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Julian Assange's actions put lives at risk: US as WikiLeaks founder walks free

Hours after Julian Assange landed in Australia to an ecstatic welcome on Wednesday evening, the US State Department said Assange's actions put lives at risk even as the judge who accepted the WikiLeaks founder's guilty plea to resolve his case noted that no victims had been identified. A spokesperson for the State Department, however, preferred not to give any examples of the harm caused by Assange's release, after he was asked by reporters to provide for, if any. The spokesperson said the department's involvement in the resolution of Assange's case was very limited. Assange spent his first night in 14 years as a free man back at home in Australia after pleading guilty to violating US espionage law in a deal that sets him free from a 14-year legal battle.

He had battled extradition to Sweden on sexual assault allegations and to the US, where he faced 18 criminal charges tied to WikiLeaks' release in 2010 of hundreds of thousands of US classified military documents and diplomatic cables. Chief US District Judge, Ramona V Manglona, in the US territory of Saipan accepted Assange's guilty plea to a single criminal count.

While Washington has often called Assange's actions reckless and claimed they put its agents at risk, the judge noted that the United States could not identify any personal victim from them. "There's another significant fact - the government has indicated there is no personal victim here. That tells me the dissemination of this information did not result in any known physical injury," the judge said. The State Department spokesperson reiterated the US position when asked about the judge's comments. "The State Department did an extraordinary amount of work when we found out that these cables were going to be published to get people out of harm's way," the department's spokesperson said.

The State Department said the Justice Department acted independently in the case. The spokesperson added that there was some limited coordination between the State Department and the Australian government recently.

Indian-origin man jailed for over a year for fatal gang brawl in Singapore hotel

Singapore. A 25-year-old Indian-origin man in Singapore was sentenced to more than a year in jail and fined SGD 2,000 for his involvement in a rival gang-inspired brawl at a hotel in 2023 in which one person was killed.

Sharvin Jay Nair pleaded guilty on Tuesday to one charge of voluntarily causing hurt to Mohammad Isrrat Mohd Ismail, who died following a brawl at a hotel in the tourist belt of Orchard Road, The Straits Times newspaper reported. Nair, who also admitted to other charges, was sentenced to 12 months and eight weeks in jail by a court in Singapore. More than 10 men have been charged over their alleged involvement in the brawl. Among them is another Indian-origin man, Asvain Pachan Pillai Sukumaran, 29, who is facing a murder charge for allegedly killing Isrrat. Deputy Public Prosecutor Kathy Chu said the two groups involved in the brawl belonged to two rival secret societies. Those convicted of voluntarily causing hurt can be jailed for up to three years, fined up to SGD5,000, or both.

India demands stern action in Indian worker's death in Italy

World India on Wednesday asked Italy to take prompt action against those responsible for the death of a 31-year-old Indian worker, who died after he was dumped on the road without medical assistance by his employer after his arm was severed by heavy farm machinery.

Muktesh Pardeshi, Secretary (CPV & OIA), conveyed to Luigi Maria Vignali, the Director General for Italian Citizens Abroad and Migration Policies, India's "deep concern" about the death of Satnam Singh, the Indian Embassy in Italy said in a post on X on Wednesday. "He called for prompt action against those responsible. Embassy is in contact with the family of Satnam Singh for consular help and transportation of mortal remains", the mission added. During the communications in the Chamber ahead of the European Council, Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni on Wednesday recalled "the horrible and inhuman death of Satnam Singh", ANSA news agency reported. When Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni recalled the death of Singh, all the deputies present in the Chamber stood up and applauded. Minister Tajani, after getting up, told the prime minister: "I asked for visas for the family". "Bravo," Meloni replied. Last week, Meloni had said that Singh, one of thousands of Indian immigrants who work the fields in the country, was the victim of "inhuman acts". "These are inhumane acts that do not belong to the Italian people. I hope that this barbarity will be punished harshly", she said following a Cabinet meeting last week. Singh, who was abandoned by his employer after a strawberry wrapping machine severed his arm in Latina, died last week due to "copious bleeding", ANSA reported separately, citing initial results of an autopsy.

He died in a hospital in Rome two days later after being airlifted there when he was eventually found. He died because he lost so much blood that he couldn't recover from his injuries, the Italian news agency reported on Friday. Doctors tried in vain to save Singh's life for two days. The death of the Sikh farm hand has spurred outrage at gangmastering, which is widespread in Italy, especially in the south of the country, and modern forms of slavery.

Singh lost his arm when it was trapped in a plastic fruit wrapping machine. His employer, Antonello Lovato, loaded him and his wife into a van and left them by the side of the road near their home, the report said. Singh's severed arm was placed in a fruit crate.

His employer has been charged with negligent manslaughter. Meanwhile, Singh's widow Soni, who was treated for shock after the incident, received a special 'justice' stay permit to end her illegal status in Italy, Ansa reported on Friday.

Bolivia President thanks people as coup attempt fails, army general arrested

La Paz, Bolivia. Armoured vehicles rammmed the doors of Bolivia's government palace on Wednesday in an apparent coup attempt, but President Luis Arce vowed to stand firm and named a new army commander who ordered troops to stand down. Soon the soldiers pulled back, along with a line of military vehicles, as hundreds of Arce's supporters rushed the square outside the palace, waving Bolivian flags, singing the national anthem and cheering. Arce, surrounded by ministers, waved at the crowd. "Thank you to the Bolivian people", he said. "Let democracy live on". Hours later, the Bolivian general who appeared to be behind the rebellion, Juan Jose Zuniga, was arrested after the attorney general opened an investigation. It wasn't immediately clear what the charges were against him. However, in a twist, Zuniga claimed before his arrest that Arce himself told the general to storm the palace in a political move. "The president told me, the situation is very screwed up, very critical.

It is necessary to prepare something to raise my popularity", Z'ñiga told reporters. Z'ñiga said he asked Arce if he should "take out the armoured vehicles?" and Arce replied, "Take them out". Wednesday's rebellion followed months of tensions, with economic hardship and protests growing ever stronger as two political titans — Arce and his one-time ally, leftist former President Evo Morales — battled for control of the ruling party. Still, the apparent attempt to depose the sitting president appeared to lack any meaningful support, and even Arce's rivals closed ranks to defend democracy and repudiate the uprising. The spectacle shocked Bolivians, no stranger to political unrest. In 2019, Morales was ousted as president following an earlier political crisis. As the crisis unfolded Wednesday, military vehicles flooded into the plaza. Before entering the government building, Z'ñiga, general commander of the army, told journalists "Surely soon there will be a new Cabinet



of ministers; our country, our state, cannot go on like this". Z'ñiga said that "for now", though, he recognised Arce as commander in chief. Z'ñiga did not explicitly say he was leading a coup, but in the palace, he said the army was trying to "restore democracy and free our political prisoners". Shortly after, Arce confronted Z'ñiga in the palace hallway, as shown on video on Bolivian television. "I am your captain, and I order you to withdraw your soldiers, and I will not allow this insubordination", Arce said. Surrounded by ministers, he added "Here we are, firm in Casa Grande, to

confront any coup attempt. We need the Bolivian people to organise". He added in a video message that he would not "allow, once again, coup attempts to take the lives of Bolivians". Less than an hour later, Arce announced new heads of the army, navy and air force amid the roar of supporters, and thanked the country's police and regional allies for standing by him. Arce said the troops who rose against him were "staining the uniform" of the military. "I order all that are mobilised to return to their units", said the newly named army chief José Wilson Sánchez. "No one wants the images we're seeing in the streets". Shortly after, the armoured vehicles roared out of the plaza, tailed by hundreds of military fighters as police in riot gear set up blockades outside the government palace. The incident was met with a wave of outrage by other regional leaders, including the Organization of American States, Chilean President Gabriel Boric, the leader of Honduras, and former Bolivian leaders.

Princess Anne is 'recovering slowly' after horse-related injury, says her husband

London. King Charles III's sister Princess Anne is "recovering slowly" in hospital, her husband said Wednesday, after she suffered a concussion in an incident with a horse at her country estate.

"She'll be out when she's ready," Tim Laurence also told reporters outside Southmead Hospital in Bristol, western England, where Anne was taken on Sunday. Anne, 73, suffered concussion and minor head injuries at Gatcombe Park on Sunday evening and was airlifted to hospital. It is believed she was struck by a horse as she was walking within the protected perimeter of the sprawling estate, which hosts equestrian events. The princess's medical team said her injuries are consistent with a potential impact from a horse's head or legs. British media reported Wednesday that Anne's concussion meant the precise details of what happened are not clear. The Princess Royal, as she is also known, is a skilled horsewoman who competed at



the 1976 Montreal Olympics, and has a reputation as the hardest-working royal. She has stepped in to represent King Charles while he postponed public engagements during his cancer treatment, and rode at his official birthday parade this month. But the accident forced her to withdraw

from an appearance at a state banquet on Tuesday evening for visiting Japanese Emperor Naruhito, and cancel an upcoming trip to Canada. Buckingham Palace said Anne was in hospital "as a precautionary measure for observation and is expected to make a full and swift recovery".

Russian pranksters release clip of hoax video call with UK's David Cameron on Ukraine

London. Russian pranksters who often target people the Russian state is interested in released footage on Wednesday (local time) of a video call with British Foreign Secretary David Cameron after tricking him into thinking he was speaking to a former Ukrainian president. London's Foreign Office said earlier this month that Cameron had held a video call with someone purporting to be former Ukrainian president Petro Poroshenko before realising he was the victim of a hoax. The call, which appears to have lasted around 15 minutes and in which Cameron is shown talking on his mobile phone dressed casually somewhere outside, was carried out by Russian pranksters who use the aliases "Vovan and Lexus". The duo is well-known inside Russia having duped a string of Western politicians over the years, including Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni, Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, and, in 2022, Britain's then-defence minister, Ben Wallace.

The Foreign Office said the call looked like a Russian operation designed to distract attention from Moscow's war in Ukraine. It did not answer a question about the video's authenticity. Vovan and Lexus have in the past denied Western accusations that they have links to Russia's intelligence services, though they often ask their



14 killed in Nepal as heavy rain triggers landslides, floods

Kathmandu. At least 14 people have been killed in Nepal due to landslides and flash floods triggered by torrential rainfall and lightning in the past 24 hours.

According to news agency ANI, at least eight people were killed due to landslides, while another five lost their lives due to lightning and one was killed due to floods. Landslides swept away three houses overnight in Lamjung district, about 125 km west of Kathmandu, killing four people, including two children, district administrator Buddha Bahadur Gurung told media. "We recorded a total of 44 incidents on June 26. In those incidents, 14 people have lost their lives, eight were due to landslides, five due to lightning and one in flooding. Two people are still

unaccounted for in a landslide incident while 10 people have sustained injuries," National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Authority (NDRMA) spokesperson



Dijan Bhattarai told ANI. According to the country's Home Ministry, at least 27 people have died in the Himalayan nation since the beginning of the monsoon season. In

addition, another 13 people were killed due to lightning in the same period. Thirty-three districts have been affected due to the monsoon, recording 147 rain-related incidents in 17 days. Every year, hundreds of people die in Nepal due to floods and landslides, which are common in mostly mountainous regions of the country during the monsoon season from mid-June to mid-September.

victims questions that would be of interest to the Russian state. In Wednesday's video, the authenticity of which Reuters could not independently verify, Cameron is seen and heard talking about sensitive Ukraine-related topics.

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In particular, he is heard talking about a private dinner he had with US presidential candidate Donald Trump in April, during which he lobbied Trump to allow Republicans to vote in favour of US military aid for Ukraine. Cameron is heard saying that the Republican party is split on Ukraine and that he had told Trump that he was wrong if he thought Putin just wanted Crimea, which Russia unilaterally annexed in 2014, as well as the Donbas area comprising Donetsk and Luhansk, two of four Ukrainian regions that Moscow claimed in 2022 as part of Russia.

Netherlands' PM Mark Rutte picked as new Nato chief

Brussels. Nato's 32 nations on Wednesday appointed outgoing Dutch Prime Minister Mark Rutte as the alliance's next chief, handing him the job at a crucial moment with Russia on the march in Ukraine and US elections looming. Rutte will take over from Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg on October 1 after major powers -- spearheaded by the United States -- agreed on his nomination ahead of a summit of Nato leaders in Washington next month. Mark is a true transatlanticist, a strong leader and a consensus-builder," Stoltenberg said on social media after Nato ambassadors approved the appointment. "I know I am leaving Nato in good hands," he said. Rutte said it was a "tremendous honour" to take over from Stoltenberg once his decade at the helm of Nato ends. "The alliance is and will remain the cornerstone of our collective security. Leading this organisation is a responsibility I do not take lightly," he posted online. The seasoned Dutch leader, whose 14-year tenure leading the Netherlands is set to end within weeks, is seen as a safe pair of hands capable of stewarding Nato through perilous times.

President Joe Biden believed Rutte "will make an excellent secretary general". While the 57-year-old faces the possibility of a possible return by former US president Donald Trump to the White House, who has long criticised the alliance, Rutte will also have to grapple with the threat posed by Russian leader Vladimir Putin. After staking a claim for the Nato post following the collapse of his Dutch coalition government last year, Rutte had to use all his diplomatic skills to win over reluctant allies Turkey and Hungary. He finally clinched the race last week when his sole challenger, Romanian President Klaus Iohannis, dropped out.

Back Ukraine, tame Trump?

A staunch supporter of Ukraine, the straight-talking Dutchman has spearheaded a push to give Kyiv F-16 fighter jets to help beat back Russia's invasion. As Nato chief, he will play a key role in marshalling allies to keep backing the war-torn country -- while treading a fine line over Kyiv's push to join the alliance. "We anticipate that our joint work to ensure the protection of people and freedom throughout our entire Euro-Atlantic community will continue at good pace," Ukraine's President Volodymyr



Zelensky wrote on social media. The Kremlin's 2022 assault on Ukraine has reinvigorated an alliance that often struggled for purpose after the end of the Cold War, and pushed European nations to increase their defence spending.

Rutte will now have to ensure Nato is fighting fit to deal with the threat Moscow could pose for years to come, and also keep a keen eye on the growing might of China. Most testing, however, could be the challenge of keeping the alliance together if Trump reclaims the presidency. Trump reportedly mulled pulling the military superpower out of Nato during his first term, only to be

talked down by leaders including Rutte. On the campaign trail this time around, the volatile former reality TV star has rattled allies by saying he would encourage Moscow to attack countries not spending enough on defence. It is not just the United States that is facing political uncertainty, as crunch elections are also coming up in other key countries like France. Rutte will look to learn from his predecessor Stoltenberg, who has headed Nato through its most consequential decade since the Cold War ended. The unflappable former Norwegian prime minister won plaudits for maintaining unity and strengthening Nato through a tumultuous period. Nato had to extend Stoltenberg's tenure twice as it struggled for two years to replace him, with many allies initially hoping to name a woman and someone from Eastern Europe to take over.

Rutte will be the fourth Dutchman to head the alliance since it was founded upon the ashes of World War II to face off against the Soviet Union.

Jharkhand Government Commits to Strengthening Healthcare System

RNS I Ranchi: In a significant move to enhance Jharkhand's healthcare infrastructure, Chief Minister Champai Soren reiterated the state government's commitment to providing quality medical services. Speaking at the foundation stone laying ceremony of Gautam Medical College and Hospital at Ranchi Smart City Campus, he highlighted ongoing efforts to fortify health structures. Chief Minister Soren emphasized that establishing Gautam Medical College in the private sector is a significant milestone in the state's healthcare development. "This initiative will undoubtedly propel the state's progress and ensure better medical services for our people," he stated. Addressing the healthcare needs of Jharkhand, CM stressed the necessity of setting up new medical colleges and hospitals. He pointed out that Jharkhand currently has



fewer medical institutions compared to the national average. "The state government is continuously working towards establishing new medical colleges and hospitals, either privately or through public-private partnerships. This will greatly benefit the local population," he assured. Soren declared the government's full support for investors in the health sector. He invited potential investors to present their plans, promising serious consideration and incentives based on government policies. "This approach aims to accelerate the state's development," he noted. Highlighting the financial strain on residents seeking treatment outside the state, the Chief Minister stressed the importance of local medical advancements. "We are modernizing medical colleges and hospitals, ensuring the latest testing machines and availability of doctors. This will eliminate the need for residents to travel out of state for medical treatment," he ex-

plained. Soren underscored the government's focus on upgrading healthcare in rural and remote areas. "Our goal is to provide adequate health care to everyone, from rural villages to urban centers. We are improving health centers and encouraging private medical colleges and hospitals to establish facilities in rural areas," he said. He called for collective efforts to provide quality healthcare to the state's population. The foundation stone laying ceremony saw the presence of several dignitaries, including Avinash Kumar, Additional Chief Secretary to the Chief Minister; Ajay Kumar Singh, Principal Secretary of Health, Medical Education, and Family Welfare Department; Arwa Rajkumar, Secretary to the Chief Minister; Dr. Ajit Kumar Singh, Vice Chancellor of Ranchi University; and Dr. Abhijeet Kumar, Chairman of the Right Path Foundation.

Suspension Of AAP MP Sanjay Singh Revoked



RNS I New Delhi: Rajya Sabha Chairman Jagdeep Thakur today announced that the suspension of AAP MP Sanjay Singh from the Upper House of Parliament has been revoked. Making an announcement in the House today, Thakur said, Sanjay Singh was suspended from the House on 24th July last year till the Committee of Privileges submits its findings. He said, the Rajya Sabha Committee on Privileges yesterday presented 77th and 78th Reports, on the pending matters against Singh. Thakur said, the Committee while holding Sanjay Singh guilty of breach of privilege of the Council in all the cases, recommended that the Member has already suffered sufficient punishment for the transgression. He said, under Rules 202 and 266 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Rajya Sabha, the suspension of Sanjay Singh has been revoked with effect from yesterday so as to allow him to attend Parliament.

Hemant Soren's Judicial Custody Extended by 14 days in land scam



RNS I Ranchi: The Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) court in Ranchi has extended the judicial custody of former Chief Minister Hemant Soren by 14 days. Soren, who is facing charges of money laundering in connection with a land scam, appeared before the special PMLA court via video conferencing along with other accused individuals. The next court appearance for all accused is scheduled for July 11. In addition to Soren, the accused who appeared through video conferencing include suspended revenue employee of Bargai zone Bhanu Pratap, JMM leader Antu Tirkey, Md. Saddam, Md. Afsar Ali, Vipin Singh, Priyaranjan Sahay, Irshad Akhtar, Shekhar Kushwaha, Md. Irshad, and two employees of Kolkata's Registrar of Assurance, Tapas Ghosh and Sanjit Kumar. Following the appearance, the court decided to extend the judicial custody of all the accused individuals.

Army Engineers Restore Sikkim connectivity in 72 hrs. with Bailey Bridge construction after landslide



RNS I Gangtok: In a remarkable engineering feat, Army engineers constructed a 70-foot Bailey Bridge on the Dikchu-Sanklang road in Sikkim within 72 hours, restoring connectivity that was severed due to recent floods. The construction was undertaken by the Trishakti Corps Army Engineers, commencing on June 23, according to the PRO Defence Guwahati. The swift construction was praised, with PRO Defence acknowledging the efforts of the Border Roads Organisation (BRO) and the local administration in restoring the crucial link. The newly constructed bridge at Dett Khola on the Dikchu-Sanklang road is vital for enabling vehicular traffic from Dikchu to Sanklang towards Chungthang. This development is expected to significantly aid in the conveyance of essential supplies and critical healthcare services to the affected people of Mangan district, as stated by the PRO Defence. "The bridge is an important link to enable vehicular traffic from Dikchu to Sanklang towards Chungthang. The bridge will assist in providing basic necessities including critical medical aid for the affected people of Mangan district," reported the PRO Defence via ANI.

'Stop misusing ED, CBI': AAP MPs Boycott President's Address to Protest Kejriwal's Detention

RNS I New Delhi: In a significant political move, Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) MPs boycotted President Droupadi Murmu's customary address to the joint session of Parliament on Thursday. This boycott was a protest against the detention of Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal in connection with the liquor policy scandal. The protesting MPs held signs that read "Stop misusing ED, CBI" and "Won't allow dictatorship". AAP MP Sanjay Singh voiced the party's grievances, stating, "The CBI arrested and jailed Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal when he was on the verge of securing bail from both the Supreme Court and the trial court. The Prime Minister should stop abusing investigative agencies. Since the President's address, which is drafted by the government, will discuss democracy, we have decided to boycott it." Singh further criticized the alleged misuse of constitu-

tional powers across India, highlighting the arrests of Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren, Manish Sisodia, and Satyendra Jain as part of the larger protest against the President's address. On Wednesday, the Rouse Avenue Court sentenced Kejriwal to three days in CBI custody for his alleged involvement in the now-scraped Delhi liquor policy. Kejriwal was already incarcerated following his arrest by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) on money laundering charges linked to the same case. After the Rouse Avenue Court initially granted bail to Kejriwal, the ED challenged this decision in the Delhi High Court. The High Court subsequently stayed Kejriwal's bail following the ED's appeal, which argued that the lower court's decision was "completely flawed." Kejriwal then petitioned the Supreme Court to overturn the stay. While the Supreme

Court described the High Court's decision as "unusual," it refrained from intervening as the Delhi High Court had reserved its judgment. Currently, Kejriwal remains in Delhi's Tihar Jail. His bail was suspended on the grounds that the lower court did not provide the prosecution sufficient time to present its arguments and failed to specify the conditions of the bail. The ED has accused Kejriwal of using funds from liquor sales to finance AAP's campaign in Goa during the formulation of the Delhi liquor policy for 2021-22, which was later revoked by the Lieutenant Governor. Kejriwal and AAP maintain that the central government is using its agencies to fabricate charges against opposition leaders. Despite being granted interim bail in May until June 2, 2024, to campaign for the Lok Sabha elections, Kejriwal returned to jail on the last phase poll date, June 2, 2024.

DRDO Delivers Medium Range Microwave Obscurant Chaff Rocket to Indian Navy

RNS I New Delhi: Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) handed over the Medium Range-Microwave Obscurant Chaff Rocket (MR-MOCR) to the Indian Navy at a ceremony held in New Delhi on June 26, 2024. Microwave Obscurant Chaff (MOC), a niche technology developed by DRDO's Defence Laboratory, Jodhpur, obscures radar signals and creates a microwave shield around platforms and assets, thus reducing radar detection.



Special type of fibres, with diameter of few microns and unique microwave obscurant properties, have been assembled in the medium range chaff rocket. The rocket, when fired, forms microwave obscurant cloud in space spreading over a sufficient area, with adequate persistence time, thus creating an effective shield against hostile threats having Radio Frequency seekers. The Phase-I trials of MR-

MOCR were successfully conducted from Indian Navy ships, demonstrating the MOC cloud blooming and being persistent in space. In Phase-II trials, the Radar Cross Section (RCS) reduction of an aerial target to the extent of 90 per cent has been demonstrated and cleared by the Indian Navy. The number of MR-MOCR, meeting all the qualification requirements, have been successfully handed over to the Indian Navy. Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh has complimented DRDO and the Indian Navy on the successful development of MR-MOCR. He termed the MOC technology as another step towards

achieving Aatmanirbharta in defence. The MR-MOCR has been handed over by Secretary, Department of Defence R&D and Chairman DRDO Dr Samir V Kamat to Director General of Naval Armament Inspection, Indian Navy Rear Admiral Brijesh Vashista. The DRDO Chairman congratulated the Defence Laboratory, Jodhpur team for this significant achievement. The Director General of Naval Armament Inspection, Indian Navy also applauded the efforts of DRDO for indigenously developing this strategically-important technology in a short span of time.

Jio hikes tariff, highlights its 5G network and AI-enabled services

RNS I Mumbai: Effective from July 3, Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd., India's largest telecom carrier, unveiled its latest unlimited plans, reaffirming its commitment to providing affordable internet and expanding its rapidly growing 5G network, which now covers approximately 85% of the country's 5G cells. The new tariff plans range from Rs 189 for 2 GB per month to Rs 3,599 for 2.5 GB per day annually. Notably, all plans offering 2 GB per day or more include unlimited 5G access. Customers will see the largest price increase in the longest-validity plans, with the annual Rs 2,999 bundle now costing Rs 3,599, a Rs 600 hike. The smallest price rise is in the cheapest plan, which now costs Rs 155 for 28 days, up by Rs 34. Reliance Jio emphasized that its "True 5G" network delivers higher speeds and lower latency compared to non-standalone 5G networks. The company has been instrumental in increasing internet consumption and smartphone penetration in India, compelling competitors to lower prices and enhance their data offerings. To further expand its digital ecosystem, Jio introduced JioSafe and JioTranslate. JioSafe offers secure talking, messaging, and file transfer for Rs 199 per month, while JioTranslate, priced at Rs 99 per month, uses AI to translate voice calls, texts, and images into multiple languages. Both apps are being offered free for a year, enhancing Jio's value proposition. Akash M Ambani, Chairman of Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited, stated, "The introduction of new plans is a step towards furthering industry innovation and driving sustainable growth through investments in 5G and AI technology. Digital India relies on ubiquitous, high-quality, affordable internet, which Jio is proud to provide. Jio will always prioritize India and its customers and invest in India."

IIT-ISM Supports Six Institutes for NBA Accreditation effort

RNS I Dhanbad: In a significant stride towards enhancing the quality of technical education, IIT (ISM) Dhanbad has extended its guidance and support to six nearby institutes under the AICTE-sponsored Margdarshan Scheme to help them secure NBA accreditation. A total of 33 faculty members from these institutes participated in the first execution meet held at IIT (ISM). The faculty members, hailing from CIT Ranchi, RTC Institute of Technology Ranchi, University College of Engineering & Technology (UCET) Hazaribagh, Sikkim Institute of Science and Technology, Government Polytechnic Koderma, and Pakur Polytechnic, gathered to learn about the NBA accreditation process. The training included in-

sights into application filing, preparation and submission of the Self-Assessment Report (SAR), and evaluation guidelines, delivered by a team of expert faculty members led by Professor Vikash Mahto of the Department of Petroleum Engineering. The event, held in the Management Hall of IIT (ISM), marked the first execution meet of the Margdarshan Scheme. This scheme aims to foster a robust support ecosystem in AICTE-approved institutes, enhancing their quality across all domains. In addition to the training sessions, the visiting faculty members toured various state-of-the-art laboratories at IIT (ISM), including the Central Research Facility (CRF) and the Institute Innovation Hub (i2h). IIT (ISM) has been ap-



pointed as the Mentor Institute (MI) for the six institutes, sharing best practices and providing guidance on project proposals, outcome-based education, and other related areas. Professor Sukumar Mishra, Director of IIT (ISM), addressed the gathering as the Chief Guest. He emphasized the technicalities of the documentation process, particularly

the preparation of the SAR. Professor Mishra highlighted the importance of coherence between the data submitted in the SAR and the findings during the assessors' visit, cautioning that any discrepancies could lead to negative impacts. Professor Dheeraj Kumar, Deputy Director of IIT (ISM), recounted the institute's previous mentorship experiences under

the Technical Education Quality Improvement Programme (TEQIP) phases 2 and 3, including mentoring BIT Sindri. He expressed optimism about the collaborative efforts, stating, "Working together, we will bring a new culture, and our expert team of faculty members will assist you in developing labs and teaching-learning materials." Professor Vikash Mahto,

Chief Coordinator of the Margdarshan Scheme at IIT (ISM), introduced the team of coordinators who will assist the six institutes. The team includes Professor Rajeev Kumar Ranjan (Electronics Engineering), Professor Vivek Bajpai (Mechanical Engineering), Professor Dondapati Gopi Krishna (Mining Engineering), Professor Md Siddiqui (Petroleum Engineering), and Professor DV Bhaskar (Electrical Engineering). This team will help the institutes prepare their SARs and enhance their infrastructure and facilities through on-site visits. This collaborative effort under the Margdarshan Scheme is set to significantly uplift the quality of technical education in the region, paving the way for excellence in engineering education.

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President calls Emergency biggest attack on Constitution in Parliament address

President Droupadi Murmu, in her joint address of Parliament, said the country plunged into chaos during the Emergency imposed in 1975 and said attempts to "tarnish" democracy should be condemned by everyone.

President Murmu calls 1975 Emergency the 'darkest chapter' in India's history. She says Emergency plunged country into chaos and was direct attack on Constitution. She condemns attempts to tarnish democracy.

New Delhi. President Droupadi Murmu on Thursday called the Emergency imposed in 1975 by then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi the "biggest attack" on the Constitution and called it the "darkest chapter" in the country's history during her address to a joint sitting of Parliament.

In her first address to Parliament, after the 18th Lok Sabha was constituted following general elections, President Murmu said the country plunged into chaos during the Emergency and said attempts to "tarnish" democracy should be condemned by everyone.

"Emergency was the biggest and darkest chapter of the direct attack on the Constitution. The entire country plunged into chaos during Emergency, but the nation was victorious against such unconstitutional powers," she said amid cheers from the ruling BJP members and protests by the Opposition. "Every attempt to tarnish our



democracy should be condemned by all. Divisive forces are conspiring to weaken democracy, create chasm in society from within and outside the country," the President said. Lasting for nearly two years, from June 1975 to March 1977, the

Emergency was imposed by Indira Gandhi and agreed upon by then President Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed under Article 352 of the Constitution.

A state of emergency was declared on the rationale that there were imminent internal

and external threats to the country. President Murmu's comments on Emergency came against the backdrop of a war of words between the BJP and Opposition over the issue.

While Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his ministers recalled the horrors of the Emergency, the Congress and its allies countered the attack, saying an "undeclared Emergency" was in place for the past 10 years of the BJP-led NDA rule. On Wednesday, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla, who was elected to the post for a second straight term, invoked Emergency and said the democratic values of India were crushed and freedom of expression was strangled during the "dark period".

He also observed a two-minute silence in the memory of the citizens who lost their lives during the period, triggering vociferous protests and sloganeering from the Opposition.

No Injustice Will Be Done to OBCs While Giving Reservation to Marathas: CM Shinde

New Delhi: No injustice will be done to Other Backward Classes or any other community while giving reservation to the Marathas, Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde assured on Wednesday on the eve of the monsoon session of the state legislature. Holding a press conference here along with his deputies Devendra Fadnavis and Ajit Pawar, Shinde said the ruling Shiv Sena-BJP-NCP alliance would not shower assurances on people, but the budget to be presented during the session — last before the assembly elections — will be beneficial for farmers, the youth and women. "No injustice will be done to the OBCs or any other community while giving reservation to the Maratha community," he said, pointing out that the Mahayuti government convened a special session to give 10 per cent reservation to the Marathas earlier this year. While the Marathas led by Manoj Jarange are demanding reservation in the OBC category, OBC leaders including senior minister Chhagan Bhujbal are opposed to sharing reservation with

the Marathas. Shinde, meanwhile, also asserted that the government will not abandon farmers.



The Opposition was unable to see the development work carried out by his government, the chief minister said, and claimed that Maharashtra had become an investment destination, contrary to the Opposition's allegation that big-ticket projects were going to Gujarat. Earlier in the day,

the Opposition's Maha Vikas Aghadi alliance boycotted the customary tea party organised by the chief minister before the start of the session.

The government has failed to address the issues of the masses including those of farmers, MVA leaders alleged. Accusing the Opposition of spreading lies, deputy CM Fadnavis said the government will expose the "factory of false narrative" in the monsoon session.

The Opposition should ask itself why a single irrigation project in Vidarbha region was not approved by the Uddhav Thackeray-led Maha Vikas Aghadi government, the BJP leader said. CM Shinde took a jibe at the Congress, saying it won only 99 seats in the Lok Sabha polls, the highest in the last three Lok Sabha elections, and will take 25 years to reach the figure of 240. (Prime Minister Narendra) Modi won and you lost," he said. Fadnavis alleged that it was during the MVA rule that most paper leaks took place in the state. He also accused the MVA government of closing the water grid programme for Marathwada.

BJP Releases PM Modi's Prediction Video After Sam Pitroda Returns As Overseas Congress Chief

New Delhi: Following the reappointment of Sam Pitroda as the Chairman of the Indian Overseas Congress, Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju mocked the Congress party on Wednesday, remarking that Prime Minister Modi had already anticipated this move. The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) accused the Congress party of betraying the trust of people as Pitroda assumed his previous role soon after the elections.

The allegations came after the INC announced the re-appointment of Sam Pitroda as Chairman of the Indian Overseas Congress, with the assurance that he would not give any statement that "in the future leaves room for controversies to arise."

Rijiju's remarked that the Prime Minister already anticipated this; sharing a post on X, he wrote, "Prime Minister Modi ji has already said! Rahul Gandhi Ji's adviser, who said, South Indians look like Africans, North-Eastern people look Chinese, West Indians are like Arabs & North Indian are whites is reinstated. We are not surprised as PM Narendra Modi ji had predicted."

Along with the text, the Union Minister also posted an old video of Prime Minister Modi, in which he asserted that Sam Pitroda's controversial statements are not accidental but rather a deliberate strategy by the Congress party to stir up new issues in the country.

In the video shared by Rijiju, PM can be heard saying, "I don't believe he does it voluntarily because he is suspended from the party following his contentious remarks and then reappears in the party's mainstream a few days later. The Congress party is well recognised for using this tactic to sow doubt, alter the environment, and introduce fresh problems to the country. They often deploy these tactics from time to time."

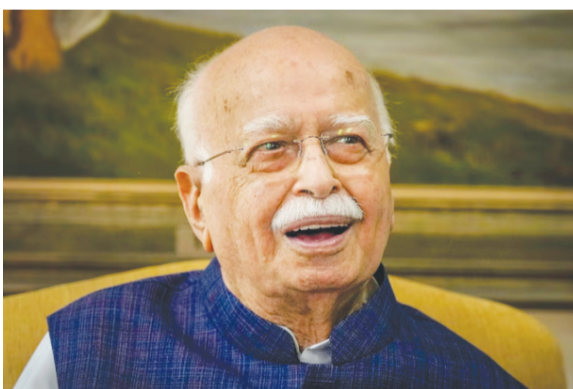
Earlier on Wednesday, Congress General Secretary for Communications Jairam Ramesh announced that Sam Pitroda was reappointed as the Chairman of the Indian Overseas Congress with the understanding that he would refrain from making any statements in the future that could lead to controversies.

An AICC release earlier in the day announced that the Congress President has immediately reappointed Sam Pitroda as the Chairman of the Indian Overseas Congress.



Veteran BJP Leader LK Advani Admitted To Delhi AIIMS; Doctors Say Condition 'Stable'

NEW DELHI: Veteran BJP leader Lal Krishna Advani was admitted to the AIIMS here late on Wednesday night, sources said, adding that the condition of the former Deputy Prime Minister is stable. The 96-year-old leader has been kept in a private ward under the supervision of doctors of the Urology Department, the sources said. He was recently conferred with Bharat Ratna by President Draupadi Murmu on March 30, 2024. Born in Karachi (present-day Pakistan) on November 8, 1927, Advani joined the RSS as a Swayamsevak in 1942. He served as the BJP National President from 1986 to 1990, then from 1993 to 1998, and from 2004 to 2005. Advani had served as the President of the party for the longest period since its inception in



1980. Capping a parliamentary career of nearly three decades, LK Advani was first the Home Minister and, later, the Deputy Prime Minister in

the cabinet of Atal Bihari Vajpayee (1999-2004). In the run-up to the 2009 elections, Advani being the Leader of the Opposition in a parliamentary democracy was assumingly considered the BJP's Prime Ministerial candidate for the general elections, ending on 16 May 2009, according to the official website of BJP.

On 10 December 2007, the Parliamentary Board of BJP formally announced Advani as its prime ministerial candidate for the general elections due in 2009. But when Congress and its allies won the 2009 general elections, Advani paved the way for Sushma Swaraj to become the Leader of the Opposition in the 15th Lok Sabha.

Arvind Kejriwal Arrest: Court's Custody Order Includes A Word Of Caution For CBI

Arvind Kejriwal has been sent to 3-day custody of the CBI by a Delhi trial court, following his arrest in connection with the excise policy case.

New Delhi: The trial court in Delhi ordered 3-day custody of Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal to the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) following his arrest by the agency in connection with the Delhi excise policy case. Special Judge Amitabh Rawat explained that Kejriwal's custody was necessary due to the investigation's findings, his alleged role, and the need to confront him with the evidence. He also cautioned the agency against being "overzealous," he court declined to declare the arrest illegal, stating that while the timing of the action might be "circumspect," it cannot be the sole reason to deem the arrest unlawful.

The judge stated that investigating is the CBI's prerogative, but the law includes certain safeguards. He based his decision on the evidence presented and determined that the arrest could not be considered illegal at this



point in the case. However, the judge warned the agency not to be overly zealous.

The judge directed the authorities to conduct a medical examination of Kejriwal and permit him to meet with his wife and lawyer every day for 30 minutes.

As per reports, the Delhi CM is allowed to keep 'Bhagwadgita' with him. Home-cooked food

is also allowed during the remand period, the court said. The CBI's move followed the Delhi High Court's decision to stay the bail granted to the AAP chief by the Rouse Avenue court a few days earlier. According to the CBI, Kejriwal allegedly requested monetary contributions to the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) from Magunta Srinivasulu Reddy, who was then a YSRCP Lok Sabha MP, in exchange for support for the liquor business in the national capital.

The CBI identified him as one of the primary conspirators involved in the irregularities associated with the now-cancelled excise policy of 2021-22. The agency also alleged that AAP received Rs 100 crore as kickbacks and funneled Rs 44.45 crore for the Goa election campaign. According to ANI, during the hearing Kejriwal told court, "They are tarnishing our image in the media by using unnamed sources. Their plan is to make it headline news that Kejriwal has shifted all the

blame to Manish Sisodia." He denied that he ever gave any statement against Manish Shishodia. Delhi CM added, "Manish Sisodia is innocent, Aam Aadmi Party is innocent. I am also innocent."

In response to Kejriwal's accusation, the CBI stated that no source had made such claims. The agency's lawyer clarified that he was presenting arguments based on factual evidence. In response to the Chief Minister's arrest, Arvind Kejriwal's wife, Sunita Kejriwal, criticized the Centre, claiming that the entire 'system' is working to keep her husband in jail. She stated that this is unlawful and likened it to 'dictatorship' and 'Emergency'. On June 20, the trial judge approved bail for Kejriwal in the money laundering case. The following day, the Enforcement Directorate (ED) filed an urgent petition with the High Court challenging the bail decision. After extensive arguments from both parties, the High Court reserved its decision on the ED's request to suspend the bail order, thereby delaying Kejriwal's release until the court's ruling.

Tibet won't ease Modi's China challenge

IN March 2018, the Narendra Modi government, then in its first term, shocked the Tibetan community in India with an unusual directive to senior political and official functionaries across all ministries: stay away from events organised by the Tibetan leadership in India to mark 60 years of the Dalai Lama's exile. Reason: The note, from the then Cabinet Secretary, said it was a "sensitive time" for India-China relations. Two months later, Modi would travel to Wuhan in China for an "informal dialogue" with Chinese President Xi Jinping, thus turning the page on the Doklam crisis. Six years on, the signalling from Delhi to Beijing on the Tibet issue last week shows how Prime Minister Modi, now in his third term but politically weaker, might be preparing to approach ties with Beijing, in tatters since the Chinese ingress into eastern Ladakh in 2020.

The June 19 meeting at Dharamsala between the Dalai Lama and a bipartisan Congressional delegation from the US was not the first time a high-level US team visited the Tibetan leader at his Himachal abode. The Special Coordinator for Tibetan Affairs in nearly every US administration since 2000 has made the trip, with Delhi facilitating the visit each time.

But while the earlier visits were low-key and barely noticed, the composition of the latest all-political delegation, including former Speaker of the US House of Representatives Nancy Pelosi and the chairman of the House Committee of Foreign Affairs, Michael McCaul, ensured a high-decibel event. The timing, within days of PM Modi being sworn in, could not have been a coincidence. In the US, barely a week earlier, on June 12, a bipartisan legislation which aims "to promote a resolution of the China-Tibet conflict" was passed by the House of Representatives, completing its journey through Congress. Ever since the Resolve Tibet Act was introduced in 2022, China has come down heavily on it as a threat to its sovereignty. The legislation, now awaiting presidential assent, was the centrepiece of the delegation's meeting with the Dalai Lama.

China's predictable criticism of the US team's visit carefully avoided any mention of Delhi. Still, Prime Minister Modi's interaction with them after their return from Dharamsala is being seen as both defiance of and a message to Beijing. From official statements and reports, both sides discussed India-US relations, and if there was any discussion on China, it was not publicly stated. Group photos of the event showed Modi flanked by Pelosi and, from Delhi's point of view for its relations with the US, the far more powerful and consequential McCaul. The Ministry of External Affairs' statement on this event of India's "clear and consistent" policy that the Dalai Lama is a "revered religious leader" who is "accorded due courtesies and freedom to conduct his religious and spiritual activities" was a reiteration of a long-held policy. Delhi does not describe the Dalai Lama as a political leader of the Tibetan people, always referring to him as His Holiness, nor the Tibetan political set-up as a 'government-in-exile', preferring instead the appellation Central Tibetan Administration (CTA), with which it liaises for coordinating routine matters relating to the Tibetan community in India. Though Tibet is an issue in India-China relations, Beijing has grudgingly accepted this arrangement, particularly after India's 2003 reaffirmation that the Tibet Autonomous Region is a part of China during then Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee's China visit. So, nothing has actually changed. Yet something has, and experts will say therein lies the difference between policy and messaging, the latter providing opportunities for flexibility. From 2003, when the Vajpayee visit joint statement declared that India "does not allow Tibetans to engage in anti-China political activities" on its soil, to facilitating a high-profile US delegation's visit to Dharamsala that poked Beijing in the eye, Delhi has altered the message this way and that.

Standardised tests and the pathology of the education industry

Alternatives to exams like NEET and NET can evolve only if we are honest and bold enough to realise that what prevails is wrong, academically as well as ethically.

ENOUGH has already been said and written about the scams related to standardised tests like NEET (National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test) and NET (National Eligibility Test) that shape the life trajectory of the young. The anguish of students and their parents and the political protest against the functioning of the National Testing Agency (NTA) indicate the way these tests have occupied central space in the educational landscape of the country. Yet, amid the uproar, what seems to be missing is the courage to question the very rationale of such tests and reflect on the damage that the simultaneous growth of the coaching industry has caused to the mental/aesthetic/cultural development of the young mind. Never forget that this gigantic money-making enterprise continues to tempt the anxiety-ridden parents through its promise of transforming their children into one-dimensional 'exam warriors' gifted with the appropriate 'strategy' needed for 'cracking' these tests and eventually achieving what this neurotically competitive society regards as 'success' — a doctor/engineer with a lucrative 'package'.

It is high time we accepted the fact that the multiple-choice question (MCQ)-centric standardised tests cannot evaluate a student's academic depth, critical thinking and creative imagination. Any sensible academic who has engaged with teaching and research would agree that there need not necessarily be any correlation between one's academic interest and one's ability to identify the 'correct answer' from a set of four/five options and tick it quickly on the OMR sheet. While academic knowledge or creatively nuanced critical thinking requires the time to reflect and go deeper into an issue or entertain ambiguities and pose new questions, MCQ-centric standardised tests demand rote learning or internalisation of some sort of strategy to instantly identify the 'correct answer' without much thought. In fact, it needs endless drilling or a highly mechanised routine of solving an endless series of MCQs through all sorts of mock tests. While academic knowledge or creative thinking demands the company of great teachers and pedagogues, standardised tests require coaching strategists. Think of, for instance, an exam like NEET. Can it really evaluate whether a young aspirant has the aptitude or inclination to pursue a career in medical sciences and become a doctor? Possibly, a doctor needs the following faculties: the intense power of observation, the delicate art of relating to the patient — not just his/her bodily symptoms, but psychic and existential states of being — and above all, the patience to explore new frontiers of knowledge in medical sciences. But then, a standardised test like NEET — a set of 180 questions in physics, chemistry and biology to be



answered in 200 minutes — has nothing to do with the qualities that a potential doctor needs. In a way, it is like a lottery — a device to eliminate lakhs of young aspirants instantly rather than a serious attempt to choose those who are really inclined to the call of the medical vocation. Likewise, an exam like NET is utterly shallow and by no means capable of evaluating one's research interests in foundational knowledge systems like natural sciences and humanities or teaching abilities/pedagogic visions. To take a simple illustration, if because of the very nature of MCQs, you are required to memorise a specific definition, the date of a particular historical event, or, for that matter, the year of publication of sociologist Max Weber's book *The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism*, it does by no means indicate that you have engaged with serious social science texts, understood the nuanced philosophic debates or acquired the ability to bring new research findings in your teaching practices. The irony is that a 'machine' like the NTA has no creative surplus; it can only manufacture all sorts of 'fact-centric/objective questions' with one and only one 'correct answer' in order to device the quick process of elimination.

Moreover, with the normalisation and sanctification of such standardised tests, we are creating a restless, anxiety-ridden and unhappy generation. For them, there is no joy in learning and no creative experimentation. Instead, as a significant part of their formative years is

spent in shopping around coaching centres and learning the war strategy for cracking these tests, everything loses its academic/philosophic depth. Physics is what the Kota factory regards as 'worth learning'; or, for that matter, history is what the fancy IAS coaching centre regards as valuable. It is doubtful whether this sort of orientation to education can really produce good doctors, brilliant engineers or great teachers/researchers. Yes, these tests manufacture tales of failure. But then, the 'success stories' are by no means promising. In a way, corruption and malpractices are deeply ingrained in the coaching industry, which is worth Rs 1 lakh crore.

Quite often, a question is asked: Is there any alternative, particularly when lakhs of students want to become doctors/engineers/IAS officers/university teachers? Or, is there any other way of eliminating people? Alternatives to exams like NEET and NET can evolve only if we are honest and bold enough to realise that what prevails is wrong, academically as well as ethically. Only then can we acquire the courage to question the idea of 'one nation, one exam' and think of a largely decentralised process of selection or giving relative autonomy to colleges/universities/academic institutions to evolve their own ways of designing thoughtful/imaginative/research-oriented exams or entrance tests. And this alone can make coaching centres irrelevant and bring some sanity to the culture of learning.

Attack on Crimea

US role under scrutiny as hostilities worsen

A Ukrainian attack on Crimea with US-supplied missiles has triggered a sharp response from Russia. Calling the strike 'absolutely barbaric', Moscow has blamed it on the US and warned that retaliation would follow. The Russian foreign ministry has claimed that the missiles were programmed by American specialists on the basis of intelligence data from US satellites and a nearby US reconnaissance drone. Four persons, including two children, were killed and over 150 were injured in the attack on the Crimean city of Sevastopol, where locals were enjoying a holiday. The incident has triggered a fresh escalation of hostilities in the Russia-Ukraine war, which has entered its 29th month. The civilian casualties have put Ukraine and the US on a sticky wicket, even as the Russian President has been accusing Washington of using Kyiv to undermine Moscow's security and sovereignty. The



spectre of a direct confrontation between Russia and the US-led NATO alliance is looming large, a worrisome throwback to the 1962 Cuban Missile

Crisis. This is bad news not only for eastern Europe but for the entire world in both geopolitical and economic terms, considering the adverse impact of supply chain disruptions over the past two years. One grave provocation after another will only make the war drag on, with no end in sight.

A way out has to be found to bring both warring sides to the negotiating table. Unfortunately, the recent peace conference on Ukraine, held in Burgenstock, Switzerland, turned to be an exercise in futility. Some of the attendees, including India, did not sign the joint communique. Swiss Foreign Minister Ignazio Cassis candidly admitted that most of the decisions taken at the conference could not be implemented without Russian participation. As suggested by New Delhi, there is a need for a 'sincere and practical engagement' between Moscow and Kyiv for a peaceful resolution to the protracted conflict.

Punjab needs a vision for all-round development

ICAN and SIPRI reports paint a grim picture on the global nuclear front

THE other day, I went to a bookstore to see if there were fresh arrivals. I picked up a few books and was about to leave when a young lady said she wished to have a word with me. I knew her and her family in Delhi very well. She was quite agitated and straightaway asked me what the election of Amritpal Singh and Sarabjeet Singh Khalsa to the Lok Sabha signified for the future of Punjab. I tried to allay her fears, but did not succeed fully. The confrontation in the placid confines of the bookshop shook me up and I tried to push back the thought process just initiated. I came home and received a call from an older cousin, who had retired from the Army at a senior position and was now settled in Punjab. He enquired what was happening in Punjab. I again tried to smooth-talk him out of his anxiety and suggested that he and his wife go for a short holiday. In the course of the next few days, I received a number of calls from relatives, friends and acquaintances from Punjab, asking the same question, half-seriously, half in jest. There were ripples of anxiety below the surface in Punjab which had seen a tsunami of violence for a decade. Was the past going to become the present and future?

That saga of violence had taken years to build and I for one had seen it unfold from the beginning to the end. It had taken years to grow into the spectre it finally became, and contrary to popular perception, the dramatic personae in that evil drama were well-known. The political and social forces moving the pieces on the chessboard were well-known, but like the chorus in a Greek tragedy, we could foresee the future but not intervene, and the tragedy would wind its way to its gory end. That was not too long ago and people have a short memory... are we on course for a 'Second Coming'? I would not like to say so, but then why is the government quiet? Why are political parties quiet? Why is the media quiet and why is civil society quiet? Where did these two men come from and how did they get to be elected members of Parliament? It is high time to ask these questions and it is high time for the government and

political parties to give answers. Political parties today seem to have only one goal — to fight and win elections to Parliament, Assemblies, municipal corporations and panchayats. They only wish to have power at all levels, with no accountability. The government should by now know that people are worried; they should go into the root cause of what has happened to Punjab to explain these election results and even the slap in the face of Kangana Ranaut. Governments have come and gone in the past over two decades, but not one of them has gone into the causes of what happened in the 1980s and 1990s, and no lessons have been drawn. No government has come up with a comprehensive plan for the education of the youth, their employment, development of infrastructure and industry. This is not to say that no development has taken place in Punjab. The Green Revolution and its aftermath produced the glory days of Punjab and made India self-sufficient in foodgrains. An IIT, an IIM, premier medical institutes and road infrastructure have come up, but it's a case of too little with much of the hinterland remaining trapped in an outdated agricultural economy and diminishing landholdings, leading to a severe cycle of debt and farmers' suicide. Other sources of employment, such as the armed forces, have shrunk, leading to mass migration to foreign countries. This has led to simmering resentment among the young and the old which can be exploited by extremist elements. The tendency of politicians to offer false promises, freebies and false data is counterproductive — whom are you trying to fool? Drug proliferation is the order of the day throughout the country, and the countrywide response has been to carry out raids and catch the small fry. No major druglord has been arrested nor any financier. Mainstream political parties continue to cede space to the extreme right. In the recent Lok Sabha elections, the vote share of the SAD (Shiromani Akali

Dal) was 13.4 per cent. The BJP did not fare much better with an 18.5 per cent vote share. The SAD has dropped even below the 18.3 per cent it got in the 2022 Assembly elections. I mention the SAD as it was the party that launched the Punjabi Suba Morcha and is the second oldest political party in India after the Congress. The late Parkash Singh Badal was a five-time CM, a towering personality who was jailed multiple times for his stand on political issues ranging from the Emergency to the



SYL canal. However, during the militancy-dominated era of the 1980s and 1990s, he and his party, along with other mainstream parties, chose to remain mute spectators, thereby leaving the field open for the extremists. Furthermore, under pressure from the diktat given by the militants, his party had boycotted the state

elections in 1992. The state Congress and its leadership were absent from the biggest farm protests in recent memory, launched by Punjabi farmers against the policies being framed in Delhi. Through its absence during this agitation in an agrarian state like Punjab, the party committed hara-kiri. This was later validated in the resounding defeat of the Congress in the Assembly elections (subsequently, most of the state leaders migrated to the BJP). Punjab rejected the established political parties and families and gave a chance to the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP). The AAP has obviously not made an impact, as can be seen in the paltry number of seats (three out of 13) won in the Lok Sabha elections and the drop in its vote share from 42 per cent (2022 polls) to 26 per cent. The point is that the mainstream parties are losing their votes to the likes of Amritpal, thereby making the political debate shrill and extreme. It's harking back to the time when the mainstream parties had to boycott the elections and adhere to extremist diktats. This does not bode well for the state and its people. With the extreme right blowing on the old embers, the security and peace of Punjab and India will be threatened. Conspiracy theories will abound and the peace which has taken decades to establish will flounder, unless the rot is checked. The 'rot' stems from the fact that the real issues — unemployment, education, health, security — are avoided. Punjab has long lost its lead position on the development index and now languishes in the bottom half of Indian states on almost all parameters of growth and development. Politicians can play with fire, but at what cost? It is time that the mainstream ups its game and regains lost ground by mobilising people. You can mobilise people if you have a vision for the state as a whole, a vision that encompasses planned development on all fronts for all its citizens.

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কথাসেবায় আনুষ্ঠানিক প্রতীক



নয়া দিল্লি: কংগ্রেস সাংসদ রাহুল গান্ধী এবং ইন্ডিয়া জোটের সিনিয়র সদস্যরা বৃহস্পতিবার লোকসভা স্পিকার ওম বিডলার সঙ্গে দেখা করেন এবং সংসদে জরুরি অবস্থার অধিকার দিনগুলি উল্লেখ করার প্রতিবাদ জানান। এনসিপির সুপ্রিয়া সুলে, ডিএমকে'র কানিমোখি এবং অন্যরা বিডলার আচরণকে সংসদের বিশ্বাসযোগ্যতাকে প্রভাবিতকারী একটি খুব গুরুত্বপূর্ণ বিষয় বলে অভিহিত করেছেন এবং সংসদের ঐতিহ্যের এই বিপর্যয় সম্পর্কে গভীর উদ্বেগ এবং দুঃখ প্রকাশ করেছেন। বিডলাকে রাহুল গান্ধী এবং দুঃখ প্রকাশ বলেন, যারা (ইন্দিরা গান্ধীর নেতৃত্বাধীন সরকার) নিন্দা করে একটি প্রস্তাব পড়েছিলেন, যে জরুরি অবস্থার উল্লেখ এবং দুই মিনিটের নীরবতার আহ্বান, যা বিরোধীদের প্রতিবাদের কারণ হয়েছিল, অপ্রয়োজনীয় ছিল।

২৬ জুন, ২০২৪-এ, যখন আমরা আপনাকে লোকসভা স্পিকার হিসেবে অভিনন্দন জানাই, তখন হাউসটি সহযোগিতায় পূর্ণ ছিল। চেয়ার জরুরি অবস্থার ঘোষণার কথা উল্লেখ করার পরে যা ঘটেছিল তা বিস্ময়কর, গান্ধী বলেন। চেয়ার থেকে একটি রাজনৈতিক উল্লেখ সংসদীয় ইতিহাসে তুলনামূলক। একজন নবনির্বাচিত স্পিকারের প্রথম দায়িত্বগুলির মধ্যে এটি চেয়ার থেকে আরও গুরুত্বপূর্ণ, চক্রে বেগুগোপাল স্পিকারকে লেখেন। সংসদের কার্যকারিতা নিয়ে ব্যাপক আলোচনা হয়েছিল। এই বিষয়টি নিয়ে আলোচনা করার সময়, বিরোধী নেতা রাহুলজি স্পিকারকে বলেন, এই উল্লেখটি এডানো উচিত ছিল। বেগুগোপাল রাতের প্রতিবেদকদের বলেন, রাজনৈতিক উল্লেখটি এডানো যেত।

ওম বিডলার বক্তব্য?

কংগ্রেসের নাম না নিয়ে, ওম বিডলা সোমবার বলেন, ইন্দিরা গান্ধী জরুরি অবস্থা ঘোষণা করেছিলেন এবং এই দিনে সংবিধানের উপর আক্রমণ করেছিলেন। ভারত সর্বদা গণতন্ত্র এবং আলোচনাকে সমর্থন করেছে, কিন্তু একনায়কতন্ত্র আরোপ করা হয়েছিল। গণতন্ত্র এবং বাক স্বাধীনতা দমন করা হয়েছিল। ২৫শে জুন, ১৯৭৫ ভারতের ইতিহাসে একটি কালো অধ্যায় হিসাবে সর্বদা পরিচিত থাকবে। তিনি জরুরি অবস্থার বিরোধিতা করা সকলের সংকল্পকে সম্মান জানাতে দুই মিনিটের নীরবতার আহ্বান জানান এবং প্রশাসনকে সমালোচনা করেন।

অন্তর্জাতীয় যোগ দিবস পর খাদী কে বনে যোগ পরিধানের মৈট কী বন্দর বিক্রী

কেবীআইসী নে কই সরকারী বিমাগোঁ কো 8.67 কয়েড রুপয়ে কে খাদী কে বনে যোগ পরিধানের মৈট কী আপূর্তি কী

এজেন্সী নই দিল্লী। অন্তর্জাতীয় যোগ দিবস ভারত কে গ্রামীণ ক্শেত্রোঁ মেঁ লাক্কোঁ খাদী কে কারীগরোঁ কে লিএ বিশেষ প্রসন্নতা লেএর আয়া। 21 জুন কো মন্যে গ্যে অন্তর্জাতীয় যোগ দিবস পর, স্ক্শম, লঘু অর মধ্যম উদ্যম মন্ত্রালয় কে খাদী অর গ্রামোঁয়োগ আয়োগ (কেবীআইসী) নে দেশ পর মেঁ 55 খাদী সংস্থারোঁ কে মাধ্যম সে বিবিন্ন সরকারী বিমাগোঁ কো 8,67,87,380 রুপয়ে মূল্য কে 1,09,022 যোগ-মৈট অর 63,700 যোগ পরিধানের কী বিক্রী কী। আঁকই জারী কলে হুএ কেবীআইসী কে অধ্যক্ষ শ্রী মনোজ কুমার নে কহা কি প্রধানমন্ত্রী শ্রী নরেন্দ্র মোদী কী 'বাঁড পাবর' নে যোগ কে সাথ-সাথ খাদী কী ভারতীয় বিরাসত কো ধী লোকপ্রিয় বনা দিয়া হৈ। খাদী পরিবার কে লিএ যহ খুয়োগী কো বাত হৈ কি ইস বার হমারে খাদী কারীগরোঁ দ্বারা বন্যে গ্যে বিশেষ যোগ পরিধানের অর চড়াইয়োগী কী রিকোর্ড বিক্রী হুই হৈ। উহঁনে আগে কহা কি ইস বার যোগ দিবস পর প্রধানমন্ত্রী শ্রী নরেন্দ্র মোদী নে শ্রীনগর মেঁ অর কেন্দ্রীয় গৃহ এং সহকারিতা মন্ত্রী শ্রী অমিত শাহ নে

অহমদাবাদ মেঁ খাদী কে যোগ পরিধান পহনকর যোগ কিয়া। যহ খাদী ধী কূর্তসংকল্প হৈ। ইসসে বোকল পার লোকল অর আত্মনির্ভর ভারত



কারীগরোঁ কে লিএ গব কী বাত হৈ। কেবীআইসী কে অধ্যক্ষ শ্রী মনোজ কুমার নে আগে কহা কি খাদী সে বনে যোগ পরিধান অর মৈট স্বাস্থ্য কে সাথ-সাথ পর্যাবরণ সংরক্ষণ কে লিএ ধী বহুত লাভপ্রদ হৈ, ক্যোঁকি য়ে বিনা কিসী রসায়ন কে অর স্নয়নতম পানী কে ইস্তেমাল সে বনতে হৈ। উহঁনে আগে কহা কি অন্তর্জাতীয় যোগ দিবস কে বিশেষ অবসর পর খাদী কে যোগ পরিধান অর মৈট কী বিক্রী ইস বাত কা প্রতীক হৈ কি প্রধানমন্ত্রী শ্রী নরেন্দ্র মোদী কে নেতৃত্ব মেঁ ভারত সরকার অপরী বিরাসত খাদী কে সংরক্ষণ কে সাথ-সাথ পর্যাবরণ কী রক্ষা কে লিএ

অধিযান কো ধী নই শক্তি মিলতী হৈ। জারী আঁকই কো মুতাভিক, ইস বার কেবীআইসী নে আয়ুগ মন্ত্রালয় কী মাংগ পর খাস খাদী কে যোগ কূর্ত (টী-শর্ট স্টাডল মেঁ) তৈয়ার কিয়ে। ইহঁনে খাস তৈর পর যুবাওঁ কো ধ্যান মেঁ রখকর ডিজাহন কিয়া গয়া। যোগ দিবস কে মৌকে পর দিল্লী কে কনোর্ট প্লেস স্থিঅত কেবীআইসী কে খাদী ধ্যান মেঁ অকেলে আয়ুগ মন্ত্রালয় কো 50 হাজার যোগ-মৈট অর 50 হাজার যোগ পরিধানের কী আপূর্তি কী। ইসমেঁ 300 প্রীমিয়াম ক্রালিটী কে যোগ-মৈট ধী শামিল থে। ইসকে সাথ হী মন্ত্রালয় কী মাংগ কে অনুসার শ্রীনগর মেঁ 25 হাজার খাদী কে বনে যোগ-মৈট অর

পেট্রোল-ডীজেল কী কীমত স্থিঅর, কচ্যা তেল 86 ডোলর প্রতি বৈরল কে করীব



এজেন্সী নই দিল্লী। সার্বজনিক ক্শেত্র কী তেল এং গৈস বিপণন করণিয়োগী নে আজ পেট্রোল অর ডীজেল কে মূল্য মেঁ কোই বদলাব নহঁ কিয়া হৈ। অলবতা, অন্তর্জাতীয় বাজার মেঁ হপতে কে তৌসরে দিন শুরুআতী কারোবার মেঁ কচ্যে তেল কী কীমত মেঁ উন্নয়ন-চড়াব জারী হৈ। ব্রেন্ট ক্রুড কা মূল্য 86 ডোলর, অর ডব্ল্যুটিআই ক্রুড 82 ডোলর প্রতি বৈরল কে করীব হৈ। ইন্ডিয়ান অঁয়ল কী নেবসাইট কে মুতাভিক দিল্লী মেঁ পেট্রোল 94.72

রুপয়ে, ডীজেল 87.62 রুপয়ে, মুম্বই মেঁ পেট্রোল 104.21 রুপয়ে, ডীজেল 92.15 রুপয়ে, কোলকাতা মেঁ পেট্রোল 103.94 রুপয়ে, ডীজেল 90.76 রুপয়ে, চেংই মেঁ পেট্রোল 100.75 রুপয়ে অর ডীজেল 92.34 রুপয়ে প্রতি লীটার কী দর পর উল্লেখ হৈ। আজ ব্রেন্ট ক্রুড 0.37 ডোলর যানী 0.44 ফীসদী কী বদল কে সাথ 85.38 ডোলর অর বেন্ট টেক্সস ইন্টরমীডিয়েট (ডব্ল্যুটিআই) ক্রুড ধী 0.39 ডোলর যানী 0.48 ফীসদী উল্লেখকর 81.22 ডোলর প্রতি বৈরল পর কারোবার কর রাহ হৈ।

বল্ক বেস্ট জেনরেটর (বীডব্ল্যুজী) মেঁ অপশিষ্ট প্রবন্ধন কী সম্পূর্ণ মূল্য শ্রংখলা কে মূল্যাকন পর কেন্দ্রিত

এজেন্সী নই দিল্লী। আবাসন অর শহরী কার্য মন্ত্রালয় নে স্বচ্ছ সর্বেক্ষণ 2024 কে 9বঁ সংস্করণ কী তৌসরী তিমাহী (ক্যু3) কা আরম্ভ কিয়া। সর্বেক্ষণ কা তৌসরা চরণ বল্ক বেস্ট জেনরেটর (বীডব্ল্যুজী) মেঁ অপশিষ্ট প্রবন্ধন কী সম্পূর্ণ মূল্য শ্রংখলা কে মূল্যাকন পর কেন্দ্রিত হোয়া। ব্যাপক স্বচ্ছ সর্বেক্ষণ মেঁ 4 তিমাহিয়োগী কা মূল্যাকন শামিল হৈ। পহলী দৌ তিমাহিয়োগী মেঁ শহর কী সফাই কে বিবিন্ন মাপদাঁড় মেঁ পর নাগরিকোঁ সে টেলীফোন পর প্রতিক্রিয়া শামিল হৈ, তৌসরী তিমাহী মেঁ প্রসংস্করণ কে বিবিন্ন স্থানীয় নিকাযোগী পর প্রবন্ধন অর বিতীয় বোজ কো কম করনা, কচ্যে কো লঁইফকর মেঁ জানে সে রোকনা অর বায়ু, মিড্রী ব ধূজল প্রদূষণ কে সাথ-সাথ শহর কে কার্বন ফুটপ্রিন্ট

150,000 টন কচরা উত্পন্ন হোতা হৈ। বহুত শহরীকরণ অর জীবনশৈলী মেঁ বদলাব কে কারণ নাগরপালিকা কে উেস কচ্যে মেঁ কাফী বৃদ্ধি দেখী জা সেকতী হৈ। আবাসন অর শহরী কার্য মন্ত্রালয় কী অনুসার, অনুমান হৈ কি শহর মেঁ লগাম 30 সে 40 প্রতিশত কচরা বীডব্ল্যুজী দ্বারা উত্পন্ন হোতা হৈ। উেস অপশিষ্ট প্রবন্ধন নিয়ম, 2016 বীডব্ল্যুজী কো উন সংস্থারোঁ কে রূপ মেঁ পরিমাপিত করতা হৈ, জিনকী অঁসত অপশিষ্ট উত্পাদন দর প্রতিদিন 100 কিলোগ্রাম সে অধিক হৈ, জিসমেঁ সর্ধী প্রকার কে অপশিষ্ট শামিল হৈ। ইস নিয়ম কা উদ্যেয় শহরী স্থানীয় নিকাযোগী পর প্রবন্ধন অর বিতীয় বোজ কো কম করনা, কচ্যে কো লঁইফকর মেঁ জানে সে রোকনা অর বায়ু, মিড্রী ব ধূজল প্রদূষণ কে সাথ-সাথ শহর কে কার্বন ফুটপ্রিন্ট

কো কম করনা হৈ। আবাসীয় অর বাণিজ্যিক পরিসরোঁ কেন্দ্র সরকার কে মন্ত্রালয়োগী, সার্বজনিক ক্শেত্র কে উৎক্রমেঁ অর নিজী নিকাযোগী, সামাজিক বুনিয়াদী দাঁচে জৈসে হোটেল, বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়, রৈবে অর বস স্টেশন, হর্বাই অর্ডেঁ জৈসে থোক অপশিষ্ট উত্পাদকোঁ কো স্রোত পর কচ্যে কো অন্য় করনা, অপনে পরিসর মেঁ খাদ বনানে বালী ইকাইয়োগী স্থাপিত করকে খাদ অর বায়োগৈস কা উত্পাদন করনে কে লিএ জৈব-অপঘটনীয় কচ্যে কা বৈজ্ঞানিক প্রসংস্করণ সুনিশ্চিত করনা আবশ্যক হৈ। বীডব্ল্যুজী কো নির্মাণ অর তৌড়কোঁড (সীএন্ডসী) সে উত্পন্ন কচ্যে কো ধী অলগ সে সংগ্রহিত করনা হৈ। কুল অপশিষ্ট উত্পাদন মেঁ উনকী মহত্বপূর্ণ হিঁসেসদারী কো দেখে হুএ, বীডব্ল্যুজী কী কার্যবাইয়োগ

স্বচ্ছ ভারত মিশন-শহরী 2.0 কে ধ্যেয় কো নিশ্চারিত করনে মেঁ মহত্বপূর্ণ ভূমিকা নিধাতী হৈ, জিসকা উদ্যেয় শহরোঁ কো কচরা মুক্ত বনানা হৈ। স্বচ্ছ ভারত মিশন-শহরী কে বিবিন্ন কার্যান্বয়ন ঘড়কোঁ মেঁ শহরী স্থানীয় নিকাযোগী কী ধমতা নির্মাণ কে নিরন্তর প্রয়াসোঁ কে হিঁসেসে কে রূপ মেঁ, স্বচ্ছ সর্বেক্ষণ 2024 কী তৌসরী তিমাহী 5 জুলাই কো শুরু হোগী, জিসমেঁ স্থানীয় শহরী নিকাযোগী কে অধিকার ক্শেত্র মেঁ বীডব্ল্যুজী দ্বারা উত্পন্ন কচ্যে কে সংগ্রহ, প্রসংস্করণ অর আঁতিম নিস্তারণ সহিত অপশিষ্ট প্রবন্ধন কে সর্ধী পহলুয়োগী কো মান্য কিয়া জায়া।

এলাইড ব্লেন্ডার্স কে আর্ইপিও কো দূসরে দিন মিলা 1.51 গুনা অধিধান

এজেন্সী মুম্বই/নই দিল্লী। এলাইড ব্লেন্ডার্স এন্ড ডিস্ট্রিটলস লিমিটেড (এবীডী) কে আর্ইপিও সার্বজনিক নিগম (আর্ইপিও) কো দূসরে দিন 1.51 গুনা অধিধান মিলা। করণী কা আর্ইপিও 27 জুন কো বঁদ হোয়া। ইসকে বাদ এবীডী কে শেয়র কো বঁনিং স্টোক এক্সচেঞ্জ (বীএসই) অর নেশনাল স্টোক এক্সচেঞ্জ (এনএসই) মেঁ সুচীভূক্ত করনে কা প্রস্তাব হৈ। এনএসই কে তাজা আঁকই কো মুতাভিক 1,500 কয়েড রুপয়ে কী আর্ইপিও শেয়র বিক্রী কী 3,93,71,669 শেয়রোঁ কে মুকাবলে 5,96,04,754 শেয়রোঁ কে লিএ বোলিয়োগী প্রাস হুই। করণী কে মুতাভিক গৈর-সংস্থাত নিবেশকোঁ কী শ্রেণী কো

2.98 গুনা, জবকি খুদরা ব্যক্তিগত নিবেশক (আরআইআই) খঁড কো 1.65 গুনা অধিধান মিলা। পার



সংস্থাত খরীদারোঁ (ক্যুআইবী) কে হিঁসেসে কো 14 ফীসদী অধিধান মিলা হৈ। আঁফিসস চ্বাইস হিঁসেসী

বনানে বালী করণী এবীডী কে আর্ইপিও মেঁ এক হাজার কয়েড রুপয়ে কে না শেয়র অর 500 কয়েড রুপয়ে

শেয়র তয় কিয়া হুয়া হৈ। গৌরতলব হৈ কি করণী নে সার্বজনিক নিগম সে পহলে এঁকর নিবেশকোঁ সে 449 কয়েড রুপয়ে জুড়া হৈ।

উল্লেখনীয় হৈ কি এলাইড ব্লেন্ডার্স এন্ড ডিস্ট্রিটলস লিমিটেড কো এবীডী কে তৌর পর জানা জাতা হৈ। য়ে ভারতীয় নির্মিত বিদেশী শরাক করণী হৈ, জিসকা মুখ্যালয় মুম্বই মেঁ স্থিঅত হৈ। করণী কে পোর্টফোলিয়া মেঁ হিঁসেসী, ব্রাডী, রম অর বোদকা কে 16 ব্রাডোঁ কে প্রডেট শামিল হৈ। ইনমেঁ আঁফিসস চ্বাইস হিঁসেসী, স্টার্লিং রিজবঁ অর আঁফিসস স্টার্লিং স্কল সহিত অন্য প্রমূখ ব্রাড শামিল হৈ, জিসকা বুনিয়াধর কে 22 দেশোঁ মেঁ নির্যাত হোতা হৈ।

স্টেইড ডিভিশন এক লাখ হোনে কী উম্মীদ, মূল ছুট সীমা বড়কর হো সেকতী হৈ 3.5 লাখ রুপয়ে

এজেন্সী মুম্বই। সরকার বজট মেঁ নই কর ব্যবস্থা কে তহত স্টেইড ডিভিশন দৌনা বড়কর এক লাখ কর সেকতী হৈ। যা ফির মূল ছুট সীমা কো বড়কর 3.5 লাখ কিয়া জা সেকতী হৈ। টেক্স পরামর্শ করণী অস্ট্র এন্ড যং (ইংএইভ) নে কহা, আগামী বজট মেঁ করাদান সুধারোঁ পর প্রার্থমিকতাওঁ পর সরকার কো জোর দেনা চাহিয়ে।

নিবেশ অর বিকাশ কে লিএ অনুকূল মাহেল কো বড়াবা দেনে পর জোর কোঁপোর্ট কর দোঁ মেঁ স্থিঅতা বন্যে জায়ে। টীডেস প্রবধান কো হো। রখী তর্কসংগত বনানে কে সাথ বিবাদ সমাধান কো সুব্যবস্থিঅত কিয়া জায়ে। সলাহকার ফর্ম নে বুধবার কো কহা, ব্যক্তিগত কর কে মৌচঁ পর ছুট-কটৌতী কে বিনা রিয়াযতী কর ব্যবস্থা জারী রহনী চাহিয়ে। ইসে অঁর অধিক আকর্ষক বনানে কে লিএ মানক কটৌতী অর মূল ছুট সীমা মেঁ বদলাব হো সেকতী হৈ। সরকার নে টেকনোলজী অর ডেটা-সঁচালিত কর অনুপালন প্রক্রিয়াওঁ মেঁ সুধার কে লিএ কই অচ্চী পহল কী হৈ।

স্টেট বঁক নে বান্ড কে মাধ্যম সে জুটায় 10 হাজার কয়েড রুপয়ে

এজেন্সী নই দিল্লী। দেশ অর সার্বজনিক ক্শেত্র কে সর্বে বড় বঁক স্টেট বঁক অঁফ ইন্ডিয়া (এসবীআই) নে অপনে পাঁচবঁ বুনিয়াদী দাঁচা বান্ড কে মাধ্যম সে 10 হাজার কয়েড রুপয়ে জুটায় হৈ। বঁক নে যহ রাশি 7.36 ফীসদী কী দেয় কূপন দর পর জুটায় হৈ। এসবীআই নে নিয়ামক ফাইলিং মেঁ বতায় কি উহঁনে বান্ড কে মাধ্যম সে 10 হাজার কয়েড রুপয়ে জুটায় হৈ। স্টেট বঁক নে শেয়র বাজার কো সূচিত কিয়া কি ইস নিগম কো নিবেশকোঁ সে জব্দেস্ট প্রতিক্রিয়া মিলতী হৈ। বঁক নে বতায় কি কুল 19,884 কয়েড



রুপয়ে সে অধিক কী 143 বোলিয়োগী নিবেশক ধ্যেয় নিধি, পঁসন কো, মিলতী হৈ। ইসমেঁ নিবেশ করনে বাল

কোর্পোরেটস ক্শেত্র সে থে। সার্বজনিক ক্শেত্র কে কর্দাতা বঁক কে মুতাভিক য়ে বান্ড ইন্ফ্র প্রোজেক্ট মেঁ ফাঁডিং কে লিএ জারী কিয়া গয়া হৈ। এসবীআই কে মুতাভিক সালানা 7.36 ফীসদী কী দেয় কূপন রেট পর য়ে বান্ড জারী কিয়া গয়া হৈ। বঁক কে মুতাভিক ইসমেঁ 5 হাজার কয়েড রুপয়ে কে আধার নিগম আকার কে মুকাবলে করীব চার গুনা অধিক অধিধান মিলা হৈ। ইসকো নিবেশকোঁ সে অচ্চী প্রতিক্রিয়া মিলতী হৈ। বঁক নে কহা কি বান্ড কে মাধ্যম সে মিলনে বালী রাশি কা উপযোগ বুনিয়াদী দাঁচে অর কিফায়তী আবাস ক্শেত্রোঁ কে বিতাপষণ কে লিএ কিয়া জায়া।

শেয়র বাজার মেঁ রিকোর্ডটৌড তেজী, সঁসেবস অর নিফটী নে বন্যায় মজবুতী কা নয়া রিকোর্ড

এজেন্সী নই দিল্লী। শেয়র বাজার মেঁ রিকোর্ড টৌড তেজী কা সিলসিলা লগাতার তৌসরে দিন ধী জারী রাহ। আজ কে কারোবার কী শুরুআত ধী আওপনিং কে নএ রিকোর্ড কে সাথ হুই। পুর দিন কে কারোবার কে বাদ সঁসেবস 0.80 প্রতিশত অর নিফটী 0.62 প্রতিশত কী মজবুতী কে সাথ বঁদ হুএ।

দিন কে কারোবার মেঁ শেয়র বাজার অধী তক কে সর্বোচ্চ স্তর পর পহঁচা অর ফির আজ কে কারোবার কা অঁত ধী কলৌজিং কে অঁল টাডম হর্ই রিকোর্ড কে সাথ হুয়া। দিন কে কারোবার মেঁ জ্যাদাতর সময় খরীদারী কা জোর বনা রাহ, জিসকে কারণ শুরুআতী 1 ঘণ্টে কে কারোবার কে অলাব বাকী পুর সময় শেয়র বাজার লগাতার হের নিশান মেঁ বনা রাহ। আজ কে কারোবার কে দৌরান বঁকিং অর এফএমসীজী সেক্টর কে শেয়রোঁ মেঁ সর্বে অধিক খরীদারী হোতী রাহ। ইসকে সাথ হী টেক অর অঁয়ল এন্ড গৈস ইন্ডেক্স ধী বড়ত কে সাথ বঁদ হুএ।

দুসরী অর আর্টী, আঁটৌমোবাল, কঁসুমর ডুর্যেবলস, হেথ কেয়ার, মেটেল অর পল্টিক সেক্টর প্রটেক্টেড ইন্ডেক্স মেঁ গিরাতট দর্জ কী রাহ। বঁডর মার্কেট মেঁ আজ মিলা-জুলা কারোবার হোতা রাহ, জিসকে কারণ বীএসই কা মিডকৈপ ইন্ডেক্স 0.29 প্রতিশত কী কমজোরী কে সাথ বঁদ হুয়া। স্মালকৈপ ইন্ডেক্স নে 0.15 প্রতিশত কী তেজী কে সাথ আজ কে কারোবার কী কমজোরী। আজ বাজার মেঁ আএ উল্লেখ কে কারণ স্টোক মার্কেট কে নিবেশকোঁ কী সঁপতি মেঁ 1 লাখ

কয়েড রুপয়ে সে অধিক কা ইজাফা হো গয়া। বীএসই মেঁ লিস্টেড করণিয়োগী কা মার্কেট কৈপিটলাইজেশন আজ কে মেঁ বঁদ হুএ। বীএসই কা সঁসেবস আজ অঁল টাডম হর্ই আওপনিং কা নয়া রিকোর্ড বনাত হুএ 40.50 অঁক কী



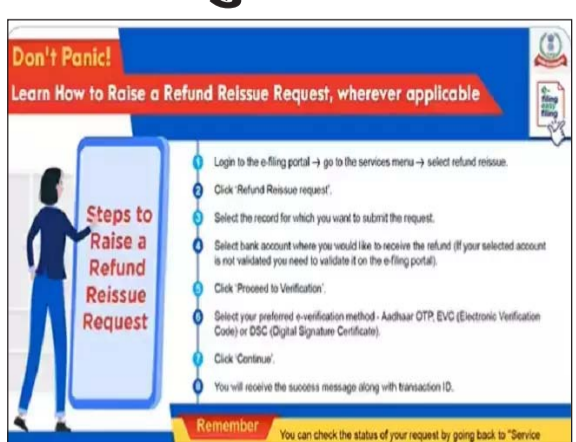
কারোবার কে বাদ বড় কর 436.97 লাখ কয়েড রুপয়ে (অস্য়াই) হো গয়া। পিছলে কারোবারী দিন যানী মংলবার কো ইনকা মার্কেট কৈপিটলাইজেশন 435.76 লাখ কয়েড রুপয়ে থা। ইস তরহ নিবেশকোঁ কো আজ কে কারোবার সে করীব 1.21 লাখ কয়েড রুপয়ে কা মুনাফা হো গয়া।

আজ দিন পর কে কারোবার মেঁ বীএসই মেঁ 4,008 শেয়রোঁ মেঁ এক্টিভ ট্রেডিং হুই। ইনমেঁ 1,916 শেয়র বড়ত কে সাথ বঁদ হুএ, জবকি 1,967 শেয়রোঁ মেঁ গিরাতট কা রখ রাহ, বর্ই 125 শেয়র বিনা কিসী উজার চর্চব কে বঁদ হুএ। এনএসই মেঁ আজ 2,301 শেয়রোঁ মেঁ এক্টিভ ট্রেডিং হুই। ইনমেঁ সে 1,032 শেয়র মুনাফা কমা কর হের নিশান মেঁ অর 1,269 শেয়র নুসান উজ কর লাল নিশান মেঁ বঁদ হুএ। ইসী তরহ সঁসেবস মেঁ শামিল 30 শেয়রোঁ মেঁ সে 18 শেয়র বড়ত কে সাথ অর 12 শেয়র গিরাতট কে সাথ বঁদ হুএ। নিফটী মেঁ শামিল শেয়রোঁ মেঁ সে 25 শেয়র হের নিশান মেঁ অর 25 শেয়র লাল নিশান

মামুলী তেজী কে সাথ 78,094.02 অঁক কে স্তর পর খুলা। কারোবার কী শুরুআত হোনে কে বাদ বিকবালী কা দব্য বননে কী বজহ সে য়ে সূচকাক 107.58 অঁক কী কমজোরী কে সাথ 77,945.94 অঁক তক লুডক গয়া। সুবহ 10 বজে কে বাদ খরীদারী নে মাঁচা সঁম্বাল লিয়া অর চৌতরফা লিবালাী শুরু কর দৌ। লগাতার হো রাহী খরীদারী কে সপোর্ট সে য়ে সূচকাক নিচলে স্তর সে 810 অঁক সে অধিক উল্লেখ কর 705.88 অঁক কী মজবুতী কে সাথ অধী তক কে সর্বোচ্চ স্তর 78,759.40 অঁক তক পহঁচনে মেঁ সফল রাহ। পুর দিন কে কারোবার কে বাদ সঁসেবস 620.73 অঁক কী তেজী কে সাথ অঁল টাডম হর্ই কলৌজিং কা নয়া রিকোর্ড বনাত হুএ 78,674.25 অঁক কে স্তর পর বঁদ হুয়া।

আয়কর বিভাগ নে করদাতাওঁ কো রিফন্ড বিফল হোনে পর দৌবারা অনুরোধ করনে কী দৌ সলাহ

এজেন্সী নই দিল্লী। আয়কর বিভাগ নে আয়কর রিটার্ন (আর্ইটিআর) দাখিল করনে বালে করদাতাওঁ কো রিফন্ড বিফল হোনে পর ফির সে অনুরোধ করনে কী সলাহ দৌ হৈ।



বিভাগ কে ই-ফাইলিং পোর্টল পর লগ ইন করোঁ।

ইনকম টেক্স বিভাগ নে এক বনয়ান মেঁ কহা কি যদি কিসী কারণ সে করদাতাওঁ কো রিফন্ড বিফল হো জাতা হৈ তৌ পুন: অপনা রিফন্ড জারী করনে কা অনুরোধ করোঁ। বিভাগ নে ইসকে লিএ কহা কি কূপ্যা ইনকম টেক্স বিভাগ কে আধিকারিক বেবসাইট <https://ncometa&.go.in/icc/foportal> পর জায়ে।

পহলা চরণ:- আয়কর

रिश्तों की डोरी में एक धागा मेरा एक तुम्हारा...



वो प्यार ही क्या जो चंद लफ्जों में बंध कर रह जाए, ऊंच-नीच, जाति-धर्म और जन्म-उम्र से बंध जाए। प्यार तो है बस मन का मिलना, ये आदत तो हर रंग संग रंग जाए। ये मोहब्बत चीज क्या है? ये सवाल बार-बार जेहन में उठता है। सोचते-सोचते साल महिने और दिन निकल जाते हैं, फिर भी कमबख्त मुकमल जवाब ही नहीं मिलता। इसलिए इश्क में सूपी हुए इश्कजादे इश्क को बेखुदी कहते हैं और जब बेखुदी का एहसास होता है तो इंसान सुधबुध खो बैठता है। अगर मैं प्यार की बातें करूँ तो शायद ही कोई ऐसा होगा। जिसको अपना प्यार याद न आए। वो प्यार जो दिल के गहराईयों से किया जाता है और जिसमें हम बेसुध होशो हवास खो बैठते हैं। भूख प्यास सब कुछ खत्म हो जाता है। बस महबूब का सजदा करने को जी चाहता है पर कमबख्त टिस तब उठती है जब हमारा प्यार अधूरा रह जाता है और अक्सर ऐसा होता है। है न! उफ ये इश्क का रोग। अगर आप इश्क में बीमार है तो बेइश्क इस वीडियो को देखिए।

फंडा हैप्पी लाइफ का

वर्तमान दौर में इंसान के लिए उसका समय ही सबसे वेशकीमती है। पर हालिया हुए एक अध्ययन में कहा गया है कि अपना समय दूसरों के साथ व्यतीत करने से व्यक्ति के खुश रहने की संभावना बढ़ जाती है।

अमेरिका स्थित वार्टन स्कूल ऑफ पेंसिलवेनिया यूनिवर्सिटी के वैज्ञानिकों ने दावा किया है कि अपना समय



देकर दूसरों से उससे ज्यादा समय मिलना व्यक्ति को एक सुखद एहसास कराता है। शोध प्रमुख कैसी मोगिलर ने बताया कि यह आवश्यक नहीं कि आप अपने समय का एक बहुत बड़ा हिस्सा दूसरों के लिए खर्च करें। वैसे यह कोई पहला मौका नहीं जब वैज्ञानिकों ने दूसरों के साथ समय बिताने को लाभप्रद बताया है। इससे पूर्व पिछले साल हुए एक शोध में भी कहा गया था कि दूसरों के साथ समय बिताने से मनुष्य की उम्र बढ़ जाती है। इस अध्ययन को साइकोलॉजिकल साइंस में प्रकाशित किया गया है। 218 कॉलेज छात्र-छात्राओं पर किए गए एक प्रयोग के तहत यह बात कही गई है। प्रयोग के दौरान इन छात्रों को दो समूहों में बांटा गया। जिनमें से एक समूह को 25 मिनट के लिए किसी के साथ समय बिताने या बेकार के कामों में अपना समय व्यतीत करने को कहा गया। किसी को समय देने के दौरान उन्हें एक बीमार बच्चे को ई-मेल लिखना था। बाद में जब इन छात्रों से उनकी भावनाओं के बारे में पूछा गया तो उन्होंने सकारात्मक प्रतिक्रिया दी। उनका कहना था कि उन्हें लगता है कि उनके पास काफी समय है जिसे वह दूसरों के साथ बिता सकते हैं। उन्होंने बताया कि ऐसा करने से उनमें सकारात्मक ऊर्जा का संचार हुआ। मोगिलर का कहना है कि प्रतिदिन किसी लिए दस से पंद्रह मिनट बिताना भी पर्याप्त है।

फैमिलीज बदल रही हैं...



व्यर्थ के तनावों से बचने के लिए न्यूएज कपल्स ने रिश्तों को बचाने की पहल कर दी है। %थोड़ा तुम बढ़ो, थोड़ा हम% को तर्ज पर बेटा-बहू और माता-पिता आगे बढ़ रहे हैं। नए जमाने का यह संयुक्त परिवार खुशहाल है। एक सिस्टम के तहत सभी सदस्यों ने परिवार को जोड़कर रखा है। इनको देखकर लगता है फैमिलीज बदल रही हैं, हम फिर पास... और पास आ रहे हैं... वे उठ जाती हैं सुबह-सवेरे और रात में काटी गई सब्जी छौंक देती हैं। बहू उठती है, सबको चाय देती है, चपाती बनाती है। अपना टिफिन लगाती है। बच्चे को तैयार करके स्कूल छोड़कर आती है। खुद तैयार होती है और ऑफिस के लिए निकल जाती है। वे सुनिश्चित करती हैं कि बहू को ऑफिस के लिए देर न हो जाए। बाद में वे पति के काम करती हैं उनके साथ बैठती हैं, देर सारी बातें करती हैं। बीच में बेटा उठ जाता है। मां को हेल्लो करता है और खुद ऑफिस जाने की तैयारी करता है। बच्चा स्कूल से आता है, वे उसे रिसेव करती हैं, उसकी तोतली जुबान में दिनभर की दास्तान सुन कर निहाल होती हैं। उसे रिलैक्स करती हैं और खुद भी आराम करती हैं। शाम को बहू पहले आती है। सबसे पहले सामू मां के पास बैठती है। पूछती है कि उनका दिन कैसा बीता? मां आज कुछ नया खाने का मन है? वे कहती हैं कि तुम थकी हो, मैं चाय बना देती हूँ लेकिन बहू कहती है कि आपने दिनभर काम संभाला, अब मैं कर लूंगी सब। पिता देखते हैं जब सास-बहू की इस केमिस्ट्री को तो संतोष महसूस करते हैं। उन्हें विश्वास हो जाता है कि कभी बीमार पड़े तो बहू साथ देगी। फिर बेटा आता है, सब बच्चे के साथ खेलते हैं। डाइनिंग टेबल पर बातचीत चलती है। हंसी-खुशी दिन पूरा हो जाता है।

यह है कांतिजी के खुशनुमा परिवार की तस्वीर। हर दिल इसे अपने घर में उतारना चाहेगा। थोड़ा सा एडजस्टमेंट और एक-दूसरे की मजबूरी समझने की

समझदारी ने आज फिर से संयुक्त परिवारों के रास्ते खोल दिए हैं। न कोई चिक-चिक, न कोई खट-पट। बस तरक्की के सपने और सपोर्ट करने की चाहत है यहां।

गणित स्कूल का

मैं हर दिन पश्चिमी परिधान में ऑफिस जाती हूँ। किसी रिश्तेदार के घर आने या मेरे उनके यहां जाने पर अगर वह मुझसे साड़ी पहनने को उम्मीद करती हैं तो मैं इतना तो कर ही सकती हूँ। वह खुश हो जाती हैं और हमारा वीकएंड अच्छा गुजरता है। अगर इसकी जगह मैं अपने कंफर्ट को प्राथमिकता दूँ या उनकी उम्मीदों को जबर्दस्ती का दर्जा दूँ तो हम दोनों ही परेशान होंगे। इससे फायदा भी तो नहीं है न कुछ। न्यू जॉइंट फैमिलीज में एडजस्टमेंट को काफी पॉजिटिव लेती हैं मोनालिका। कंप्यूटर इंजिनियर हैं। बड़ी कंपनी में काम कर रही हैं, लेकिन परिवार के साथ रहकर सुकून महसूस कर रही हैं। वह कहती हैं, %जहां मुझे लगता है कि मुझे मां की यह बात माननी चाहिए, वहां मैं उनकी बात मान लेती हूँ और जहां उन्हें लगता है कि मुझे मुश्किल हो रही है वे %छूट' दे देती हैं।

फैमिली पर दिल आ गया

शादी के लिए लड़की देखने आया परिवार उससे कुछ इस तरह से घुल-मिलकर बात करता है कि वह कहती है, फैमिली पर दिल आ गया...,' और शादी तय हो जाती है। परिवार के लोग डाइनिंग टेबल पर साथ बैठकर नहीं खाते तो दादी मां टेबल ही बेच देती हैं। कहती हैं, हम टेबल पर बैठकर खाते ही कब थे...।' परिवार गलती मानता है। नई टेबल आती है और सब बैठकर हंसी-खुशी खाना खाते हैं। अगर इन खुशनुमा विज्ञापनों को हम समाज में बदलते टैंड का आईना मानें तो आज फैमिलीज बदल रही हैं। हम पास आ रहे हैं। कीमती रिश्तों की अहमियत समझ

रहे हैं। आपस की अंडरस्टैंडिंग को बढ़ा रहे हैं। जॉइंट फैमिली व रिश्तों की जरूरत समझते हुए न्यू कपल्स ने समझदारी से काम लेना शुरू कर दिया है। क्रेडिट बुजुर्गों को भी जाता है कि उन्होंने नई लाइफ स्टाइल में खुद को ढाला है। शायद उनके लिए शहरी-महानगरीय संस्कृति में रमना ज्यादा कठिन था, लेकिन उन्होंने बच्चों की सहूलियत को प्राथमिकता दी और खुद को बदलने की कोशिश की। नए जमाने के ये संयुक्त परिवार खूब एंजॉय कर रहे हैं। एक सिस्टम बनाया है इन्होंने, जिसके तहत सभी सदस्य अपना-अपना काम करते हैं और एक-दूसरे की जरूरतों का ख्याल रखते हैं।

बढ़ी है शेयरिंग

हमारी जेनरेशन ने अपने पैरेंट्स की सुनी, लेकिन हम बच्चों को फ्रीडम दे रहे हैं। मैं जिस स्थिति से गुजरी हूँ उसे बच्चों के सामने नहीं आने देना चाहती। अगर हमें बदलाव लाना है तो घर से ही शुरू करना होगा।' परिवारिक सोच में बदलाव की समर्थक हैं कुमकुम। उनका माना है कि जब आप बच्चों को सपोर्ट करेंगे तो वे भी आपसे वैसे ही व्यवहार करेंगे। अगर आप उन पर भरोसा करेंगे तो वे भी आप पर भरोसा करेंगे। फैमिलीज में बदलाव और फैमिली मेंबर्स के बीच बेहतर सामंजस्य का क्रेडिट वे शेयरिंग को देती हैं। मेरी कहती हैं, %चूँकि आज फैमिली में शेयरिंग बढ़ी है इसलिए सभी सदस्य एक-दूसरे की मुश्किलों और सहूलियतों समझने लगे हैं। पहले हम पर ढेर सारी बर्दशें थीं तो हमारी ग्रोथ नहीं हो पाई। रोक-टोक से प्रोग्रेस रुक जाती है। बच्चों की प्रोग्रेस हमारी ही तो प्रोग्रेस है।'

यू बदली है सोच

एक समय था कि जब शादी के बाद मां लड़की को कहती थी कि ससुराल में जो भी कहा जाए सिर झुका कर मान लेना, किसी से बहस नहीं करना, सबका मन जीतना, हमारा नाम नहीं डुबोना...। मां की इस सीख के बाद लड़की हर तरह का त्याग करती। फिर एक दौर ऐसा भी आया जब लड़कियां ससुराल की शिकायत मां को सुनातीं तो वे कहतीं कि तुम तो बस अपना देखो। बाकी सब को जाने दो। इस दौर में स्वाथ आगे आया तो संयुक्त परिवार टूट गए। एक शहर में रहते हुए बहू-बेटे ने ससुराल से किनारा कर लिया और न्यूक्लियर फैमिली के रूप में जीवन जीने को अहमियत दी, लेकिन आज की जरूरत फिर महसूस होने लगी है। वैसे अब केवल चार लोगों के परिवार को भी संयुक्त परिवार कहते हैं। जिसमें सास-ससुर, बेटा-बहू रहते हैं। ये चारों जान गए हैं कि अलगाव सब पर भारी है। फिर क्यों न छोटे-छोटे एडजस्टमेंट करके ज़िंदगी को खुशहाल तरीके से जिया जाए।

सीरिय न्यू जॉइंट की

देखो बेटा अगर छोटी छोटी बातों में उलझोगी तो तरक्की कैसे पाओगी। तुम्हें अभी बहुत आगे जाना है। घर में टेंशन होगी तो काई भी परफॉर्म नहीं कर पाएगा। फिर तुम यह सोचो वे भी तो तुम्हारे साथ एडजस्ट कर रहे हैं। एक नए मेंबर को फैमिली में खुले दिल से अपना रहे हैं। जब

उन्हें तुम्हारे हर सुख का ध्यान है, तुम्हारी हर प्रॉब्लम से सरोकार है तो फिर तुम उन्हें खुशी क्यों नहीं दे सकती। यही सब कहा मैंने अपनी बेटी को, जब उसने ससुराल की शिकायतें शुरू कीं। मेरे टोकने के बाद अब वह चीजों को ईजी लेने लगी है और बहुत ही कुशलता से मैनेज कर रही है।' कहती हैं रश्मि चोपड़ा। कुछ समय पहले उनकी बेटी की शादी हुई है। अपनी बेटी की समझदारी की कायल हैं रश्मि, लेकिन समय-समय पर गाइडेंस देने की बात आती है तो उसे सही रास्ता दिखाती हैं। वह बताती हैं कि यदि एक-दूसरे की बातों को समझा जाए, एक-दूसरे का साथ दिया जाए तो संयुक्त परिवार में खुशियां ही खुशियां हैं। बेटे और बहू में फर्क नहीं

हर्षदीप कौर, गायिका

शादी के बाद की लाइफ में बड़ा मजा आ रहा है। मेरे पति मुझे बहुत सपोर्ट करते हैं। वह कहते हैं तुम्हें अपने करियर में और अधिक मेहनत करनी चाहिए। मेरी किस्मत अच्छी है कि मुझे अच्छा परिवार मिला है। सभी बहुत सपोर्ट करते हैं। हमारी ननदें भी काम करती हैं। ससुराल के लोग बेटे और बहू में कोई फर्क नहीं समझते हैं।

नाए टैंड का है संकेत

जिंदगी गुजारने या स्टेटस आगे बढ़ाने या कुछ कर गुजर जाने की दौड़ में आज पति और पत्नी दोनों कर्किंग हैं। उनके लिए बच्चों की देखभाल करना परेशानी और चिंता का सबब बन गया है। ऐसे में संयुक्त परिवार की जरूरत महसूस होने लगी है और इसके फायदे समझे जाने लगे हैं। जनगणना, 2011 के आंकड़ों के अनुसार एकल परिवारों की संख्या में वृद्धि की दर कम हुई है। यह एक नए टैंड का संकेत है। आज कई एकल परिवार एक बार फिर अपनों के साथ रह कर जिंदगी बिताने को तैयार हो रहे हैं।

निभ सकती है साझेदारी अगर

– जिम्मेदारियों को बोझ न समझें।

– परिवार के हर सदस्य को सम्मान दें।

– परिवार के कामों में हाथ बंटाएं।

– बच्चों के बीच प्यार को पनपने दें।

– साथ देने का भाव मन में रखें।

– एक-दूसरे की पसंद का ख्याल रखें।

– झूठे अहमू को बीच में न आने दें।

इंगोज नहीं है हमारे बीच

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हमारी बड़ी फैमिली है। देवर, ननद, सास-ससुर और हम साथ ही रहते हैं। हमारी जरूरतों को घर वाले समझते हैं और हम उनकी जरूरतों को। जब मैं मुंबई में अकेले रहती थी तो छोटी-छोटी बातों को लेकर टेंशन हो जाती थी, लेकिन अब जॉइंट फैमिली होने से हम दोनों अपने काम पर कंसंट्रेट कर पा रहे हैं। जब से शादी हुई है जिंदगी और आसान हो गई है। सामू मां मेरी हर पसंद का ख्याल रखती हैं। मैं तेरह-तेरह घंटे शूट करती हूँ। वह मेरे हार्ड वर्क को रेस्पेक्ट देती हैं। सुबह मैं वर्कआउट करती हूँ, ओडिसी डांस सीखती हूँ। थाप की काफी आवाज होती है, लेकिन कोई कुछ नहीं कहता। अगर कोई आपकी इतनी सारी चीजें मैनेज कर रहा है तो आप भी उनकी रेस्पेक्ट करेंगे न। मैं उनके लिए कुछ भी लाती हूँ तो वे बहुत खुश हो जाते हैं। वैसे वे मुझसे कभी कुछ भी लाने को नहीं कहतीं।

अ इ-लके खूबसूरती

अगर आप भी अपने बाथरूम को लगजरी टच देना चाहते हैं तो इन दिनों बाजार में ऐसी एक्सेसरीज की कोई कमी नहीं। बेहतरीन कलर कॉम्बिनेशन और बाथ टब के अलावा खूबसूरत लाइटिंग के जरिये बाथरूम को रंगत निखारी जा सकती है और इसे मॉडर्न लुक दिया जा सकता है..

वक्त के साथ जहां घर के लिविंग रूम और डाइनिंग स्पेस का इंटीरियर बदला है तो वहीं किचन और बाथरूम जैसे हिस्सों में भी कई नए प्रयोग देखने को मिले हैं। किचन अब जहां मॉड्यूलर रूप अख्तियार कर चुका है तो वहीं बाथरूम भी थीम डिजाइनिंग के साथ नए रूप में उभर रहा है। यही नहीं बाजार में वेरायटी भरे प्रोडक्ट्स भी दिखने लगे हैं। आइये डालते हैं एक नजर

इस्तेमाल ग्लास का

लगजरी बाथरूम के लिए ग्लास एक परफेक्ट थीम हो सकता है। यह न सिर्फ आपके व्यू को ब्लॉक होने से बचाता है बल्कि छिपे बाथरूम को स्पेशियस भी तिरखाता है। इसके लिए ग्लास मेटोरियल में ही बेसिन, कुर्सी और शॉवर स्टॉल या पाटीशन को बाथरूम में जगह देनी चाहिए। खिड़कियों और काउंटरटॉप के लिए फ्रॉस्टेड ग्लास का विकल्प बढ़िया है। ग्लास थीम हो तो टिंटेड ग्लास का इस्तेमाल भी किया जा सकता है। इसमें ज्यादा से ज्यादा एक से दो रंगों का इस्तेमाल एक समय पर संभव है।

क्लासिक वुड

बाथरूम को रिच लुक देने के लिए वुडन डेकोर काफी पॉपुलर है। वुडन शेल्फ रिटेलिंग स्टूल के जरिये इसकी खूबसूरती और बढ़ाई जा सकती है। साथ ही वुडन फिनिश का बाथटब और शॉवर पैनल इसके लुक को और बेहतर बना देंगे।

कलर थीम हो ऐसी

सिंपल लिविंग एंड हार्ड थिंकिंग में विश्वास रखते हैं तो आप अपने बाथरूम फिक्सचर्स को एक रंग में रखते हुए दीवारों को रॉयल रंगों में पेंट करा सकते हैं। इसे लगजरी लुक देने के लिए आप इसमें कैडल्स, फवर्स और इंडोर प्लांट्स का इस्तेमाल भी कर सकते हैं। एक बात का ख्याल रखें कि



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स्टीम रूम

लाइट म्यूजिक के साथ डिम लाइट में शावर और दिनभर की थकान दूर करने के लिए स्टीम बाथ के लिए स्टीम कम शावर रूम का ऑप्शन बढ़िया है। बाथरूम में यह काफी कम जगह में फिट हो जाता है। टू इन वन का काम करने वाले इस रूम में शावर पैनल की सुविधा होती है, जिसमें आप हेड शावर से लेकर बॉडी स्प्रे का मजा ले सकते हैं। साथ ही इसमें स्टीम बाथ के लिए परफेक्ट बॉडी टेंपेरेचर और अरोमा थेरपी की सुविधा भी शामिल है। बेसिक सुविधाओं के अलावा इसकी हार्डपेंड रेंज में टेलीफोन व रेडियो-सीडी इनपुट सिस्टम की सुविधा भी शामिल की गई है।

बाथ टब

आज बाजार में बॉडी की मसाज करने वाले जकूजी आसानी से उपलब्ध हैं। यही नहीं दो से तीन लोगों के लिए जकूजी आराम से मिल जाता है। इसके अलावा फ्री स्टैंडिंग और स्पा स्पेशल बाथ टब्स भी उपलब्ध हैं। अगर आप अपने बाथरूम को वुडन थीम देने जा रहे हैं तो उसके साथ फ्री स्टैंडिंग बाथ टब बढ़िया रहेगा।

एक्सेसरीज

फिक्सचर्स के बाद अगर बाथरूम को सबसे ज्यादा कोई चीज लगजरी टच दे सकती है तो वह है एक्सेसरी। अपनी स्पेस और पसंद के मुताबिक आप ग्लास लेंडर या फिर फाइबर बेस्ड मेटोरियल एक्सेसरीज को बाथरूम में सजा सकते हैं। बाथरूम को मेटैलिक लुक देने के लिए लेंडन में बांज, ब्राउन में सिल्वर मल्टी यूटिलिटी बॉक्स का इस्तेमाल भी कर सकते हैं। बाथरूम को नया रूप रंग देने के लिए मौजूदा समय में एक्सेसरीज और प्रोडक्ट्स की कोई कमी नहीं है। जरूरत बस इतनी है कि आप क्या पसंद करते हैं और आपकी जरूरत क्या है।

NEWS BOX

Trott slams Trinidad pitch after Afghanistan's exit: Not a World Cup semi-final track

New Delhi. Afghanistan coach Jonathan Trott has slammed the pitch that was used in Trinidad for the South Africa vs Afghanistan match, claiming that it wasn't one that was fit to host a T20 World Cup semi-final. Afghanistan were on the receiving end of a drubbing from the Proteas as they were bundled out for just 56 runs, the lowest total ever by a side in a T20 World Cup semi-final. The South African bowlers were in the money from the get-go, but were definitely aided by the pitch in Trinidad with some uneven bounce and lateral seam movement. This was the case in the second innings as well, as the Proteas batters had to deal with the same issues, but eventually got the 9-wicket win. Speaking at the press conference after the game, Trott said he didn't want to sound like it was a case of 'sour grapes' but felt the track wasn't a good one and wanted a fair contest to happen between bat and bowl.

Trott said T20 cricket shouldn't be about surviving and should have something in for both batters and bowlers. "I don't want to get myself into trouble. But I also don't want to sound a bit like 'sour grapes' but that's not the pitch that you want to have a semi-final of a World Cup on. Plain and simple. It should be a fair contest. I'm not saying it should be completely flat with no spin and seam movement, you shouldn't have batters worrying about moving forward and having the ball fly over their head. You should be confident in getting through the line or use their skills. And T20 is all about attacking and scoring runs and taking wickets. Not looking to survive," said Trott. "If the opposition bowled well and gets you into a position after bowling well and through skill, then it's fine to them. Then it's about adapting."

"If we had bowled the way South Africa had, you could have seen a different second half."

Afghanistan incredible journey came to an end with the game and South Africa have now reached a World Cup final for the first time.

England are prepared for Virat Kohli: Matthew Mott wary of 'destructive' batter in semis

New Delhi. Head coach Matthew Mott said that England are wary of the threat Virat Kohli may pose to them in the T20 World Cup 2024 semi-final on June 27 at the Providence Stadium in Guyana. Kohli has been going through a rough patch of form, having scored only 66 runs from 6 games at an average of 11 and a strike-rate of 100 with a top score of 37 to his name. Mott said that the Three Lions respect Kohli and the aura that he carries. He said that Kohli is someone who would not take much time to get into his groove. Kohli bagged a duck in India's last Super 8 match against Australia, but Mott said that he has every chance of stepping up in big matches given his past records.

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"Virat has proven his class over a very long period of time. He's one of the players we've prepared well for. We know how he can play; we know how destructive he can be and we also know his game smarts," Mott said in the pre-match press conference. Mott said that the Three Lions respect Kohli and the aura that he carries. He said that Kohli is someone who would not take much time to get into his groove. Kohli bagged a duck in India's last Super 8 match against Australia, but Mott said that he has every chance of stepping up in big matches given his past records.

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Turkey edge into Euros last 16 with tense win over Czechs

HAMBURG. Turkey reached the knockout phase at a major tournament for the first time in 16 years after a bad-tempered 2-1 win over a battling 10-man Czech Republic at Euro 2024 on Wednesday. Vincenzo Montella's Turkey finished second in Group F behind Portugal to progress, as the Czechs were eliminated despite a brave performance on a sweltering night in Hamburg. "Tonight we just want to celebrate, we deserve it," said Italian Montella. "But starting tomorrow we want to continue to make history." Georgia also went through as one of the best third-placed teams after a stunning 2-0 win over Portugal in the group's other final game, eliminating Hungary. Turkey will face Austria in the last 16 in Leipzig on Tuesday, their first major tournament knockout match since the Euro 2008 semi-finals, when they were beaten by Germany. The Czechs were reduced to 10 men in the 20th minute when Antonin Barak was given the earliest red card in Euros history, beating the unwanted record set by France's Eric Abidal in 2008. Barak's pair of bookings were two of 18 yellow cards shown in total, with Tomas Chory also shown red after the final whistle in ugly scenes. Hakan Calhanoglu powered Turkey into a 51st-minute lead, but Tomas Soucek lashed in an equaliser midway through the second half. A frantic finale to the game ensued as the Czech Republic pushed for the winner that would take them through, but Cenk Tosun ended their hopes on the counter-attack in added time. There were ugly scenes at the final whistle as fans ran onto the pitch, with Czech forward Chory brandishing a red card in the aftermath. "We are upset, everyone wanted to advance, we had the right mindset," said Soucek. "It was terribly hard with 10 men, we didn't want to concede, then we did, we levelled and pushed them until the last minute but then we conceded another." The Czechs started strongly despite the tens of thousands of Turkey fans jeering their every touch, with Lukas Provod forcing Mert Gunok into an early save with a deflected shot.

Rohit Sharma vs Jofra Archer and more: Key battles in IND vs ENG T20 World Cup semis

India take on England in the T20 World Cup semi-final 1 on June 27

The clash will be a rematch of the 2022 T20 World Cup

The fixture will feature multiple big-name clashes like Rohit vs Archer

New Delhi. The moment of decisiveness beckons, when millions of Indian cricket fans will once again pin their hopes on finally seeing their team lift an ICC trophy. After a 13-year wait, Rohit Sharma-led India are looking more and more poised to earn the title of "World Champions", on top of what has been quite an effective 2024 T20 World Cup campaign. However, the side's semi-final challenge comes against the same side which ended their trophy-bound run at the same stage in the 2022 T20 World Cup, a dangerous and aggressive-cricket focused England. Having already completed their 2023 ODI World Cup final revenge against Mitchell Marsh-led Australia, the fans have their fingers crossed on both hands to see the

Men in Blue make this the season of their comeback. However, the star-studded England side poses a tough challenge for Rohit Sharma's men. While India has the likes of Rohit, a yet to fire Virat Kohli, Suryakumar Yadav and a feisty-minded Rishabh Pant handling their batting prowess with quite some panache throughout the tournament, England also has the likes of Phil Salt, skipper Jos Buttler and Jonny Bairstow in their batting arsenal. On the other hand, bowlers from both sides have also taken this tournament by storm. The highly-anticipated clash will feature the likes of Jasprit Bumrah, Arshdeep Singh and Kuldeep Yadav handling the majority of the bowling charge for India. Similarly, the likes of comeback hero Jofra Archer, Chris Jordan and the in-form Adil Rashid will also give a tough challenge for India batters. One thing is for sure, it is going to be a clash of big names at the Providence Stadium in Guyana.

Rohit Sharma vs Jofra Archer - The Big One

The biggest for the top spot on the list. India fans will be hoping for the captain to showcase some of the same scenes from their Australia clash, where he ran an onslaught against big-name pacers like Mitchell Starc and Pat Cummins. However, this time Rohit will have to face off against the man who is eager to announce his comeback to the list of



lethal pacers in T20I cricket - Jofra Archer. In all the India matches in this T20 World Cup, we have seen Rohit target pacers in full-aggressive gear from the very get-go of a fixture. To highlight this trait further, Rohit hit Starc for 29 runs in his very first over of the crucial Super 8 clash on June 24. Meanwhile, Archer has been considerably dangerous with the new ball, which has seen the 29-year-old pick 9 wickets in England's 7 matches so far in this T20 World Cup. In his brilliant 3/40 spell against a batting-heavy South Africa side, Archer showed that he might go for runs, but he also knows how to slow an innings down from a crucial stage.

Suryakumar Yadav vs Rashid Ali - Guyana pitch special

Jos Buttler has consistently used the spin prowess of Adil Rashid, whenever he has

noticed even a hint of turn on the pitch, and doing the same against India's batting attack is most likely on the cards because of the amount of rain that Guyana, the match venue, is receiving. While Rohit has been sensational against pace, his approach against spinners has been focused on the whole "seeing through" approach. This is exactly the kind of point where fans would expect Suryakumar Yadav to take charge. Suryakumar has been in some brilliant big-hitting touch for India in this T20 World Cup, where he has either brought big scores with his aggressive intent, or has seen the same get him out early. In India's clash against Afghanistan, Suryakumar's explosive 53 off 28 balls knock saw him effectively handle the spin brilliance of an in-form Rashid Khan and Noor Ahmed, specifically with his slog-sweeping tactics. Whether Suryakumar takes the Adil Rashid pressure off the other batters in his side or not, that is one answer we will get on June 27.

Arshdeep and Bumrah vs Buttler, Salt - Pace vs Panache

The battle at the top will be between India's pace attack comprising the in-form duo of Jasprit Bumrah and Arshdeep Singh, against the fiery England opening duo of Jos Buttler and Phil Salt.

Aiden Markram 'happy to be not playing again in Trinidad' after AFG vs SA pitch debacle

New Delhi. Aiden Markram reflected on the much-discussed pitch of the Brian Lara Stadium in Trinidad after South Africa stormed into the final of the T20 World Cup 2024. He mentioned that the South African team would be pleased to not play on the tricky pitch again as the final will be played at the Providence Stadium in Guyana on June 29, Sunday. The pitch became a taking point as it had uneven bounce on offer and was not the easiest of the tracks to bat on. The spicy and tricky pitch saw Afghanistan getting bundled out for just 56 runs, which is the lowest total by a team in the semi-final of the T20 World Cups. Markram became the first-ever South African captain to lead the Proteas to their maiden World Cup final. The Afghanistan batters struggled to get going against the South African bowlers as they fell like a pack of cards. Even the South African batters struggled initially in the powerplay with plenty of seam movement. However, Markram and Reeza Hendricks helped South Africa chase down the target of 57 runs within 8.5 overs. Aiden Markram reflected on the much-discussed pitch of the Brian Lara Stadium in Trinidad after South Africa

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they fell like a pack of cards. Even the South African batters struggled initially in the powerplay with plenty of seam movement. However, Markram and Reeza Hendricks helped South Africa chase down the target of 57 runs within 8.5 overs. But having said that, still taking the positives we can. Wickets are tough. Wickets are the same for both teams on the night. So, finding a way to win is probably the most important thing."

Markram credits SA pacers

Markram credited the South African bowlers for making full use of the conditions and put South Africa in winning position. Tonight was an exceptional performance by the whole bowling unit and the pitch was obviously quite challenging as we saw and like I said you do still have to get the ball in the right area, so you give credit to your bowlers. They've used the conditions really well and managed to get us into a winning position," Markram added. Marco Jansen was awarded as the Player of the Match for his figures of 3-0-3-16 against Afghanistan. Tabraiz Shamsi also picked 3 wickets alongside Keshav Maharaj and Anrich Nortje, who picked 2 wickets each.

Afghanistan skipper Rashid Khan promises to be back with 'more grit' after semis exit

NEW DELHI Rashid Khan has vowed that the Afghanistan team would return with more grit in the next tournament after their run in the T20 World Cup 2024 came to an end at the hands of South Africa on June 27, Thursday. The Proteas put in a dominant performance with the ball as they bundled out Afghanistan for just 56 runs in Trinidad. South Africa were able to secure the win within the 9th over and progressed to the final. Despite the loss, Afghanistan had a lot of things to be proud of given their inspiring run in the competition. Rashid took to social media to put out a post praising his side for their efforts. The Afghan skipper said the team would always remember the T20 World Cup and praised his teammates for the fight they showed. Rashid promised the fans



that they would continue to build on from their performance in the tournament for the ones in the future. The star spinner also thanked the fans for believing in them and giving them motivation to fight on during the T20 World Cup. "The fight put ahead by each and every one of this team is

commendable and I'm really proud of all of us!" "We will continue to build from here and comeback with more grit in the next one. Thank you to each and everyone who believed in us and helped us to keep the fight on," said Rashid. How well did Afghanistan perform in the T20 World Cup 2024? Afghanistan certainly captured the imagination of the cricketing world with their performance during the T20 World Cup 2024. They finished as the second-best Asian team in the competition behind India and ahead of the likes of Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh. Afghanistan also scored wins against New Zealand in the group stage and Australia during the Super 8 and knocked the 2021 champions out of the competition.

Sri Lanka coach Chris Silverwood resigns after T20 World Cup debacle

New Delhi. Chris Silverwood has stepped down as the head coach of the Sri Lankan men's team after their disastrous T20 World Cup 2024 campaign in the Caribbean and the United States. Silverwood gave 'personal reasons' for his resignation and said that he would want to 'spend quality time' with his family and loved ones after his hectic job as the coach.

Back in April 2022, Silverwood took charge of the Sri Lankan team after moving ahead as the head coach of the England men's team. Under his coaching, they won 8 Tests, 26 ODIs and 18 T20Is. Silverwood decided to step away after Wanindu Hasaranga's men failed to qualify for the Super 8 in the ongoing T20 World Cup.

Real honour for me'

"Being an international coach means long periods away from loved ones. After lengthy



conversations with my family and with a heavy heart, I feel it is now time for me to return home and spend some quality time together," Silverwood said in a statement released by Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC).

"I would like to thank the players, coaches, backroom staff, and management of the SLC for their support during my time in Sri Lanka. Without your support, none of the success would have been possible." "It has been a real honour for me to be part of Sri Lanka Cricket and I will be taking away many fond memories," Silverwood added. Sri Lanka, the 2014 champions, did not have the best of times in the World Cup. They started their campaign losing to South Africa after which they lost to Bangladesh as well. Their match against Rohit Paudel's Nepal was called off due to rain in Florida.

T20 World Cup 2024 semi-final: Beware England. This 'new' India can't be bullied again

NEW DELHI. England had smelled blood in Adelaide. They won the toss and opted to bowl first in the semi-final of the T20 World Cup, knowing fully well that they could bully India. And they did. Former England captain Paul Collingwood recently revealed that England were aware that their best option of beating India would be to bowl first and take advantage of the opposition's lily-livered approach. India managed 168. Rohit Sharma hit 27 off 28 balls. Virat Kohli scored 50 off 40 balls. India managed 168 in 20 overs. England chased the target down in 16 overs without losing a wicket. That evening in Adelaide exposed the gulf in mindset between India and eventual champions England. Despite the big names in the side, India were playing catch-up. England were playing a different brand of T20 cricket -- a slam-bang approach that was pioneered by Eoin Morgan in the ODI World Cup in 2019. Cut to June 2024, India and England are heading into another T20 World Cup semi-final, this time in Guyana. And the England camp is fully aware that India can't be bullied this time. England coach

Matthew Mott spoke about being wary of a 'different' India when he addressed the press on the eve of the semi-final.

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"Probably the only thing that we've discussed is that we feel that they're a very different team to that semi-final. I think the way that they've approached it in the last couple of years is certainly taking the game on extremely hard in the powerplay," Mott said. When pressed harder, he explained: "Well, I think when we go back to that semi-final, obviously on a good pitch in Adelaide, we put India in and that was a risk. But I thought we felt they weren't sure what a good score was. I think the approach now is they would come at us hard and try and maximise that, maybe try and put it out of our reach," he added. India have scored at a rate of 8-and-a-half runs in the powerplay in T20 internationals since the start of 2023 - a marginal, but significant increase (8.12 to 8.30) in the scoring rate from 2022. In the T20 World Cup in the



USA and the West Indies, India have been refreshingly positive in the powerplay. Take the Super 8 match against Australia for instance - Mitchell Marsh and his men tried to put pressure on India by winning the toss and opting to bowl in St Lucia. They got the big wicket of Virat Kohli for 0. The old Indian side would have played it safe after losing their best batter as early as the second over of the World Cup contest. However, this was a new Team India. This was Rohit Sharma's ruthless India. The captain led from the front. In the

very next over, he hit Australia's best bowler - Mitchell Starc for four sixes in a 29-run over. Rohit taking down Starc was more than just a counter-attack. It was a message to the cricket world that India plays a different cricket brand in T20Is. India went on to post 205 -- the highest total against Australia in T20 World Cup history -- and it proved too much in the end for Australia.

ROHIT SPEARHEADS CHANGE IN TEAM INDIA

Rohit Sharma has spearheaded the change. The Adelaide defeat seems to have stung him. The no-holds-barred approach was evident in the ODI World Cup in 2023. Rohit scored 597 runs at a strike rate of 125. No other batter with more than 400 runs had a strike rate closer to Rohit's 125. Yet, India were not able to lift that coveted trophy. In the final, familiar problems returned to haunt India after Rohit Sharma's whirlwind knock ended prematurely. India's batting unit froze on November 19 in Ahmedabad.



Lakshmi Manchu's

Shimmer Silver Gown Is Party Look Done Right

Lakshmi Manchu is a prominent face in the South film industry. The diva is known for her roles as an actress, producer, and television personality. She is a true fashionista and always enthralls fans with her pictures and videos that often go viral. Recently, she attended an award show, where she received an award for her NGO, Teach For Change. Taking to social media, Lakshmi Manchu posted a series of pictures from the award show. She can be seen in a shimmer bodycon silver gown, which she accessorised with a pair of matching earrings. Lakshmi Manchu kept her hair open and opted for bold makeup. Fans expressed their love in the comment section, while many dropped red heart emojis. This is not the first time she set the internet on fire. In the past also, she shared photos on her account that made her fans spellbound. Lakshmi Manchu penned a note of thanks to the organisers for recognising the work of Teach For Change. "Thank you, @middayindia Awards, for recognising the work of @teach_for_change. I wouldn't be standing here holding this award without the unwavering support of all the actors and individuals who have tirelessly worked alongside me to raise funds and awareness," her post read.

Lakshmi Manchu dedicated the award to every one of you who has supported them in the past. She also mentioned that they have opened 643 classrooms. "This award is for each and every one of you who have supported us in the past. Because of your dedication and commitment, we are stronger and growing more than ever today. Your belief in our mission has been the cornerstone of our success, and together, we are making a tangible difference in the lives of countless children.

With your help, we have opened 643 classrooms, providing vital educational opportunities. Thank you for being part of this journey. Let's continue to inspire, educate, and empower the next generation," her post further mentioned. Lakshmi Manchu rose to stardom with films like Dead Air, Gundello Godari, Anaganaga O Dheerudu and Chandamama Kathalu.

She last appeared in the film Monster, which failed to become a super hit at the box office. Currently, Lakshmi is busy with TV shows, movies and web series. She is now prepared for her upcoming films like Adiparvam, Lechindi Mahila Lokam and Agni Nakshatram.



Armaan Malik Compares Himself To Sidharth Shukla, Bigg Boss OTT 3 Contestant Says 'We Both Are Very Alike'



Armaan Malik has compared himself to the late actor Sidharth Shukla. The YouTuber, who is currently in the Bigg Boss OTT 3 house, spoke to a media portal before entering the controversial reality show, when he shared that he felt the most "connected" with Sidharth. Shukla, who was the winner of Bigg Boss 13, passed away in September 2021. "From the previous 'Bigg Boss' seasons, my personality is very similar to that of Sidharth Shukla's. He was one contestant whose personality I really connected with, and I also feel that we both are very alike in a way that we keep to ourselves. He was someone who was usually calm and kept to himself unless provoked and I feel that's also me as a person. He has been one of the contestants whose journey I have followed and felt the most connection with," Armaan told India Today. Armaan is in the Bigg Boss OTT 3 house with both his wives, Payal Malik and Kritika Malik. Ever since it was announced that the YouTuber will participate in the show as a trio, several people have questioned his decision. Therefore, talking about the controversies surrounding his marital status, Armaan added, "If someone is genuinely curious and wants to know about our life, how we three have managed to live as one family, then I'd be happy to share my story with them. There's no issue with people inside the house being curious about our set-up. However, if someone talks in a derogatory manner or chooses to pick a fight for no reason, then I'm capable of giving it back to them in the exact same tone and manner."

Armaan further shared that he wants his fans to see his "real side" via Bigg Boss OTT 3. "Everyone will get to see how I behave and react to situations that crop up, how my response will be towards the other contestants in the house and what my decision-making skills are," he said. Besides Armaan, other contestants who are inside the Bigg Boss OTT 3 house are, Love Kataria, Deepak Chaurasia, Munisha Khatwani, Sai Ketan Rao, Vada Pav Girl aka Chandrika Gera Dixit, Sana Makbul, Shivani Kumari, Paulomi Das, Ranvir Shorey, Sana Sultan, Vishal Pandey, Naezy and Neeraj Goyat. The show is hosted by Anil Kapoor and streams on Jio Cinema.

Happy Birthday, Karisma Kapoor: When The Actress Saved Her Debut Film Co-star From Drowning



One of the most successful Bollywood actresses Karisma Kapoor has turned 50 today. Belonging to the star-studded Kapoor family, she never relied on her peers' support to make big in the film industry. She was one of the highest-paid actresses in the 90s. She played the leading lady in several box-office hits including Jigar, Anari, Andaz Apna Apna, Raja Babu, Coolie No 1, Jeet and Saajan Chale Sasural. She starred in the lead role in the top-grossing films of the 90s like Raja Hindustani and Dil To Pagal Hai and established herself as a star. The leading lady who made the careers of many actors once saved the life of her co-actor. It was her debut film Prem Qaidi and the actor was Harish Kumar.

Karisma Kapoor debuted with the film Prem Qaidi in 1991. It was directed by K Murali Mohana and starred Harish Kumar apart from Karisma Kapoor in the lead roles. In a recent revelation, actor Harish Kumar shared how Karisma Kapoor saved him from drowning during a shooting of a scene in the film. Recalling the incident, he said that there was a scene which was supposed to be shot in which he had to jump into a swimming pool to save Karisma Kapoor from drowning. "In reality, she was the one who saved me because I did not know how to swim," said Harish Kumar while talking to the media.

I was about to drown, in fact, I was drowning, but people on set thought I was playing a prank, so no one helped me except Karisma. She held me and I held onto her clothes. So all this used to also happen in nineties Bollywood," Harish Kumar recalled. Interestingly, Karisma Kapoor was only 17 years old, while Harish Kumar was a year younger in the film.

Apart from the lead roles, actors Dalip Tahil, Paresh Rawal, Asrani, Shafi Inamdar and Bharat Bhushan are in prominent roles.

Nirosha Radha's

Comeback With This Rajinikanth Film Went Unnoticed

Many yesteryear lead actresses have, in recent times, made successful comebacks to films with supporting roles in movies. These include actresses like Vijayshanti, Bhanupriya and Ramya Krishnan, who have all started their second innings in the Tamil as well as Telugu film industries. One of their contemporaries, Nirosha Radha is also in need of a comeback film. She had received an opportunity with the Rajinikanth-starrer Laal Salaam, but the movie's lukewarm response and underperformance at the box office has led to a missed opportunity on her part. Reportedly, the film's failure has resulted in no further offers for her from the industry. Nirosha started her career in 1988 with Mani Ratnam's Agni Natchathiram, which was a runaway success. She appeared in

films like Soora Samhaaram, Senthooora Poove and Paravaigal Palavitham in quick succession in the same year, a unique feat for a newcomer. These films established her as a bankable actress in the Tamil film industry. For the next decade, she delivered many hits and also dabbled with all the other three South Indian film industries. Nirosha's films with Rajendra Prasad and Mohan Babu in the action genre were quite successful at the box office.

After getting married to actor Ramki in 1995,

Nirosha toned down on the number of films she appeared in and then took a hiatus from acting. Her post marriage films, where she shifted to supporting roles, were not too successful. Last year, she received an offer to appear as Rajinikanth's wife in the much hyped sports drama film Laal Salaam. In an interview, Nirosha said that one of the main reasons that she had taken up the role was because Rajinikanth's daughter, Aishwariya Rajinikanth was directing it. Both she and Rajinikanth had limited screen time in the film, and her performance was appreciated.

