ATACMS munitions, but said the aid did not include cluster munitions. The officials spoke on the condition of anonymity to provide details that had not yet been made public. The package also includes anti-armour weapons, small arms and grenades and the highly sought-after 155 mm and 105 mm artillery rounds, among other support.

## Russia blames US for Ukrainian strike on Crimea, promises retaliation

**Moscow** The Kremlin on Monday squarely blamed the United States for an attack on Crimea with US-supplied ATACMS missiles that killed at least four people and injured 151, and Moscow formally warned the US ambassador that retaliation would follow.

The war in Ukraine has deepened a crisis in relations between Russia and the West, and Russian officials have said the conflict is entering the most dangerous escalation to date. But directly blaming the United States for an attack on Crimea - which Russia unilaterally annexed in 2014, although most of the world considers it part of Ukraine - is a step further. You should ask my colleagues in Europe, and above all in Washington, the press secretaries, why their governments are killing Russian children," Kremlin spokesperson Dmitry Peskov told reporters. At least two children were killed in the attack on Sevastopol on Sunday, according to Russian officials. People were shown running from a beach near Sevastopol and some of the injured being carried off on sun loungers. Kyiv did not comment on the attack but denies targeting civilians. Russia said the United

States had supplied the weapons, while the US military had aimed them and provided data. Russia's Foreign Ministry summoned US Ambassador Lynne Tracy and told her Washington was "waging a hybrid war against Russia and has actually become a party to the conflict". "Retaliatory measures will definitely follow," it said. Tracy said Washington regretted any loss to civilian life, State Department spokesperson Matthew Miller told reporters, adding that Washington provided weapons to Ukraine, so it could defend its sovereign territory, including Crimea. Pentagon spokesperson Major Charlie Dietz said that "Ukraine makes its own targeting decisions and conducts its own military operations." US official later said that Ukraine was not targeting civilians. It seemed that the Russians were able to intercept an ATACMS missile that was targeting a missile launcher, and the ATACMS exploded with shrapnel raining down on the beach, the American official added. President Vladimir Putin has repeatedly warned of the risk of a much broader war involving the world's biggest nuclear powers, though he has said Russia does not want a



conflict with the US-led NATO alliance. RUSSIAN RETALIATORY MEASURES US President Joe Biden has ruled out sending US troops to fight in Ukraine and said shortly after the 2022 full-scale Russian invasion that a direct confrontation between NATO and Russia would mean World War Three. Putin presents the Ukraine war as part of a wider struggle with the U.S., which he says ignored Moscow's interests after the Soviet Union's 1991 break-up, then plotted to split Russia apart and seize its natural resources. Leaders of the West and Ukraine have cast the war as an imperial-style land-grab. The West denies wanting to destroy Russia, which in turn denies intending to invade any NATO member

state. After the United States allowed Ukraine to direct some US weapons into Russia, the Kremlin sent signals that it viewed this as a serious escalation. Putin has ordered drills to practise deployment of tactical nuclear weapons, suggested Russia could station conventional missiles within striking distance of the United States and its allies, and sealed a mutual defence pact with North Korea. Washington still prohibits Kyiv from striking recognised Russian territory with ATACMS, which have a range of up to 186 miles (300 km), and other long-range U.S. weapons. Putin said on Thursday that Russia might supply weapons to North Korea in what he suggested would be a like-for-like response to the Western arming of Ukraine. Asked what the Russian answer would be to the attack in Crimea, Peskov recalled Putin's words on June 6 about wider placement of conventional weapons. "Of course, the involvement of the United States in the fighting, as a result of which peaceful Russians are dying, cannot but have consequences," Peskov said.



unconscionable, antisemitic and un-American." In a statement, Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass said the violence was "abhorrent" and that blocking access to a place of worship was unacceptable. Bass said she asked the Los Angeles Police Department to provide additional patrols in Pico-Robertson and outside houses of worship citywide. Councilwoman Katy Yaroslavyk, who represents the area, called the violence antisemitic and said it was particularly concerning that it happened "in front of a synagogue in the heart of LA's Jewish community." "Everyone has the right to protest, and everyone also has the right to be safe from fear and violence," Yaroslavyk said in a statement. The Israel-Hamas war erupted in response to the October 7, 2023 assault by Hamas-led terrorists who killed 1,200 people and took 250 people hostage in southern Israel. The war has killed more than 37,000 Palestinians, according to the Health Ministry in the Hamas-ruled territory. It has sparked a humanitarian crisis and displaced most of the territory's 2.3 million population.



## No Consensus on Lok Sabha Speaker, Contest to Decide Position 1st Time in Independent India

Om Birla and K. Suresh to Face Off in First-Ever Election for Lok Sabha Speaker

**RNS I New Delhi:** In an unprecedented development, no consensus has been reached on the Lok Sabha Speaker, leading to the first-ever contest for the post in independent India. BJP MP Om Birla will be the NDA nominee, while the opposition INDIA bloc has fielded Congress MP K. Suresh for the role. Both candidates filed their nominations today, and the election is scheduled for tomorrow.

**Defence Minister Reaches Out to Build Consensus**  
Defence Minister and BJP veteran Rajnath Singh made efforts to build a consensus by reaching out to Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge. However, the opposition decided to offer conditional support to Om Birla, who met Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Parliament this morning.

**Opposition Stance Criticized**



Union Minister Piyush Goyal criticized the opposition's stance, stating, "The Opposition is putting forward its conditions. We condemn this kind of politics. It is best to have a consensus candidate going by tradition. What the Opposition is doing is against the tradition."

**High-Level Meetings Fail to Resolve Issue**

Senior Union Ministers Rajnath Singh, Amit Shah, and JP Nadda met with Congress leader KC Venugopal and

DMK MP TR Baalu to discuss the issue. The opposition insisted on announcing the deputy speaker before endorsing Birla's candidature. Goyal clarified that the deputy speaker issue would be addressed at the time of the election, rejecting the opposition's conditions.

**Rahul Gandhi Voices Opposition's Conditions**

Congress MP Rahul Gandhi indicated that the opposition was willing to support the NDA nominee if the Deputy Speaker post was given to an

opposition candidate. Speaking outside Parliament, Rahul Gandhi mentioned that Rajnath Singh had sought support from Congress President Kharge, who relayed the opposition's condition.

**Om Birla's Previous Tenure as Speaker**

Om Birla, a BJP MP from Kota-Bundi constituency in Rajasthan, previously served as the Speaker in the 17th Lok Sabha from 2019 to 2024. The ruling BJP-led NDA, now needing allies to run the government, is under pressure from the opposition after its tally fell from 303 to 240 seats.

**Political Landscape Remains Tense**

On Monday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Council of Ministers took oath as the MPs of Lok Sabha. The political landscape remains tense as the nation awaits the outcome of this historic election.

## Juvenile Prisoner Commits Suicide in Gaya; Family Suspects Foul Play

by Suresh Pd Nikhar

**Gaya:** A 17-year-old inmate at the Juvenile Reformatory Home in Gaya reportedly committed suicide by hanging himself in the bathroom on Monday night, sparking suspicion of foul play among his family. The deceased, identified as Amit Raj alias Takla Paswan, had been detained since February 20 on charges of murderous assault.

The incident, which occurred at the Juvenile Reformatory Home located in the CRPF Camp, has caused a significant stir. Amit Raj was the son of Rajesh Paswan, a resident of Bairagi Mohalla in the Delhi police station area.

Following the incident, the reformatory home administration rushed Amit Raj to Anugrah Narayan Magadh Medical College Hospital, where doctors pronounced him dead.

The news of Amit Raj's death led to a chaotic scene at the hospital, with his family members creating a ruckus in the emergency ward, suspecting foul play. The situation was eventually brought under control after the hospital administration intervened and explained the situation to the family.

Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) of Gaya, Ashish Bharti, has taken the matter seriously and ordered an investigation. He confirmed that Amit Raj was found hanging in the bathroom of the juvenile correction home around 6:15 pm on Monday evening. The body has been sent for postmortem at Anugrah Narayan Magadh Medical College Hospital and is being kept in cold storage. SSP Bharti assured that a thorough investigation is underway based on the family's complaint.

## DAV Gua conducts plantation drive to promote environmental awareness



**RNS I Gua:** In an effort to promote environmental awareness and protection, DAV Public School Guwa organized a tree plantation drive. The initiative aimed to educate students about the importance of a sustainable environment and the significance of tree plantation and cleanliness.

The event was led by school Principal Usha Rai, who emphasized the crucial role trees play in human life and natural beauty. She encouraged the students to actively participate in tree plantation efforts, highlighting how trees provide greenery and life.

During the event, SAIL Guwa General Manager RK Sinha, Dr. TC Anand, and Alok Yadav planted Amla trees alongside Principal Usha Rai.

The message conveyed to the children was clear: work towards a sustainable environment by planting trees and maintaining cleanliness.

The program saw the participation of several teachers, including Jai Mangal Sahu, Vikas Mishra, Sanjeev Sinha, Aurobindo Sahu, Jyoti Sinha, Rajveer Singh, Ashutosh Shastri, Vinod Kumar Sahu, Kumar Kashyap, SK Pandey, Yogendra Tripathi, Bhaskar Chandra Das, Pawan Kumar, Boney Gun, Pooja Singh, Shalini Kumari, Manisha, and others.

This initiative reflects DAV Public School Guwa's commitment to fostering environmental consciousness among its students and the broader community.

## Indian Railways to Open Janaushadhi Kendras at 61 More Stations, Including 5 in Bihar

by Suresh Pd Nikhar

**Gaya:** To enhance the health and well-being of passengers and the general public at railway stations, Indian Railways is expanding its Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendra initiative. Stalls will be opened at 61 additional stations, including Ara, Hajipur, Samastipur, Chhapra, and Bhagalpur in Bihar, according to officials from the GM office.

As of March 12, 2024, Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendras are operational at 50 railway locations. These include Patna Junction, Darbhanga, and Pt. Deendayal Upadhyay Junction in the East Central Railway zone. This initiative aligns with the government's mission to make quality medicines and consumables accessible to all.

Given the success and public enthusiasm for the



current centers, Indian Railways has decided to extend this initiative. Tenders have been invited for opening stalls at the new locations, with the expectation that the outlets will be operational by the first week of August.

This move is anticipated to create employment opportunities and provide affordable medicines to more people.

The Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendras aim to reduce out-of-pocket healthcare expenses by offering quality medicines at affordable prices, par-

ticularly to the poor and underprivileged.

The Kendras stock 1,963 medicines and 293 surgical instruments, covering major therapeutic groups such as cardiovascular, anti-cancer, anti-diabetics, anti-infectives, anti-allergic, and gastrointestinal medicines, as well as nutraceuticals and Ayurvedic products to boost immunity.

This initiative not only ensures easy access to essential medicines but also supports the Government of India's broader health and economic objectives.

## DPS Bokaro Awarded for Excellence in Education at Norway

**RNS I New Delhi:** In a tragic incident, a newly constructed bridge in the Sikti block of Araria district collapsed and sank into the river before its inauguration. The bridge, built at the cost of crores, was located at Padariya Ghat on the Bakra river. The accident occurred on Tuesday afternoon at around 2:05 PM.

The 182-meter-long bridge, constructed in three parts, saw two sections along with two pillars submerge into the river, causing a stir in the area. This bridge was erected as a replacement for a previously built bridge whose approach had been cut.

Locals allege that substandard materials were used in its construction, leading to the collapse before it could be inaugurated. The Department had recently initiated efforts to restore the approach path of the bridge, but the accident hap-



pened before these efforts could be completed.

Notably, The construction of the 182-meter-long bridge began in 2021 under the Pradhan Mantri Gramin Sadak Nirman Yojana, initially costing Rs 7.79 crore. Due to changes in the river's course and the approach road, the cost later escalated to Rs 12 crore.

The project was completed in June 2023, but the bridge remained unused due to the lack of access roads on both sides. Villagers have reported visible cracks in the bridge slab over the past two days, which they believe

contributed to the sudden collapse on Tuesday.

The bridge was constructed by contractor Sirajur Rahman from the neighboring district of Kishanganj, under the Central Government's Rural Works Department. Local MP Pradeep Kumar Singh and MLA Vijay Kumar Mandal of Araria have called for action against the contractor and the concerned officials. They have demanded strict action against those responsible for the poor construction quality that led to this mishap.

## ISRO Achieves Hat-Trick with Successful Landing of Pushpak Reusable Launch Vehicle

**RNS I New Delhi:** Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has successfully completed a hat-trick of safe landings for its uncrewed, autonomous winged reusable launch vehicle, Pushpak. This milestone was reached during an experiment on Sunday.

In an official statement, ISRO announced, "We are proud to have achieved a third consecutive success in the Reusable Launch Vehicle (RLV) Landing Experiment (LEX) on Sunday. The third and final test in the series, LEX-03, was conducted at 07:10 IST at the Aeronautical Test Range (ATR) in Chitradurga, Karnataka."

This accomplishment marks a significant leap forward for India's space ambitions, positioning ISRO ahead of other agencies that are still in the early stages of developing reusable launch technology. Based on the success of this test, ISRO plans to develop a larger vehicle for orbital tests, which will undergo landing experiments before being launched



into space and returning to Earth like a space plane.

The success of RLV LEX-03 follows the achievements of the previous missions, LEX-01 and LEX-02, and demonstrated the autonomous landing capability of the RLV under more challenging conditions. The recent test involved a cross-range of 500 meters, compared to 150 meters for LEX-02, and more severe wind conditions. For the experiment, the winged vehicle Pushpak was released

from an Indian Air Force Chinook Helicopter at an altitude of 4.5 kilometers, 4.5 kilometers away from the runway.

Pushpak autonomously executed cross-range correction maneuvers, approached the runway, and performed a precise horizontal landing at the runway centerline. The vehicle's aerodynamic configuration, characterized by a low lift-to-drag ratio, resulted in a landing velocity exceeding 320 km/h, compared to 260 km/h

for commercial aircraft and 280 km/h for typical fighter aircraft. After touchdown, the vehicle's speed was reduced to nearly 100 km/h using a brake parachute, followed by landing gear brakes for complete deceleration and stop on the runway. During this ground roll phase, Pushpak utilized its rudder and nose wheel steering system to maintain a stable and precise path along the runway, ISRO's statement added.

## IIT-ISM Launches Intensive Course on Advanced Mine Surveying for CIL Surveyors

**RNS I Dhanbad:** A six-week intensive course on Advances in Mine Surveying Technology kicked off today at IIT (ISM), with 82 mine surveyors from various subsidiaries of Coal India Limited (CIL) participating. The course was inaugurated by Prof. Sukumar Mishra, Director of IIT (ISM), at the Executive Development Center of the institute.

Participants included surveyors from Bharat Coking Coal Limited (BCCL), Eastern Coalfields Limited (ECL), Central Coalfields Limited (CCL), Western Coalfields Limited (WCL), Mahanadi Coalfields Limited (MCL), and North Eastern Coalfields Limited (NECL), along with a few from private mining companies.

Organized by the Department of Mining Engineer-



ing in collaboration with TEXMiN Foundation, a Technology Innovation Hub (TIH) at IIT (ISM), the course aims to familiarize mine surveyors with the latest advancements in Geodesy, Remote Sensing, Geographic Information Systems (GIS), Slope Stability, and Subsidence Monitoring. During his address, Prof. Mishra highlighted the critical role of mine surveying in ensuring safety and effective resource management in mining operations through

accurate measurement, mapping, and management of both underground and surface mines. He emphasized that advanced technologies such as Satellite Imagery, Drones, and Aerial LiDAR can significantly aid in detecting surface changes and preventing mishaps like inundations, roof falls, and equipment damages.

Prof. Dheeraj Kumar, Deputy Director of IIT (ISM) and course coordinator, informed the surveyors that the course would include

lectures, tutorials, discussions, excursions, and extensive field visits to underground mines.

Prof. Devi Prasad Mishra, Head of the Department of Mining Engineering, encouraged participants to fully utilize the course to enhance their surveying skills. Associate Professor Vasanta Govind Kumar Villuri, co-coordinator of the course along with Prof. Mohammed Soyeb Alam, noted that such courses are regularly organized to train mine surveyors in the latest technologies, with many participants having over a decade of experience in their respective fields.

The course aims to equip surveyors with the necessary skills to implement advanced surveying techniques, ultimately improving safety and efficiency in mining operations.

## CBI Arrests Arvind Kejriwal from Tihar Jail

**New Delhi:** Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal was arrested by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) from Tihar Jail on Tuesday. The CBI is set to produce him before a trial court on Wednesday, potentially leading to his formal arrest by the central agency, sources reported. This development comes just a day before the Supreme Court is scheduled to hear Kejriwal's plea challenging a Delhi High Court order that paused

the bail granted to him by a lower court.

On Monday, the CBI questioned Kejriwal in Tihar Jail regarding the liquor policy case and recorded his statement.

Following this, the CBI filed an application for a production warrant, which was subsequently issued by a special court.

Kejriwal is expected to be presented before the trial court at 10 am on Wednesday, likely before the Supreme Court hear-

ing begins. Since Kejriwal is already in judicial custody in an Enforcement Directorate case, his formal arrest can occur in court. Should the CBI secure his custody, Kejriwal will remain in Tihar Jail on Wednesday even if the Supreme Court overturns the Delhi High Court's stay on his bail.

Meanwhile, AAP MP Sanjay Singh commented on the situation, stating, "Arvind Kejriwal is likely to get bail from the Su-



preme Court. Before this, the BJP government at the center, along with the CBI, has conspired to arrest Kejriwal by preparing a false

case against him." He further alleged a conspiracy to prevent Kejriwal from obtaining bail ahead of the Supreme Court hearing.

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# Faces In Congress Have Changed But Its Character Remain Same: Yogi Adityanath

**Yogi Adityanath said that the then Congress government strangled the Constitution of India.**

**Lucknow (Uttar Pradesh):** On the occasion of 50 years of Emergency, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said that although the faces in Congress have changed, their character and gestures remain the same.

Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said, "They tried to completely strangle democracy by locking up all the leaders of the opposition parties of that time, including Atal Bihari Vajpayee, Morarji Desai, Jayaprakash Narayan, Lal Krishna Advani and all the leaders of the Opposition. After 50 years, the faces in the Congress have changed, but its character, its gestures are still the same, as was seen in 1975." He said that the then Congress government strangled the Constitution of India.

He further said, "A dark chapter of India's parliamentary democracy took place exactly 50 years ago on this day late at night, when the then Congress government conspired to completely end democracy by strangling the Constitution of India. Congress government led by Indira Gandhi tried to destroy India's democracy in the darkness of the night of June 25, 1975." The UP Chief Minister blamed the



Congress for stalling the proceedings of the Parliament." The way they made amendments to the Preamble and tried to destroy it. They snatched the fundamental rights of the people. They eroded the rights of the judiciary. They talk about democracy, but they visit abroad and criticise democracy, raise questions about the

election process, and blame the EVM for their defeats. Congress forcefully enforced Article 370. Those who are trying to stall the proceedings in Parliament have they ever obeyed the Constitution," he added. Earlier, Prime Minister Narendra Modi directed sharp criticism at the Congress and said that the dark

days of the emergency remind how the Congress Party trampled over the Constitution of India.

Taking to X PM Modi posted, "Today is a day to pay homage to all those great men and women who resisted the emergency. The Dark Days of Emergency remind us of how the Congress Party subverted basic freedoms and trampled over the Constitution of India, which every Indian respects greatly." He further said that just to cling on to power, the then Congress government disregarded every democratic principle. He further shared, "Just to cling on to power, the then Congress government disregarded every democratic principle and made the nation into a jail. Any person who disagreed with Congress was tortured and harassed. Socially regressive policies were unleashed to target the weakest sections."

He wrote that those who imposed the emergency have no right to profess their love for our Constitution. "These are the same people who have imposed Article 356 on innumerable occasions, got a bill to destroy press freedom, destroyed federalism, and violated every aspect of the Constitution," he added.

## Atishi ends hunger strike after hospitalisation, says AAP

**New Delhi:** Delhi Water Minister Atishi ended her indefinite hunger strike after her health deteriorated and she was hospitalised early on Tuesday, the ruling Aam Aadmi Party announced.

Atishi was taken to the Lok Nayak Jai Prakash (LNJP) Hospital after her blood sugar levels dropped to 36. AAP claimed Atishi's blood sugar levels plummeted to 43 at midnight and further dropped to 36 by 3 am. AAP party also shared images and visuals of the AAP leader being taken to the hospital late at night.

AAP MP Sanjay Singh said they will write to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and will also raise the issue of Delhi's water crisis in Parliament with opposition parties.

"Atishi was on a hunger strike for 5 days. Her health was deteriorating. Doctors had been asking her to break the strike. Her health started worsening last night... Her lowest sugar level was 36. Doctors suggested that she had to be admitted immediately otherwise she might lose



her life... She was admitted to LNJP at 3.30 - 4 am in the ICU... She is still in the ICU... We are also writing to the PM to release Delhi's water... The indefinite hunger strike is being stopped, but we will raise our voice in the Parliament..." Sanjay Singh said.

Atishi was on an indefinite hunger strike for the past four days against the Haryana government for not releasing 100 million gallons per day

(MGD) of water, creating a water crisis in the national capital. She demanded that Haryana release Delhi's rightful share of water.

Doctors from LNJP Hospital had examined Atishi on Monday and advised her to get admitted due to adverse health effects from her indefinite hunger strike. Sharing an update on Atishi's health, Dr Suresh, Medical Director at LNJP Hospital, said, "Changes were detected in her ECG, and ketones were found in her urine, leading to her being admitted to the ICU. She was advised to get admitted to the hospital yesterday, but she refused. Her sugar level is low. All blood tests have been conducted, and the results are normal. She is currently stable." As Delhi grapples with water shortage, Atishi has accused the BJP-led Haryana government of not releasing 100 million gallons per day (MGD) of water, impacting over 28 lakh people in the national capital.

## Rajnath Singh's Outreach Call On Speaker, M Kharge's Deputy Speaker Reply

**New Delhi:** Upbeat after its good show in the Lok Sabha election, the Congress has dug its heels in, insisting that the Deputy Speaker post must be with the Opposition benches if the government wants a consensus on its choice for the Lok Sabha Speaker.

The government has fielded Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijju to build consensus on the choices for the Speaker and Deputy Speaker post, sources have told. The BJP leaders have spoken to top Opposition leaders -- Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge, Samajwadi Party president Akhilesh Yadav, DMK leader MK Stalin and Trinamool Congress chief Mamata Banerjee on this subject. Talks are also being held with key NDA allies Telugu Desam Party and Janata Dal United, sources have said.

The deadline to file nomination for the post of Lok Sabha Speaker is 12 pm today and an election, if any, will be held tomorrow.

The BJP is tight-lipped about its choice for the key post, but there is a buzz that Om Birla, who served as Speaker in the 17th Lok Sabha, may be repeated. Mr Birla also met Prime Minister Narendra Modi this morning. Another post under the spotlight is that of the Deputy Speaker. This position is traditionally given to the Opposition. However, the BJP had appointed its ally AIADMK's M Thambi Durai as Deputy Speaker in 2014. Since 2019, the post is vacant. In both the 16th and the 17th Lok Sabha, there was no Leader of the Opposition, as the Congress did not have enough numbers. But this time, the Opposition has posted a good show in the general election, with the Congress winning 99 seats. So the party, backed by its allies in the INDIA Opposition bloc, will be pushing for the Deputy Speaker's post. Mr Kharge has already made it clear to Mr Singh that the Deputy Speaker should be from the Opposition benches. The Congress chief has said that while the Opposition wants consensus too, healthy traditions must be followed, the sources added.

Clearing the Congress stand, party leader Rahul Gandhi said Mr Singh did not call back Mr Kharge after the latter stressed that the Deputy Speaker must be from the Opposition. "The country knows that the Prime Minister's words mean nothing. The Prime Minister says there should be cooperation, but does something else. Our leader has not received a callback yet."



## BJP's JP Nadda named leader of the house in Rajya Sabha

**NEW DELHI:** BJP national president and Union health minister JP Nadda was on Monday named as the leader of the house in the Rajya Sabha, replacing party colleague Piyush Goyal who was sworn-in as a Lok Sabha MP after winning from the Mumbai North constituency in the just concluded general elections. Q1V0LFWgAAAtEnP. Goyal was elected as the Rajya Sabha MP on July 5, 2010, and was declared the Leader of the House on July 14, 2021. He was elected as the Lok Sabha MP on June 4, and was sworn in the Lower House on June 24. JP Nadda was first elected to Rajya Sabha on April 3, 2012. The Leader of the House plays an important role in drawing up the



programme of official business in the Rajya Sabha. The primary responsibility of the Leader of the House is to maintain coordination amongst all sections of the House for a harmonious and meaningful debate.

For this purpose, the Leader of the House remains

in close contact not only with the Government members but also with the Opposition parties.

The Leader of the House shapes the course and content of legislation, as they are often the final voice in deciding which private members' bills will receive government support, and whether a question should be left to a free vote.

The Leader of the House is an important parliamentary functionary who exercises direct influence on the course of the government's policies and measures in the Rajya Sabha.

The Leader of the House is generally a member of the Business Advisory Committee, which determines the allocation of time for government bills and other business. If the Leader is not a member, they are invited to attend the BAC meetings.

## PM jabs Congress over Emergency: No right to profess their love for Constitution

**While marking the 50th anniversary of the Emergency, PM Modi slammed the Congress for imposing the Emergency in 1975 and accused the party of disregarding democratic principles and "turning the country into a jail".**

**New Delhi:** On the 50th anniversary of the Emergency, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday attacked the Congress, accusing the party of disregarding democratic principles and "turning the country into a jail". He also took a dig at the party, saying it had no right to "profess their love" for the Constitution. On June 25, 1975, then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, a Congress stalwart, imposed Emergency in the country, during which civil liberties were suspended, opposition leaders and dissidents jailed and censorship of press. It was in place for 21 months till 1977. In a tweet, PM Modi paid homage to those who "resisted" the Emergency and said the "dark days" reminded people of how the Congress "subverted basic freedoms and trampled the Constitution".

"Today is a day to pay homage to all those great men and women who resisted the Emergency. The #DarkDaysOfEmergency remind us of how the Congress Party subverted basic freedoms and trampled over the Constitution of India, which every Indian respects greatly," he said. "Just to cling on to power, the then



Congress Government disregarded every democratic principle and made the nation into a jail. Any person who disagreed with Congress was tortured and harassed. Socially regressive policies were unleashed to target the weakest sections," he tweeted. Lashing out at the Congress over allegations of the Constitution being "attacked", PM Modi alleged that the party destroyed federalism and had no right to "profess their love" for the Constitution. "Those who imposed the Emergency have no right to profess their love for our Constitution. These are the same people who have imposed Article 356 on innumerable occasions, got a Bill to

destroy press freedom, destroyed federalism and violated every aspect of the Constitution," he said. "The mindset which led to the imposition of the Emergency is very much alive among the same Party which imposed it. They hide their disdain for the Constitution through their tokenism but the people of India have seen through their antics and that is why they have rejected them time and again," he further said.

### BJP LEADERS PUT POSTS ON EMERGENCY

Basing his attack on the Emergency, Union Home Minister Amit Shah accused the Congress of "killing" democracy and repeatedly attacking it. "Congress has a long history of killing democracy and repeatedly attacking it. The Emergency imposed by Congress on this day in 1975 is the biggest example of this. The arrogant and autocratic Congress government had suspended all kinds of civil rights in the country for 21 months for the sake of power of one family," he tweeted in Hindi. During this period, they had imposed censorship on the media, made changes in the Constitution

and also tied the hands of the court. I salute the struggle of countless satyagrahis, social workers, workers, farmers, youth and women who protested from Parliament to the streets against the Emergency," he said.

Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh called the Emergency a "dark chapter" in the history of Indian democracy. "Exactly 49 years ago, Emergency was imposed in India by the then Congress government. Emergency is a dark chapter in the history of our country's democracy which cannot be forgotten even if one wants to. The way the misuse of power and the open game of dictatorship was played during that time, raises a big question mark on the commitment of many political parties towards democracy," he tweeted in Hindi. If democracy is still alive in this country today, the credit goes to those people who struggled to restore democracy, went to jail and had to undergo so much physical and mental torture. The coming generations of India will remember their struggle and their contribution in protecting democracy," he said.



## In sync with government time

The flag was fluttering in the wind and the sun was going down fast. The year was 1966. There was the usual sepoy section on guard at the Corps Commander's bungalow in Tezpur, Assam. It was about time to lower the flag of the flagstaff house.

he guard commander looked at his ammunition boots, satisfied himself that the shine was bright and the leather shoe laces weren't wrinkled. Then he counted the hob nails of his boots; all 13 were in order. He shouted the command and the squad started marching towards the flagstaff of the Corps Commander's house.

The General was going around the flower beds and trimming some leaves with a pair of secateurs. He slipped the tool into his pocket and moved closer to watch the lowering of the flag at retreat. The maali came out with a watering pot and started tipping the water onto the saplings and peonies. The General was a lover of flowers and liked his garden well kept. I was sitting with Subedar Sube Singh (of the Jat Regiment) as he narrated the incident. He was 93 but remembered that evening well. He was a Havildar in the defence company and they were on guard duty at the bungalow that summer several decades back.

"I was taking down the flag at 6 pm when I felt that the General had come quite close to me and stood watching me. I was tying the rope on the flagpole having taken off the flag. My eyes fell on the General's wrist watch. It showed the time as five minutes to 6. My watch showed exact 6 pm."

"Sahib galti ho gayi mujh se jhanda utarne ke time mein (Sir, I am afraid I made a mistake, I lowered the flag five minutes early)," Subedar Sube Singh recalled having told the General.

The General, he said, laughed. "He was a very good



man." "Ghabrao matt, tumney sarkari ghadi pehni hai (Don't be nervous, you are wearing a government watch)," he told Sube Singh, "and I am wearing a personal watch. And a government watch can never be wrong. You did the right thing going by government time." Then the General Sahib said "shabash" and it was such a relief, Sube Singh smiled. "In those days, we were issued a wrist watch from the quarter guard to do duties. We could not afford to buy watches. Niwar ke feetye waali ghadi hoti thee (These hand-wound watches used to have a canvas strap)," Sube Singh recalled. India used to import watches from Switzerland and HMT had just started manufacturing hand-wound watches in collaboration with the Citizen Watch Company of Japan. The demand for watches was very high and these were fearfully expensive. The Army used the Omega military watch but since it wasn't shock-proof, it often developed variable movement and time errors. It was also the job of weapon armourers to check the watches for accurate movement. After the incident, General Sahib gave orders that every week, all watches will be synchronised. "Subedar Sahib, but you didn't tell me who this General was?" I asked Sube Singh. His name was Sam Manekshaw, he said. Who else I thought. The stuff of legends.

## Check manipulation of online reviews

Not publishing critical reviews or poor ratings is as bad as paid positive reviews

The increasing dependence of consumers on online reviews of products and services makes it imperative that these reviews be honest and genuine. However, the very fact that they influence consumer choice tempts manufacturers and service providers to manipulate the reviews to their advantage. Executed through paid reviews, often managed by specialised 'online reputation management' companies, such fake and fraudulent high-star ratings and reviews distort consumer choice and harm consumer interest. Another deceptive practice is to block or reject genuine consumer reviews that are negative or critical of the product or service. This suppression of honest opinions that go against a product or a service, once again undermines the very raison d'être of online reviews and misleads consumers on the quality, be it a product or a service. Last month, I got two interesting feedbacks about online reviews — one of these pertained to the purchase of an apparel on the basis of the five-star ratings that it had received on the website. However, on delivery, the consumer found the quality to be poor. She soon got the answer to the 'five-star' ratings that the garment had garnered — inside the package was an offer of payment of Rs 200 for a five-star rating! She brought this to the notice of the online marketplace, but there was no response! In another case, the consumer found the quality of the shirt to be very different from the description on the website — it was obviously a case of misrepresentation, and so the consumer gave the garment a poor rating and wrote a review pointing out the falsities. The website did not publish it!

Not publishing critical reviews or poor ratings is as bad as paid positive reviews, and I must mention here that the Federal Trade Commission in the United States took a very serious view of an online fashion retailer, Fashion Nova, blocking hundreds of thousands of negative consumer reviews about its products for several years and imposed, in 2022, a penalty of \$4.2 million for the harm incurred by the consumers. Last year, it used this money to pay refunds to consumers who bought goods on the basis of the one-sided reviews and were unhappy with the product. With the Union Ministry of Consumer Affairs and the consumer protection regulator — the Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA) — taking a very serious view of such devious manipulations and manufactured reviews, one hopes to see similar regulatory action here in India too. In 2022, the Union Ministry of Consumer Affairs introduced, on a voluntary basis, the Indian Standard (IS) 19000:2022 on online consumer reviews, aimed at ensuring the integrity and accountability in the publication of reviews and eliminating fake, fraudulent and biased opinions.



The standard prohibits publication of reviews that have been purchased or written by individuals employed for that purpose by the supplier or seller or by a third party, and requires stringent processes such as filtering and control tools and algorithms to be put in place by all online sites that publish consumer reviews. Unfortunately, the voluntary standard did not have the desired result, and so the ministry has now decided to make the standard mandatory through a quality control order and initiated the process. Once the quality control order comes into force, the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) will be the enforcing agency but the CCPA can also take action against violations, including refusal to publish negative news.

Interestingly, in a nationwide study by Local Circles, a community social media platform, involving 54,000 users of e-commerce sites and apps, 22 per cent of the respondents said their reviews were not published because these were negative. About 60 per cent of the respondents found reviews to be positively biased, while

56 per cent felt that way about ratings. Unlike advertisements issued by businesses, online reviews are opinions of other consumers who have used the services or products, and are, therefore, of immense help to consumers in making an informed choice — it is, therefore, absolutely essential that the sanctity of such reviews is strictly maintained. In fact, it is in the interest of businesses to ensure that reviews are honest and true so that consumers can depend on them and they continue to patronise online retail stores and review platforms. Towards this end, all such online sites should explain the processes employed by them to ensure the reliability of the reviews, including statistical data on the number of reviews received, published, rejected and the reasons for. Meanwhile, I would urge more and more consumers to give their feedback on services and goods that they hire or purchase so as to help fellow consumers. If negative comments are not published, they must lodge a complaint with the BIS or the Consumer Affairs Ministry through the national consumer helpline.

## Pariksha pe charcha

UGC-NET cancellation a huge letdown

THE cancellation of the University Grants Commission-National Eligibility Test (UGC-NET) examination a day after it was conducted comes as a huge embarrassment for the Centre and a big letdown for the over nine lakh candidates. The shock cancellation has been attributed to inputs that the integrity of the examination may have been compromised. One reason for the swift action could be to avoid a repeat of the raging controversy over the alleged irregularities in the NEET-UG examination. After this, a sense of betrayal in the public consciousness is inevitable. After the twin botch-ups in quick succession, the National Testing Agency (NTA) finds itself in a worsening crisis of credibility. The Central Bureau of Investigation has been tasked with conducting the probe. This reflects the seriousness being attached to the matter, but the damage has already been done. The NTA has been holding the UGC-NET examination in a computer-based format since 2018. It had gone back to the pen-and-paper version this year. The Education Minister



has spoken of setting up a high-level committee to

recommend an overhaul of the examination processes. Wide-ranging discussions among domain experts — 'pariksha pe charcha' in its true sense — would be expected. Unilateral imposition of new guidelines and patterns may not be a pragmatic solution when faced with a trust deficit.

Conducted twice a year, UGC-NET is the first such examination to be scrapped after the Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Act was passed in February. This law provides for three to five years in prison and a fine of up to Rs 10 lakh for resorting to unfair means. It will take time to gauge how effective the legislation proves to be as a deterrent. Cancellation can take a heavy toll on the mental and emotional wellbeing of candidates. A zero-error system has to be the end goal.

## Tourism's damaging effect

Give serious thought to regulating the volume of tourists. If this means charging a substantial fee, so be it. Also, no trees should be sacrificed to ease the path of a tourist

This past month has been so miserable that apart from staying indoors, reading, surfing the Net or bingeing on movies, there is little that one can do. Driving up to the hills is now not an option since they are overrun by tourists who seem undeterred by the weather. After a short trip to Dehradun recently, I swore I would not stir out this summer. The temperatures there were only marginally lower than boiling Delhi's and power outages made lives miserable. I have been going to Dehradun since the 1960s, and distinctly remember how the temperatures would dip after rain in Mussoorie to make one believe that one was in a hill station. The beautiful drive to the sulphur springs at Sahastradhara were a treat we were allowed often. In those days, there was only a charming Buddhist monastery and library, and gentle monks would wave at us as we passed by.

Come to 2024. Dehradun is now a Smart City: this means that its old cityscape has been altered to suit the lifestyle of the smart people who occupy it now. Gone are the gracious bungalows with litchi and mango trees and large, airy verandahs and the famous bookshops and bakeries of yore. These are either untraceable or so difficult to walk into that they have outlets all over the town that probably sell fake stuff.

Let's not make this a dirge for an old town that has vanished (there are so many that have suffered similar fate), but question the wisdom of promoting commercial tourism. Uttarakhand is now the go-to destination for pilgrims, be it the Char Dham Yatra or visiting Kainchi Ashram (oops, sorry, now Kainchi Dham), Jageshwar and countless other pilgrim spots with ancient temples that have a magical pull. Soon, we will have the kanwariyas trotting to Gangotri to bring down Gangajal and all routes will be clogged by their long lines, with loud, raucous bhakts perched on accompanying tempos and mini-trucks blaring deafening bhajans. The National Highway is made a one-way route and the traffic on the other side is enough to turn one's hair grey.

Several environmentalists have raised concerns about how



this widening of roads, cutting down trees and allowing free access to fragile ecosystems is harming our natural resources and environment. But who cares to listen? The locals, even as they complain about this, are happy to earn the extra money they get from opening small dhabas and Maggi spots that offer 'chaao mean' and momos, cold drinks and mineral water, and offering 'homestays' with no proper sewage disposal units. In short, except for carping critics (who cares for them

anyway?), acchhe din have arrived, they believe.

Like many others of my age who are unable to trek and undertake adventurous trips, I love the blogs that young people post. The pristine beauty of a remote village in the Himalayas or Ladakh, an atmospheric temple that hardly anyone can visit because it is so remote and difficult to reach — there are some superb views you can see as you sit in an armchair and flit from one travel blog to another. What I fear, though, is that soon, some eager

tour promoter will persuade crowds to 'explore' these hidden beauty spots. I can just see the litter they will leave behind them as they move on after taking the mandatory selfie, to destroy the next undiscovered treasure. So, what can we do to protect the few beauty spots that are left?

For one, serious thought needs to be given to regulating the volume of tourists. If this means charging a substantial fee, so be it. This is how Bhutan has deterred irresponsible tourists from polluting its beautiful land. Do not allow roads to be widened, underpasses and bridges to be built in these areas. A pilgrimage means walking to make it. Air-dropping rich bhakts in helicopters is a strict no-no. No trees should be sacrificed to ease the path of a tourist. In Jageshwar, there is a horrifying plan to cut down thousands of its famous deodar trees, quite forgetting that it is venerated because the jyotirlingam there is named after its deodars. Many of these stately trees are hundreds of years old and are an irreplaceable treasure. Come now to Kainchi, where Baba Neem Karoli built a charming ashram on the banks of an uttar-vahini stream. For decades, the local people went there to sit at his feet and be blessed by the loving tranquillity he exuded. After Steve Jobs, Mark Zuckerberg, Meryl Streep and other celebrities discovered it, our own Virat-Anushka and countless stars have been spotted there. So what was once an ashram is now called a dham, and accessing it is becoming impossible. At the annual bhandara held in June, there are lines of people from Bhowali that stretch for miles as they await darshan. This little village is now a thriving tourist industry of commerce that has sprung up with 'hotels', dhabas and craft shops. Naturally, the locals are delighted, but has anyone thought of what this tourist overload is doing to the temple itself? I'm convinced that Babaji's soul has fled the place. Those of us who knew him as a gentle, loving man who offered no gyan but blessed those whom he loved with his eyes, will never find that peace now.



## सोनिया गांधी केन रायबरेलि आसनेर जन्य दीर्घदिनेर कथं ग्रेस कमीके बेछे निते पारलेन ना?



जमशेदपुर - रविवार बाढ़खण्डेर जमशेदपुरे एकटि निर्वाचनी समावेशे प्रधानमन्त्री नरेन्द्र मोदी कथं ग्रेस नेत्री सोनिया गांधीके रायबरेलि त्र्यंश करार एवंग दीर्घदिन धरेर काज करार एकजन दलेर कमीके नम, वरंग तार छेले राखल गांधीके मनोनीत करार जन्य समालोचना करेछेन।

मोदी उल्लेख करेछेन ये सोनिया गांधी को-भिड महामारीर परे रायबरेलि सफर करेननि, ये आसनटि तिनि संसदे प्रतिनिधित्व करेछेलेन। "एथन तिनि तार छेलेर जन्य डोटि चाइते सेथाने गेछेन," मोदी बलेन। शनिवार, सोनिया गांधी तार सजान राखल एवंग प्रियांका गांधीर साथे रायबरेलिते एकटि निर्वाचनी समावेशे भाषण देन, सेथाने तिनि घोषणा करेन ये तिनि तार छेले राखल गांधीके रायबरेलि प्रति समर्पण करेछेन एवंग जनताके आशुस्त करेन ये तिनि आपनानेदर हताश करबेन ना।

मोदी आरओ समालोचना करेछेन ये राखल गांधी दूटि लोकसभा आसन, रायबरेलि एवंग केरालार ओयानाड थेके प्राप्ति हछेन। "कथं ग्रेस राजपूत ओयानाड छेड़े रायबरेलिते निर्वाचन लड़छेन। तिनि सबाइके बलछेन ये एहि आसनटि तार मायेर," मोदी बलेन, परिस्थितिटिके एमन एकटि शिशुर साथे तुलना करे ये तार बाबार शूले पड़ेछे बले शूलुटिके निजेर बले दाबि करे।

"एहि परिवारकेन्द्रिक ब्यक्तिरा संसदीय आसनगुलिके तारेर उतराधिकार हिसेबे देखछे। एमन परिवारकेन्द्रिक दल थेके बाढ़खण्डेके रक्षा करते हवे," प्रधानमन्त्री आरओ बलेन।

### Ways to protect yourself from Dengue

- Remove mosquito habitats
- Use mosquito repellent
- Keep your home clean
- Use netting for windows and gaps
- Clear clogged drain
- Light up your home and use air conditioning
- Wear long clothing

## लोकसभा चुनाव का रियल एस्टेट के काम-काज पर पड़ा असर, पहली तिमाही में कमी का अनुमान

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। मौजूदा वित्त वर्ष की पहली तिमाही यानी अप्रैल से जून के दौरान देश के 9 बड़े शहरों में नए घरों की मांग में 13 प्रतिशत की गिरावट आने का अनुमान लगाया गया है।

रियल स्टेट डाटा एनालिस्ट फर्म प्रॉपर्टि की रिपोर्ट में अप्रैल से जून के दौरान देश के 9 प्रमुख शहरों में नए घरों की मांग 97,331 यूनिट रहने का अनुमान लगाया गया है। पिछले साल इसी अवधि में यानी अप्रैल से लेकर जून की तिमाही के दौरान नए घरों की मांग का आंकड़ा 1,11,657 यूनिट का था। इस रिपोर्ट में ये भी बताया गया है कि अप्रैल से जून की तिमाही के दौरान दिल्ली-एनसीआर में नए घरों की मांग पिछले साल की तुलना में लगभग दोगुनी हो गई। दूसरी ओर, पुणे, हैदराबाद और कोलकाता में नए घरों की मांग में भारी गिरावट आई है। प्रॉपर्टि की रिपोर्ट के मुताबिक अप्रैल से जून की



दिन पहले संपन्न हुए लोकसभा के चुनाव हैं। चुनावी गतिविधि बढ़ाने के कारण रियल एस्टेट के कारोबार पर प्रतिकूल असर पड़ा। खासकर इस दौरान निर्माण कार्य की गति में काफी गिरावट आई, जिसकी वजह से नये घरों की मांग पर काफी असर पड़ा। इस रिपोर्ट में जिन शहरों को शामिल

किया गया है, उनमें दिल्ली-एनसीआर, मुंबई, नवी मुंबई, ठाणे, पुणे, बेंगलुरु में भी नए घरों की मांग में करीब 21 प्रतिशत की बढ़ोतरी का अनुमान लगाया गया है। बेंगलुरु में 2024-25 की पहली तिमाही के दौरान पिछले साल के 11,848 यूनिट की जगह 14,297 यूनिट नए घर बनने का अनुमान लगाया गया है। दूसरी ओर, पुणे में पिछले साल की तुलना में इस साल 46 प्रतिशत की कमी का अनुमान लगाया गया है। पिछले साल अप्रैल से जून के दौरान पुणे में 29,261 यूनिट नए घर लॉन्च किए गए थे, जबकि इस साल पहली तिमाही के दौरान ये आंकड़ा 15,568 यूनिट रहने का अनुमान है। इसी तरह हैदराबाद में भी नए घरों की मांग में 36 प्रतिशत की कमी के साथ 18,232 यूनिट की जगह 11,603 यूनिट होने का अनुमान लगाया गया है। कोलकाता में भी नए घरों की मांग पिछले साल के 4,617 यूनिट से 26 प्रतिशत घट कर 3,411 यूनिट होने की संभावना है।

कोलकाता, चेन्नई, बेंगलुरु और हैदराबाद के आंकड़े छले गए हैं। रिपोर्ट में दिए गए आंकड़ों के मुताबिक दिल्ली-एनसीआर में इस साल करीब 95 प्रतिशत की बढ़ोतरी के साथ 11,118 नए घरों की मांग होगी। पिछले साल ये आंकड़ा 5,708 यूनिट का था। इसी तरह

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## अभिनेत्री मलाइका अरोड़ा ने ज्वेलरी शोरूम का किया शुभारम्भ



एजेंसी बीकानेर। बॉलीवुड स्टार मलाइका अरोड़ा ने बीकानेर में कल्याण ज्वेलर्स के नए शोरूम का शुभारंभ किया। शोरूम के उद्घाटन के अवसर पर रोमांचित प्रशंसकों को संबोधित करते हुए मलाइका ने कहा कि बीकानेर में आज कल्याण ज्वेलर्स के नए शोरूम का उद्घाटन करते हुए मुझे बहुत खुशी हो रही है।

बीकानेर के इस नए शोरूम के बारे में जानकारी देते हुए कल्याण ज्वेलर्स के एक्जीक्यूटिव डायरेक्टर रमेश कल्याणम ने कहा कि बीकानेर में हमारे नए शोरूम के लॉन्च के साथ, हमारा उद्देश्य एक खास इंसो सिस्टम बनाते हुए अपने ग्राहकों की विशिष्ट आवश्यकताओं को पूरा करना है, जिससे उनका खरीदारी का अनुभव बेहतर हो सके।

## सर्चा बाजार में कमजोरी से सस्ता हुआ सोना, चांदी की भी फीकी पड़ी चमक

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। घरेलू सर्चा बाजार में आज कमजोरी नजर आ रही है। इस गिरावट के कारण देश के ज्यादातर सर्चा बाजारों में 24 कैरेट सोना 72,520 रुपये से लेकर 72,370 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम के दायरे में कारोबार कर रहा है। सोने की तरह ही आज चांदी के भाव में भी आज गिरावट आई है। आज की गिरावट के कारण आज दिल्ली सर्चा बाजार में चांदी 91,900 रुपये प्रति किलोग्राम के स्तर पर कारोबार कर रहा है। देश की राजधानी दिल्ली में 24 कैरेट सोना आज 72,520 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम के स्तर पर कारोबार कर रहा है, जबकि 22 कैरेट सोने की कीमत 66,490 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम दर्ज की गई। इसी तरह मुंबई में 24 कैरेट सोना 72,370 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम और 22 कैरेट सोना 66,340 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम के स्तर पर बिक रहा है। जबकि चेन्नई में 24 कैरेट सोने की रिटेल कीमत 73,030 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम और 22 कैरेट सोने की कीमत 66,940 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम दर्ज की गई है। चेन्नई में 24 कैरेट सोना 73 हजार

रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम के स्तर के ऊपर बना हुआ है। इसी तरह 22 कैरेट सोना भी आज 66,940 रुपये से लेकर 66,340 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम के बीच बिक रहा है। इन प्रमुख शहरों के अलावा अहमदाबाद में 24 कैरेट



सोना आज 72,420 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम की कीमत पर और 22 कैरेट सोना 66,390 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम की कीमत पर बिक रहा है। इसी तरह कोलकाता में 24 कैरेट सोना 72,370 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम और 22 कैरेट सोना 66,340 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम के स्तर पर पहुंचा हुआ है। लखनऊ के सर्चा बाजार में 24 कैरेट सोना आज 72,520 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम के स्तर पर और 22 कैरेट सोना 66,490 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम के स्तर पर बिक रहा है। पटना

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## एसएंडपी ने भारत की आर्थिक वृद्धि दर का अनुमान 6.8 फीसदी पर कायम रखा

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। एसएंडपी ग्लोबल रेटिंग ने चालू वित्त वर्ष 2024-25 के लिए भारत के सकल घरेलू उत्पाद (जीडीपी) के वृद्धि दर अनुमान को 6.8 फीसदी पर कायम रखा है। रेटिंग एजेंसी ने कहा कि ऊंची ब्याज दरों और कम राजकोषीय प्रोत्साहन से मांग में कमी आएगी। पिछले वित्त वर्ष 2023-24 में भारतीय अर्थव्यवस्था 8.2 फीसदी की दर से बढ़ी है। एसएंडपी ग्लोबल रेटिंग ने एशिया प्रशांत के लिए जारी आर्थिक परिदृश्य में कहा कि भारतीय अर्थव्यवस्था अपनी आर्थिक वृद्धि के साथ हेरान कर रही है। एजेंसी का अनुमान है कि चालू वित्त वर्ष में भारत की आर्थिक वृद्धि दर घटकर 6.8 फीसदी पर आ जाएगी। एसएंडपी ने अनुमान जताया कि वित्त वर्ष 2025-26 और 2026-27 में भारतीय अर्थव्यवस्था क्रमशः 6.9 फीसदी और सात फीसदी की दर से बढ़ेगी। एजेंसी ने चीन के लिए 2024 के आने आर्थिक वृद्धि दर के अनुमान को 4.6 फीसदी से बढ़ाकर 4.8 फीसदी कर दिया है।

चालू वित्त वर्ष 2024-25 के लिए एसएंडपी का भारत के लिए आर्थिक वृद्धि दर का अनुमान रिजर्व

अर्थव्यवस्था 7.2 फीसदी की दर से बढ़ेगी। इसके अलावा फिच ने वित्त वर्ष 2024-2025 में भारत की



बैंक ऑफ इंडिया (आरबीआई) के अनुमान से कम है। इसी महीने आरबीआई ने अनुमान जताया था कि चालू वित्त वर्ष में देश की

जीडीपी वृद्धि दर 7.2 फीसदी और एशियाई विकास बैंक (एडीबी) ने सात फीसदी रहने का अनुमान जताया है।

## कच्चा तेल 86 डॉलर प्रति बैरल के करीब, पेट्रोल-डीजल की कीमत स्थिर

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। अंतरराष्ट्रीय बाजार में कच्चे तेल की कीमतों में उतार-चढ़ाव जारी है। ब्रेंट क्रूड का भाव 86 डॉलर प्रति बैरल और डब्ल्यूटीआई क्रूड 81 डॉलर प्रति बैरल के करीब है। सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र की तेल एवं गैस विपणन कर्पणियों ने पेट्रोल और डीजल के दाम में कोई बदलाव नहीं किया है। अंतरराष्ट्रीय बाजार में हफ्ते के पहले दिन शुरुआती कारोबार में ब्रेंट क्रूड 0.06 डॉलर यानी 0.07 फीसदी की गिरावट के साथ 85.18 डॉलर प्रति बैरल पर ट्रेड कर रहा है। वहीं, वेस्ट टेक्सस इंटरमीडियट (डब्ल्यूटीआई) क्रूड भी 0.09 डॉलर यानी 0.11 फीसदी लुढ़ककर 80.60 डॉलर प्रति बैरल पर कारोबार कर रहा है। इंडियन ऑयल की वेबसाइट के मुताबिक दिल्ली में पेट्रोल 94.72

रुपये और डीजल 87.62 रुपये प्रति लीटर पर स्थिर है। मुंबई में पेट्रोल 104.21 रुपये और डीजल



92.15 रुपये प्रति लीटर मिल रहा है। वहीं, कोलकाता में पेट्रोल का भाव 103.94 रुपये और डीजल 90.76 रुपये प्रति लीटर है, जबकि चेन्नई में पेट्रोल 100.75 रुपये और डीजल 92.34 रुपये प्रति लीटर बिक रहा है।

## हीरो मोटोकॉर्प एक जुलाई से चुनिंदा स्कूटर और मोटरसाइकिल मॉडल की कीमत में करेगी इजाफा

एक जुलाई से चुनिंदा मॉडल की कीमत 1,500 रुपये तक बढ़ाएगी कंपनी

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। दुपहिया वाहन निर्माता कंपनी हीरो मोटोकॉर्प अपने चुनिंदा स्कूटर और मोटरसाइकिल मॉडल के दाम में इजाफा करने का ऐलान किया है। कंपनी एक जुलाई, 2024 से अपने वाहनों की कीमत में 1,500 रुपये तक की बढ़ोतरी करेगी। हीरो मोटोकॉर्प ने कहा कि उत्पादन की ऊंची लागत की वजह से



उसे यह कदम उठाना पड़ रहा है। कंपनी ने कहा कि यह बढ़ोतरी अलग-अलग मॉडल और बाजार के हिसाब से भिन्न होगी। हीरो मोटोकॉर्प स्पेंडर श्रृंखला, एचएफ डीलक्स और ग्लैमर सहित कई बाइक बेचती है। इसकी स्कूटर श्रृंखला में ज़ूम और डेस्टिनी 125 एक्सटीसी शामिल है। देश की सबसे बड़ी दोपहिया वाहन निर्माता हीरो मोटोकॉर्प लिमिटेड एक भारतीय बहुराष्ट्रीय मोटरसाइकिल और स्कूटर निर्माता कंपनी है। इसका मुख्यालय दिल्ली में स्थित है।

## सरकार ने जमाखोरी रोकने के लिए 31 मार्च, 2025 तक गेहूं की स्टॉक लिमिट तय की

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। केंद्र सरकार ने सभी राज्यों और केंद्र शासित प्रदेशों में 31 मार्च, 2025 तक गेहूं की स्टॉक लिमिट तय कर दी है। सरकार ने गेहूं की कीमतों में स्थिरता लाने और जमाखोरी रोकने के लिए यह कदम उठाया है। उपभोक्ता, खाद्य एवं सार्वजनिक वितरण मामलों के मंत्रालय ने जारी बयान में कहा कि सरकार ने समय खाद्य सुरक्षा का प्रबंधन करने तथा जमाखोरी और सट्टेबाजी को रोकने के लिए गेहूं पर स्टॉक सीमा लागू की है। मंत्रालय के मुताबिक यह आदेश 24 जून से तत्काल प्रभाव से लागू हो गया है, जो सभी राज्यों और केंद्र शासित प्रदेशों के लिए 31 मार्च, 2025 तक लागू रहेगा।



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हेगी। इसके साथ ही बड़ी श्रृंखला वाले खुदरा विक्रेताओं के लिए यह की होगी। खाद्य मंत्रालय के मुताबिक एक अप्रैल, 2023 को गेहूं का शुरुआती स्टॉक 82 लाख टन था, जबकि एक अप्रैल, 2024 को यह 75 लाख टन था। मंत्रालय ने कहा कि पिछले साल 266 लाख टन की खरीद की गई थी, जबकि इस साल सरकार ने 262 लाख टन की खरीद की है और खरीद अभी भी जारी है। इसलिए (शुरुआती स्टॉक में) गेहूं की कमी सिर्फ तीन लाख टन की है। केंद्रीय खाद्य सचिव संजीव चोपड़ा ने कहा कि एकल खुदरा विक्रेता, बड़ी श्रृंखला के खुदरा विक्रेता, प्रोसेसर और थोक विक्रेता प्रत्येक शुरुवार को अपने पास भंडारित गेहूं के स्टॉक का खुलासा करेंगे।

केंद्रीय खाद्य सचिव संजीव चोपड़ा ने कहा कि एकल खुदरा विक्रेता, बड़ी श्रृंखला के खुदरा विक्रेता, प्रोसेसर और थोक विक्रेता प्रत्येक शुरुवार को अपने पास भंडारित गेहूं के स्टॉक का खुलासा करेंगे।

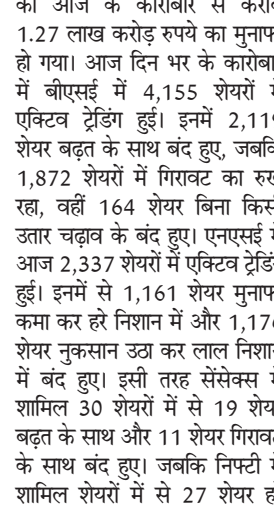
## कमजोर शुरुआत के बाद शेयर बाजार ने बनाई बढ़त, निवेशकों की 1.27 लाख करोड़ की कमाई

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। चुनिंदा शेयरों में आई तेजी के कारण घरेलू शेयर बाजार आज कमजोर शुरुआत करने के बावजूद मजबूती के साथ बंद होने में सफल रहा। आज के कारोबार की शुरुआत गिरावट के साथ हुई थी। लेकिन पहले घंटे के कारोबार में ही खरीदारों ने बाजार में मोर्चा संभाल लिया, जिसके कारण शेयर बाजार हरे निशान में पहुंचने में सफल रहा। पूरे दिन के कारोबार के बाद संसेक्स 0.17 प्रतिशत और निफ्टी 0.16 प्रतिशत की मजबूती के साथ बंद हुए। आज के कारोबार के दौरान ओटोमोबाइल, इंडस्ट्रियल और पावर सेक्टर के शेयरों में सबसे अधिक खरीदारी होती रही। इसी तरह कैपिटल गुड्स और एफएमसीजी इंडेक्स भी बढ़त के साथ बंद होने में सफल रहे। दूसरी ओर एनर्जी, कंज्यूमर ड्यूरेबल्स, मेटल, पीएसयू बैंक, ऑयल एंड गैस और मीडिया सेक्टर के शेयरों में बिकवाली का दबाव बना रहा। ब्रॉड मार्केट में भी आज लगातार खरीदारी होती रही, जिसके कारण बीएसई का मिडकैप इंडेक्स 0.37 प्रतिशत की मजबूती के साथ बंद हुआ। इसी तरह स्मॉलकैप इंडेक्स ने 0.27 प्रतिशत की तेजी के साथ आज के कारोबार का अंत किया। आज बाजार की तेजी के कारण स्टॉक मार्केट के निवेशकों की संर्पति में सवा लाख करोड़ रुपये से अधिक की बढ़ोतरी हो गई। बीएसई में

लिस्टेड कंपनियों का मार्केट कैपिटलाइजेशन आज के कारोबार के बाद बढ़ कर 435.75 लाख करोड़

निशान में और 23 शेयर लाल निशान में बंद हुए। बीएसई का संसेक्स आज

कमजोरी के साथ 23,382.30 अंक के स्तर से कारोबार की शुरुआत की। बाजार खुलने के बाद मुनाफा वस्तुली शुरू हो जाने के कारण ये सूचकांक 151.10 अंक लुढ़क कर 23,350 अंक के स्तर पर पहुंच गया। लेकिन पहले घंटे का कारोबार खत्म होने के बाद खरीदारों ने अपना जोर बना दिया, जिसकी वजह से इस सूचकांक की चाल सुधरने लगी। लगातार हो रही खरीदारी के सपोर्ट से थोड़ी देर में ही इस सूचकांक ने हरे निशान में अपनी जगह बना ली और ऊपर चढ़ते हुए 57 अंक की मजबूती के साथ 23,558.10 अंक के स्तर तक पहुंचने में सफल रहा। दिन भर हुई खरीद बिक्री के बाद निफ्टी 36.75 अंक की मजबूती के साथ 23,537.85 अंक के स्तर पर बंद हुआ। दिन भर हुए कारोबार के बाद स्टॉक मार्केट के दिग्गज शेयरों में से महिंद्रा एंड महिंद्रा 2.67 प्रतिशत, श्रीयम फार्मनेस 2.15 प्रतिशत, पावर ग्रिड कॉर्पोरेशन 2.15 प्रतिशत, ग्रामिंस इंडस्ट्रीज 1.98 प्रतिशत और सन फार्मास्यूटिकल्स 1.86 प्रतिशत की मजबूती के साथ आज के टॉप 5 गेनर्स की सूची में शामिल हुए। दूसरी ओर, सिप्ला 2.41 प्रतिशत, इंडसइंड बैंक 2.41 प्रतिशत, अडवॉणी फौंड्स 1.70 प्रतिशत, कोल इंडिया 1.35 प्रतिशत और टाटा स्टील 1.10 प्रतिशत की कमजोरी के साथ आज के टॉप 5 लुजरर्स की सूची में शामिल हुए।



324.25 अंक टूट कर 76,885.65 अंक के स्तर पर खुला। कारोबार की शुरुआत होने के साथ ही बिकवाली का दबाव बन जाने की वजह से ये सूचकांक 463.96 अंक की कमजोरी के साथ 76,745.94 अंक के स्तर तक लुढ़क गया। हालांकि सुबह 10 बजे के पहले ही खरीदारों ने तिलावली का जोर बना दिया, जिसके कारण इस सूचकांक की चाल में तेजी आ गई। बिकवाली के छोटे-मोटे झटकों के बावजूद लगातार हो रही खरीदारी के सपोर्ट के कारण ये सूचकांक निचले स्तर से 675 अंक से भी अधिक उछल कर 213.12 अंक की बढ़त के साथ 77,423.02 अंक के स्तर पर पहुंच गया। पूरे दिन के कारोबार के बाद संसेक्स 131.18 अंक की मजबूती के साथ 77,341.08 अंक के स्तर पर बंद हुआ। संसेक्स की तरह ही एनएसई के निफ्टी ने आज 118.80 अंक की

## कोयला मंत्रालय ने झारखंड में लिए भारत की पहली पायलट भूमिगत कोयला गैसीकरण के परियोजना का शुभारंभ किया

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। कोयला मंत्रालय के रणनीतिक निर्देशन के अंतर्गत, ईस्टर्न कोलफील्ड्स लिमिटेड (ईसीएल) ने झारखंड के जामताड़ा जिले के कास्ता कोयला ब्लॉक में भूमिगत कोयला गैसीकरण (यूसीजी) के लिए एक अभिन्न पायलट परियोजना का शुभारंभ किया है। यह कोयला क्षेत्र के भीतर मंत्रालय के सक्रिय विविधोकरण प्रयासों को दर्शाता है। इस प्रथम अभूतपूर्व पहल

का उद्देश्य कोयला उद्योग में क्रांति लाना है, इसके लिए मूल स्थान पर कोयला गैसीकरण का उपयोग करके इसे मीथेन, हाइड्रोजन, कार्बन मोनोऑक्साइड और कार्बन डायऑक्साइड जैसी मूल्यवान गैसों में परिवर्तित करना है। इन गैसों का उपयोग सिंथेटिक प्राकृतिक गैस, ईंधन, उर्वरक, विस्फोटक और अन्य औद्योगिक अनुप्रयोगों के लिए रसायनिक फीडस्टॉक्स के उत्पादन के लिए किया जा सकता है।

कोयला मंत्रालय कोयला गैसीकरण परियोजनाओं को बढ़ावा देने के लिए पूर्ण रूप से प्रतिबद्ध है साथ ही यह कोयले को विभिन्न उच्च मूल्य वाले रसायनिक उत्पादों में परिवर्तित करते हुए इसकी क्षमता को पूर्ण रूप से उपयोग में लाता है। भूमिगत कोयला गैसीकरण कोयला संसाधनों तक पहुंच प्रदान करके एक महत्वपूर्ण लाभ प्रदान करता है जो पारंपरिक खनन विधियों के माध्यम से आर्थिक रूप से अव्यवहारिक हैं। यह पायलट परियोजना कोल इंडिया लिमिटेड (सीआईएल) और इसकी सहयोग कंपनियों के लिए एक महत्वपूर्ण उपलब्धि है और यह भारत को उन्नत कोयला गैसीकरण प्रौद्योगिकियों को अपनाते में अग्रणी के रूप में स्थापित करती है। दिसंबर 2015 में कोयला मंत्रालय ने कोयला और लिग्नाइट युक्त क्षेत्रों में यूसीजी के लिए एक न्यूकन नीतिगत प्रारूप को स्वीकृति दी थी।



# काम की सुडौल आदत बनाए सुडौल कमर

मोटापा न केवल खूबसूरती का दुश्मन है वरन अनेक रोगों का घर है। मोटापा विभिन्न रोगों को निमंत्रण भी देता है। मोटापा एक ऐसा रोग है जो बहुत प्रयत्न के बाद भी शायद ही पीछा छोड़े। खानपान, रहन-सहन में थोड़ी-सी लापरवाही मोटापे का द्वार खोल देती है। प्रारंभ में तो अनजाने से ही ऐशोआराम की मानसिकता के तहत हम स्वयं ही मोटापे को बुलावा देते हैं।

बाद में किताबों में पढ़कर, कहीं से

सुनकर उससे छुटकारा पाने के नित नवीन तरीके आजमाते हैं। अधिकांश प्रयोग माटी का उल्टा पड़ा चिकना घड़ा ही साबित होते हैं। वॉशिंग मशीन, मिक्सर, गैस व काम करने वाली महारियों की बदौलत शरीर पर चर्बी की परत-दर-परत जमा होती जाती है। सुविधाभोगी जिंदगी के हम इतने आदी हो चुके हैं कि इसका परिणाम जानते हुए भी आरामतलब जिंदगी छोड़ना नहीं चाहते।

सुंदर-छहरी काया, सुडौल कमर, भला किसे अच्छी नहीं लगती। लेकिन इसके लिए प्रयत्न आवश्यक है। व्यायाम, शारीरिक श्रम व जिम्मेदार पर नियंत्रण रखकर हम काफी हद तक मोटापे को रोक सकते हैं। आचार-व्यवहार, रहन-सहन पर अंकुश लगाए बगैर हम छहरे नहीं रह सकते। स्वास्थ्यप्रद क्रियाकलापों को हम अपनी दिनचर्या में शामिल कर लें तो मोटापे के जालिम पंजों से बचा जा सकता है। मोटापे के संदर्भ में कुछ ध्यान रखने योग्य बातें



निम्न हैं:

नियमित व्यायाम, खेलकूद, तेज चाल से घूमना, शरीर के आकार व वजन को संतुलित रखता है। खेलकूद व व्यायाम का पर्याय शारीरिक श्रम है। घरेलू कार्य- पोंछा लगाना, सफाई करना, कपड़े धोना आदि से पर्याप्त श्रम हो जाता है और चर्बी नहीं चढ़ने पाती। व्यापार, दफ्तर अथवा घरेलू कार्यों से निपटने के बाद बिस्तर से न

चिपकें। हालाँकि सोना, आराम करना अच्छा लगता है। लेकिन कुछ दिनों बाद ही इसके दुष्परिणाम सामने आने लगते हैं। अपने खाली समय में बुनाई, कढ़ाई, पेंटिंग, लेखन या अन्य रचनात्मक कार्य करें। इससे रचनात्मकता में वृद्धि के साथ लोगों में मोटापा भी नहीं बढ़ेगा। कई लोगों की आदत दिनभर कुछ न कुछ खाने की होती है।

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शरीर को लचीला बनाने वाली गतिविधियाँ अवश्य करें। कार्डियोवैस्कुलर व्यायाम से मांसपेशियाँ मजबूत बनती हैं। व्यायाम से जोड़ों के दर्द संबंधी शिकायतों में कमी आती है। नियमित व्यायाम से रक्तप्रवाह अच्छा रहता है।

शरीर में एंडोर्फिन निकलता है जो कुदरती तौर पर पीड़ा से आराम देता है। पीठ दर्द और डिस्क से दबाव घटाने के लिए पैदल चलने की सलाह दी जाती है। सीधे बैठने व खड़े रहने से मांसपेशियों व हड्डियों की



समस्याओं से निजात मिलने में दूरगामी असर देखने को मिलता है। नीचे पड़ी कोई चीज उठाने के लिए अपने घुटनों को मोड़ें।

कोई भारी वस्तु जमीन से ऊपर उठाते वक उसे अपने शरीर के पास रखें। इससे पीठ के निचले भाग में जोर नहीं पड़ता। भारी सामान उठाते हुए शरीर को मोड़ें नहीं। वजनी चीजों को खींचें नहीं धकेलें।



## आँसुओं के सिवा दुनिया में रखा क्या है...

दृष्टिहीनता की विकारलता, व्यापकता तथा उसके द्वारा होने वाले शारीरिक, पारिवारिक, सामाजिक, आर्थिक तथा अन्य दुष्परिणामों ने पूरे विश्व को चिंतित कर रखा है। इस समस्या के निराकरण की चर्चा तो प्रायः होती रहती है, किंतु मूल समस्या यथावत होने के परिणामस्वरूप यह विचार उठना स्वाभाविक है कि या तो प्रयासों में गंभीरता की कमी या प्रयास अपर्याप्त हैं। इस विचार को इस बात से भी बल मिलता है कि पूर्व में प्रत्येक स्तर पर किए गए प्रयास या कार्यक्रम विभिन्न कारणों से सफल नहीं हो पाए हैं।

यह सामयिक होगा कि हम समस्या के वर्तमान परिदृश्य का परीक्षण करें। समाज को यह भी बताएँ कि दृष्टिहीनता गरीबी का एक महत्वपूर्ण कारण है और अग्रिम स्थान पर है, जो उन्मूलन की माँग करता है। दृष्टिहीनता का 80 प्रतिशत भाग नेत्र सुरक्षा के उपयुक्त उपाए या उचित उपचार से रोका जा सकता है।

यदि दृष्टिहीनता की रोकथाम में संलग्न संगठन, संस्थाएँ तथा व्यक्ति मिलकर सामूहिक रूप से समर्पित भावना से कार्य करें तो लाखों महिला-पुरुष तथा बच्चों को दृष्टिहीनता से

बचाया जा सकता है, जो अंततः अपने परिवार के साथ राष्ट्रीय विकास में भागीदार हो सकते हैं। दृष्टिहीनता के कारण प्रायः गरीबी तथा गुणवत्ता आधारित नेत्र चिकित्सा के अभाव से जुड़े हैं और अत्यधिक गरीब एवं उपेक्षित वर्ग में दिखते हैं। विकासशील देशों में विकसित देशों की तुलना में दृष्टिहीन होने की संभावना 5-10 गुना अधिक होती है।

दृष्टिहीन व्यक्तियों का 80 प्रतिशत 50 वर्ष से अधिक आयु वर्ग का है। विडम्बना है कि नेत्ररोग उपचार सुविधाओं की उपलब्धता में भी लिंगीय असमानता है। महिला तथा लड़कियों के 35 प्रतिशत भाग को ही यह सुविधा मिल रही है, जबकि शेष 65 प्रतिशत पुरुष तथा लड़कों को प्राप्त हो रही है।

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से रोकथाम हो सकती है। 20 प्रतिशत की रोकथाम तथा 60 प्रतिशत उपचार के माध्यम से यह उचित अवसर है

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NEWS BOX

'Emmy, Oscar?' Gulbadin Naib faking injury to waste time in AFG vs BAN sparks debate

New Delhi. Gulbadin Naib's antics after a 'supposed' hamstring injury while fielding at slips during a pivotal moment in the Bangladesh clash has sparked a debate in the commentary box with Simon Doull slamming the Afghanistan all-rounder. The moment happened right before another rain break during the clash at St. Vincent on June 25, with the game on a knife-edge. Bangladesh were 81 for 7 and 2 runs behind on the DLS score. Afghanistan coach Jonathan Trott had sent in a message to the players to slow things down a bit and this promptly caused Naib to fall to the ground by catching his hamstring. This would even make Rashid Khan unhappy as he kept asking the all-rounder what had happened. As the covers came on, Naib was seen helped off the field. You can see the full video below: Doull was very vocal with his frustration at seeing the antics from Naib and called it unacceptable. "The coach sends a message out to say Slow it down, Slow it down and the first slip just dives on the ground needlessly. That is unacceptable. Gone off anyway, I get that might have gone off anyway for the rain," said Doull.

Even Litton Das saw the funny side of it as he was seen talking to Mohammad Nabi about it. Once the video was played again, the commentary box burst into laughter with Pommie Mbengwa saying, "Oscar, Emmy?" and Doull claiming "match fee gone." Naib wouldn't come back on to the field when the game restarted with Najibullah coming on but would return to the field shortly after. He would even come on to bowl the 15th over.

Meme fest on as Afghanistan knockout Australia for T20 World Cup semi-final spot

New Delhi. Social media platforms are getting flooded with memes after Afghanistan clinched an emphatic and close-call win over Bangladesh in their crucial T20 World Cup Super 8 clash on June 25, which saw the Rashid Khan-led side secure their first-ever semi-final spot in a senior men's ICC tournament. Afghanistan's victory by 8 runs via DLS method at the Arnos Vale Ground in Kingstown, Saint Vincent also meant that the side knocked out the heavyweights Australia from the semi-final race. Having already beaten the T20I cricket giants like New Zealand and Australia in what has been a dream T20 World Cup run for the side, Rashid's Afghanistan made sure to extend that in a certain style after this win. Having won the toss and opting to bat first, Afghanistan had a risky start after managing to post a total of only 115 runs on the board, but some brilliant bowling by the likes of their skipper Rashid in his 4/23 spell saw the side get their most important win of the tournament. One of the key highlights of the game was Gulbadin Naib controversially going down on the ground due to a likely cramp, just a few seconds before a rain delay. This was quickly picked up by the netizens in their humorous and congratulatory meme-fest, while India fans also lauded Afghanistan for knocking out their long-term rivals, Australia. Taking immense pride and confidence from this win, Afghanistan will now gear up for their ever-crucial semi-final against an unbeaten South Africa in their T20 World Cup semi-final clash on June 27 at the Brian Lara Cricket stadium in Tarouba, Trinidad.

Rohit Sharma ne kya fainti lagayi hai Mitchell Starc ki' - Shoib Akhtar lauds India captain's knock in win over Australia

NEW DELHI. Former Pakistani fast bowler Shoib Akhtar has heaped praise on Rohit Sharma's awe-inspiring batting following India's victory over Australia in the 'Super 8s' match of the T20 World Cup 2024 on Monday.

In a video posted on his 'X' handle, Akhtar highlighted the transformation in India's mindset from disappointment to determination after their defeat against Australia in the ODI World Cup final last year. The depression that India had after losing the last World Cup final, the one they deserved to win...that depression has now turned into obsession that we have to beat Australia here. Then Rohit Sharma did what he should have done, played with such intent. Rohit ne kya fainti lagayi hai Mitchell Starc ki (Rohit completely annihilated Starc). My heart wanted Rohit Sharma to score 150 today," Akhtar passionately said in the India's 24-run victory was anchored by Rohit's brilliant knock, scoring 92 runs off just 41 balls. His aggressive approach set the tone for India's innings, allowing them to post a formidable total of 205 for 5s. Despite early setbacks, including the quick dismissals of Virat Kohli and Rishabh Pant, Sharma's stay at the crease ensured India remained on course for a big total. Batting second, Australia struggled to keep up with the required run rate, managing 181 for 7. Travis Head's valiant effort with the bat, scoring 76 runs, wasn't enough to overcome India's disciplined bowling attack led by Jasprit Bumrah. The Rohit Sharma-led side will take on England in the second semi-final in Guyana on Thursday.

# AFG vs BAN: Afghanistan storm into historic semi-final after thriller vs Bangladesh

- ← Afghanistan beat Bangladesh by 8 runs (DLS)
- ← Rashid Khan picked up 4 wickets
- ← Australia failed to qualify for the semis



New Delhi. Afghanistan stormed into the semi-final of the T20 World Cup 2024 after beating Bangladesh by 8 runs (DLS) in their Super 8 clash on Tuesday, June 25 at the Arnos Vale Ground in Kingstown, St Vincent. Their victory meant that Australia, who won the tournament back in 2021, failed to go through to the next round after back-to-back losses at the hands of India and the Afghans. Rain played hide and seek throughout the second innings, but Afghanistan held their nerves.

Afghanistan finished second in the table with 4 points and a net run rate of -0.267 thanks to wins in 2 out of 3 games. After their 47-run defeat to India, Rashid Khan's men looked

down and out, but they rose like a phoenix from the ashes. They will now face Aiden Markram's South Africa in the first semi-final on June 27 at the Brian Lara Stadium in Tarouba, Trinidad.

Rishad Hossain stars for Bangladesh

After opting to bat first, Afghanistan hardly got off the blocks as they were restricted to 115 for 5 in 20 overs. Rahmanullah Gurbaz and Ibrahim Zadran put on 59 runs for the opening wicket, but could not step on the gas. Rishad Hossain separated the duo after

getting rid of Ibrahim, who made a painstaking 29-ball 18. Gurbaz, who is known for his big shots, scored 43 runs at an underwhelming strike-rate of 78.18. The Afghan middle-order batters struggled as none of Azmatullah Omarzai, Gulbadin Naib and Karim Janat got going. In the end, it was an unbeaten 19-run knock off 10 balls from skipper Rashid Khan that injected some momentum into the Afghanistan innings. Rashid hit 3 sixes in his cameo, 2 of which came off Tanzim Hasan Sakib in the 20th over. Rishad was the pick of the bowlers

for Bangladesh after he finished with figures of 4-0-26-3. The leg-spinner also broke Shakib Al Hasan's record for most wickets by a Bangladeshi spinner in a single edition of the T20 World Cup. Taskin Ahmed, who replaced Mahedi Hasan, and Mustafizur Rahman accounted for one scalp apiece. Litton's knock goes in vain just before the start of Bangladesh's run-chase, rain halted proceedings. After play resumed, the Tigers showed intent, although they lost the early wickets of Tanzid Hasan Tamim, Najmul Hossain Shanto and Shakib. With their score at 31 for 3 in 3.3 overs, rain arrived for the second time, but no overs were lost. Soumya Sarkar and Towhid Hridoy played their shots and scored 10 and 14 runs respectively, before they got out to Rashid. While the Tigers kept losing wickets at regular intervals, Litton Das held one end up, but Bangladesh's quest to chase the target in 12.1 overs kept becoming tough. Mahmudullah became Rashid's third victim. After 12.1 overs, the Tigers were officially knocked out. Litton fought valiantly to stay not out on 54 runs off 49 balls with the help of 5 fours and a six. However, his knock went in vain as Bangladesh were bowled out for 105 in 17.5 overs while defending a revised target of 114 in 19 overs.

## T20 World Cup semi-final: Afghanistan face South Africa, India up against England



New Delhi. Afghanistan will lock horns with South Africa in their semi-final of the T20 World Cup 2024 on Wednesday, June 26 (Thursday, June 27 in India). In the other semis, Rohit Sharma's India will be

up against South Africa at the Providence Stadium in Guyana. On Tuesday, the Afghans added a new chapter to their history books after securing their maiden semi-final berth in the history of the

T20 World Cup 2024: Afghanistan will face South Africa in the semi-final after beating Bangladesh by 8 runs (DLS) in their last Super 8 match. India, on the other hand, will be up against Jos Buttler's England.

tournament. They defeated Bangladesh by 8 runs (DLS) at the Arnos Vale Ground in Kingstown, St Vincent in their last and final Super 8 clash.

Earlier, India beat Australia by 24 runs on Monday at the Daren Sammy National Cricket Stadium in Gros Islet, St Lucia and confirmed their berth in the top 4. The Men in Blue will also look to avenge their 10-wicket defeat to England in the semi-final of the T20 World Cup 2024 at the Adelaide Oval.

Rashid Khan reveals how Afghanistan proved Brian Lara's semifinal prediction right

New Delhi. Afghanistan skipper Rashid Khan has revealed how the team was able to fulfill their promise to Brian Lara after the West Indies legend predicted that they would make it to the semi-finals. Afghanistan made it to the semi-finals for the first time in the World Cup on June 25, Tuesday, as they defeated Bangladesh in a thriller at St. Vincent. Afghanistan had secured big wins in the tournament against New Zealand and Australia, and they knocked out the Aussies to make it to the final four stage after win at St. Vincent. Lara had predicted ahead of the tournament that Afghanistan would be in the final four and Rashid was happy to make the West Indies legend proud. Rashid then went on to talk about Lara, who was the only person who had picked them as potential semi-finalists. The Afghan star revealed that at a



welcome party he had a word with Lara and told him they would prove him right. "I think the only guy who put us in the semifinal was Brian Lara. I think we proved that right. That's what we have discussed before the competition in a welcome party. I told him we won't let you down. We would make it, prove it that you are right. So I think that that's something everyone is so proud and are proud of this team," said Rashid.

Belief came after New Zealand win Rashid said that the semi-final qualification feels like a dream for the team and the belief came in after their win against New Zealand. "Well, it's something like a dream for us as a team. Being in the semi-finals, I think, it's all about the way we have started the thing, uh, the tournament. And, uh, the belief came while we beat New Zealand. So it's unbelievable.

## Anyone know what happened last time? England pokes fun at India ahead of semi-final

New Delhi. England cricket poked fun at India after the T20 World Cup 2024 semi-final between both teams was confirmed on June 24, Monday. India defeated Australia to top Group 1 and seal their spot in the final four at St. Lucia after Rohit Sharma hit 92 to help India post 205 runs in their 20 overs. While Travis Head and Mitchell Marsh gave India a scare, they were able to bounce back in the second half of the Australia chase.

Super 8s. After a commanding performance against West Indies,



England lost to South Africa and needed a big win against the USA to qualify. That is what they got in the end, as Jos Buttler put the USA bowlers to the sword. England would then put out a tweet after

the match was made official, asking what had happened the last time when both teams met in a T20 World Cup semi-final. What happened the last time India faced England in T20 World Cup?

Indian fans would want to quickly forget the last time India faced England in the T20 World Cup. It was the 2nd semi-final of the T20 World Cup 2022 and India had posted a target of 169 runs for the Jos Buttler and Co.

Hardik Pandya hit 63 and Virat Kohli got 50 but England would end up ruining the day. Alex Hales and Jos Buttler would take apart the Indian bowling lineup as England won the match by 10 wickets as they put on 170 runs in just 16 overs.

# T20 World Cup: Australia knocked out in Super 8 as Afghanistan into first-ever semis

- ← Afghanistan beat Bangladesh by 8 runs via DLS
- ← Australia could only get 2 points in the Super 8 stage
- ← Australia were left to rue the mistakes they made in Super 8 stage

New Delhi. Australia has been knocked out in the Super 8 stages of the T20 World Cup 2024 following Afghanistan's historic win against Bangladesh at St. Vincent to qualify for the semi-finals for the first time. Australia had their backs against the wall after their loss to India, as they had just 2 points in their bag following the 3 games. India had defeated Australia by 24 runs as Afghanistan just needed to beat Bangladesh to secure their qualification. Rashid Khan and Co. would end up sealing the deal with an 8-run win to qualify to the next phase as the Aussies were forced to pack their bags and head

home. What happened in the AFG vs BAN match? Afghanistan won the toss and chose to bat first against Bangladesh at St. Vincent. Despite having their most successful opening pair, Rahmanullah Gurbaz and Ibrahim Zadran, Afghanistan struggled initially. The duo managed to score 54 runs in the first 9 overs, but Bangladesh tightened their grip after Zadran's dismissal. Gurbaz attempted to accelerate the innings, but regular wickets hindered Afghanistan's progress. Rashid Hossain was particularly effective, taking 3 wickets for 26 runs in his 4 overs. Afghanistan's score plummeted from 84 for 2 to 93 for 5. However, a late surge by Rashid Khan, who scored 19 runs off 10 balls with 3 sixes, helped Afghanistan reach a competitive total. Bangladesh's chase got off to a good start as Litton got them going but wickets started to fall at the other end. It was Naveen, who got a double-strike, to give Afghanistan the upper hand at first before a rain break happened. Litton kept on attacking from the other end as it seemed that Bangladesh had an outside chance of making



it to the semi-finals themselves. However, Rashid returned and picked up 4 wickets in his spell to break the back of the chase before another rain break occurred. Litton looked to take the game close but Naveen returned to dismiss Taskin Ahmed and Mustafizur

Rahman to seal the win in the end. Where it went wrong for Australia? Australia had come into the Super 8s in strong form and had won their first match of Group 1 against Bangladesh. However, poor fielding and some questionable tactics.



# Trisha Krishnan

## Drops A Selfie With Vijay On His Birthday, Says 'To Many Milestones Ahead'

South actor Vijay is celebrating his birthday today. Wishes have been pouring in from all corners. On this day, actress Trisha Krishnan took to her social handle and shared a photo that instantly went viral. Fans were seen quickly reacting to it. Many also dropped heart emojis in the comment section. Taking to her Instagram handle, Trisha shared a photo in which she is seen posing with Vijay. It is a mirror selfie and wrote, "The calm to a storm, The storm to a calm! To many more milestones ahead." One of the fans wrote, "Omg cutiees." Another wrote, "Wow." Trisha and Vijay first starred together in the 2004 film Ghilli. They acted in Aathi, Thirupachi, and Kuruvi later on, reuniting after years for Lokesh Kanagaraj's 2023 film Leo.

Thalapathy Vijay's film The Greatest Of All Time (GOAT), directed by Venkat Prabhu, is believed to be his last film before he joins full-time politics.

With Thalapathy Vijay portraying dual roles, The Greatest Of All Time boasts an ensemble cast including Prashanth, Prabhu Deva, and Meenaakshi Chaudhary. Filming for this film has progressed swiftly, spanning locations from Chennai to Sri Lanka, Thailand and Hyderabad, with the current schedule in Kerala. In Kerala, shooting started at the Greenfield International Stadium in Thiruvananthapuram on March 18, marking Vijay's return to Kerala after 14 years since his last film, Kaavalan, in 2011. Fans had expressed their excitement by erecting billboards at the stadium to welcome the acclaimed actor.

There is another reason why Thalapathy Vijay's fans are eagerly looking forward to watching GOAT. As per the reports, actress Trisha Krishnan may grace the screens with her cameo role in this film. Trisha and Vijay's impeccable on-screen chemistry has been loved by the viewers; thus, news of the former's cameo has piqued the excitement for the film. It is reported that she has already completed shooting for her scenes, among which is a song. The convergence of Vijay's on-screen charisma, Venkat Prabhu's directorial prowess, and an ensemble cast promise an enthralling cinematic experience, eagerly anticipated by viewers. AGS Entertainment has backed The Greatest Of All Time. Besides the films, Thalapathy Vijay has also hit the headlines for voicing opinions against the Indian Citizenship Amendment Act 2019.



### Sonakshi Sinha-Zaheer Iqbal Wedding Bash: Riteish-Genelia Guests; Diljit Dosanjh to Also Attend?



Following speculations of Sonakshi Sinha and Zaheer Iqbal's wedding reception, News18 Showsha had exclusively reported that it would be a star-studded affair. Celebrities like Aayush Sharma, Huma Qureshi, Varun Sharma, Sanjay Leela Bhansali, Fardeen Khan, Taha Shah Badussha, Aditi Rao Hydari, Sharmin Segal Mehta and others are expected to grace their big day at Bastian in Mumbai's Dadar. Reportedly, a registered marriage is taking place today with the couple already having hosted an indoor party for friends and family on June 20. A mehendi ceremony took place on June 21. And now, we've exclusively learned the names of more Bollywood stars who will be a part of the party at the high-end restaurant that's slated to take place tonight. A reliable source tells us, "Sonakshi shares a good camaraderie with most of her peers in the industry. Needless to say, the reception will see some of the most popular names including two popular Bollywood couples - Riteish Deshmukh (who's Sonakshi's co-star in the upcoming film Kakuda), Genelia Deshmukh, Jacky Bhagnani, and Rakul Preet Singh." The source further adds, "Additionally, screenwriter and author Mushtaq Sheikh and Panchayat fame actor Asif Khan are also confirmed guests at the party. Salman Khan who has been Sonakshi and Zaheer's mentor may also make it. However, there's no clarity on the same yet." And now, wait for the clincher! Another little birdie tells us that Diljit Dosanjh who's making heads turn globally may also make his presence felt at Bastian.

This source says, "Diljit is currently in Mumbai. He has been in the city since the last week for meetings and other commitments. The singer-actor and Sonakshi had shared screen space in the 2018 comedy film Welcome To New York and struck a rapport. In 2017, they also collaborated on a song titled Move Your Lakk for the film Noor. With him being in the bay, there are strong chances that he too might make it." On a related note, Sonakshi and Zaheer's union has been making news of an alleged conflict between her and her family. However, all of that has been put to rest now as Shatrughan Sinha told Times Now recently, "No one from my family said anything about a wedding. Too much attention is being given to something that is a private family matter. Shaadiyan sab ke ghar hoti hain. Pre-wedding conflicts are also common. We are all okay now. Whatever stress there was has been sorted out."

### Ahmed Khan Reveals Sridevi Bribed Kids At Mr India Set To Teach Her Break Dance: 'Offered Us Ice Cream'



Anil Kapoor and Sridevi starrer Mr India is considered one of the cult classic films. Directed by Shekhar Kapur, the film is still very popular among the masses. But recently filmmaker and choreographer Ahmed Khan, who worked as a child artist in the film, revealed that Sridevi used to bribe kids so that they could teach her break dance.

Talking to Siddharth Kannan, Ahmed Khan recalled the days at Mr India's set and said, "We were shooting the hospital scene after the bomb blast when a character dies, it was a serious scene. During that shoot, she took us to one of the doctor's rooms and offered us ice cream. She told us, 'I'm not giving you this because I like you, you have to teach me break dancing.' Then we taught her some moves. That's where our friendship began."

He further added saying that Sridevi was reserved in nature. "Sridevi was reserved, as everyone knows. As a child actor, I observed that she would be reserved off-camera, but once the camera started rolling, she became Seema, her character in the film, and would snap out of it as soon as the director said cut. It was like Michael Jackson, who spoke softly but exploded on stage. We would think, 'How did she do this?' She was mahaan (great). Initially, she wasn't friendly with us, but eventually, she became very friendly," he was quoted saying. Mr. India was released in 1987. Sridevi's performance, particularly in the song "Hawa Hawaii," became iconic.

Ahmed Khan is currently busy in the shooting of Welcome To The Jungle. It will star Akshay Kumar, Paresh Rawal, Disha Patani, Jacqueline Fernandez, Arshad Warsi, Suniel Shetty, Johnny Lever, Shreyas Talpade, Tusshar Kapoor. Last year, when the makers dropped the teaser announcement of the film, it took the nation by storm. The actors were seen singing a peppy revised version of the title song of Welcome, but with a twist.

# Karan Kundrra

## Reacts To Armaan Malik Entering Bigg Boss OTT 3 With 2 Wives: 'Not Able To Handle One...'

Bigg Boss OTT 3 has been generating quite a buzz for itself. Right from the controversial contestants to the new host, Anil Kapoor, the show has its fans on their toes. Bigg Boss alum Karan Kundrra has reacted to Armaan Malik entering the house with his two wives. "The premiere of Bigg Boss OTT 3 is going on and Armaan Malik has reached the show with his trio. That means Armaan Malik has reached the 'Bigg Boss' house with both his wives. You are blessed," Karan said in a video.

Karan added, "People here are not able to handle even one and you have brought two, that too to the Bigg Boss house. Kalesh pro max hone wala hai, you wait for a few days."

Earlier, Devoleena Bhattacharjee had expressed her dissatisfaction with Armaan's entry into the show. "Do you think this is entertainment? This is not entertainment, it's filth. Don't make the mistake of taking this lightly because it's not just a reel, it's real. I mean, I can't even understand how anyone can call this shamelessness entertainment? I feel disgusted just hearing about it. Gross. I mean, in just 6/7 days love happened, marriage happened, and then the same thing with the wife's best friend. This is beyond my imagination," she posted on X. Bigg Boss OTT 3 contestants list for this year includes social media personality Lovekesh Kataria, Chandrika



Dixit aka Vada Pav Girl, actor Ranvir Shorey, vlogger Shivani Kumari, actor Sana Makbul Khan, social media influencer Vishal Pandey, journalist Deepak Chaurasia, actor Sai Ketan Rao, tarot card reader Munisha Khatwani, actor and model Sana Sulthan Khan, boxer Neeraj Goyat, rapper Naved Shaikh aka Naezy, and actor Poulomi Das.

