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News box

#### McDonald's rules out beef patties as source of E Coli outbreak that killed 1

Washington DC. McDonald's on Sunday ruled out beef patties as a source of the E Coli outbreak linked to Quarter Pounder hamburgers, which has killed at least one person and sickened nearly 75 others."We remain very confident that any contaminated product related to this outbreak has been removed from our supply chain and is out of all McDonald's restaurants," the fast-food chain's Chief Supply Chain Officer Cesar Pina said in a statement. The Colorado Department of Agriculture said that all subsamples from multiple lots of McDonald's brand fresh and frozen beef patties had tested negative for E Coli, adding that it had completed beef testing and does not anticipate receiving further samples.McDonald's said it would resume distribution of fresh supplies of the Quarter Pounder and that it is expected to be available in all restaurants in the coming week, according to the statement.Regulators week, according to the statement. Regulators had been investigating whether McDonald's beef patties could be affected. The US Food and Drug Administration and the US Department of Agriculture didn't immediately respond to a Reuters request for comment. E Coli is killed in beef when cooked properly. The McDonald's Quarter Pounder is served with raw and strength or property and affected restaurants will serve onions and affected restaurants will serve the burgers without such onions.US fastfood chains have pulled fresh onions out of their menu items after the vegetable was named as the likely source of an E Coli outbreak.McDonald's has pulled the Quarter Pounder from about one-fifth of its US restaurants, including in Colorado, Kansas, Utah and Wyoming, and in parts of Idaho, Iowa, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico and Oklahoma.Past E Coli outbreaks have hampered sales at big fast-food restaurants as customers avoid

## Iran Supreme Leader's Hebrew X Account Suspended, Last Post Was...

World. The Hebrew language account opened by Iran's leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei on social media platform X has been suspended after just two posts, as per Jerusalem Post. The latest post from Sunday read, "The Zionist regime made a mistake, and erred in its calculation regarding Iran. We will make it understand what power, ability, initiative and desire the Iranian nation has."The first Hebrew language post came on Saturday, reading, "In the name of Allah the merciful." Both posts came after Israel's strikes on Iran's military targets last week.

On his main X account, Khamenei often posts in Hebrew, often using strong language

Khamenei had said that Israel's airstrikes on Iran should not be magnified nor downplayed. While Israel would like to amplify the impacts of its actions against Iran, Khamenei said on Sunday, adding it would also not be right for Iran to dismiss the strikes as insignificant, CNN reported. They're making a miscalculation concerning Iran," he said in comments published on his website. "They still haven't been able to correctly understand the power, capability, ingenuity, and determination of the Iranian people.

#### From Immigration To Abortion: 5 Issues At Stake In The US Election

Washington, United: Tax breaks for families with children? Supporting Ukraine? Drilling for oil? From taxes, to immigration, to abortion -- here are the five key issues which are at stake as Donald Trump and Kamala Harris enter a final sprint in the race for the

White House. **Economy** 

Trump, who cut taxes for businesses and the wealthy during his 2017-2021 presidency, plans to impose tariffs of more than 10 percent on all US imports, which he says will enable him to lower taxes for Americans.

The Republican has also vowed to make the United States the "crypto capital of the planet," and launched his own cryptocurrency platform with his sons in September. Democrat Harris, meanwhile, is appealing to the middle class with her promise to create an "opportunity economy," while pitching moderate tax hikes for the richest people. The 60-year-old has also promoted child tax credits, support for first-time homebuyers, and help for small businesses.

businesses.

Immigration

Immigration
Trump has taken a hard-line approach on immigration, saying that he will order mass deportations of millions of undocumented migrants if reelected. The former president, who in 2016 promised to build a wall along the US-Mexico border, has accused immigrants of "poisoning the blood of our country." For her part, Harris has pledged a tough stance and warned of "consequences" for people who enter the country illegally. She has supported President Joe Biden's plan to tighten up immigration policy, notably by investing in physical barriers on the border. Reproductive rights are a big issue for some US voters after the federal right to abortion was removed in 2022 with the overturning of Roe v Wade, resulting in total abortion bans in some states.

## Egypt proposes 2-day Gaza ceasefire with hostage-prisoner exchange

Cairo. Egypt has proposed an initial two-day ceasefire in Gaza to exchange four Israeli hostages of Hamas for some Palestinian prisoners, Egypt's president said on Sunday as Israeli military strikes killed 45 Palestinians across the enclave. Egyptian leader Abdel Fattah al-Sisi made the announcement as efforts to defuse the devastating, more than year-long war resumed in Qatar with the directors of the CIA and Israel's Mossad intelligence agency taking part. Speaking alongside Algerian President Abdelmadjid Tebboune during a press conference in Cairo, Sisi also said that talks should resume within 10 days of implementing the temporary ceasefire in efforts to reach a permanent one.

There was no immediate comment from Israel or Hamas but a Palestinian official close to the mediation effort told Reuters: "I expect Hamas would listen to the new offers, but it remains determined that any agreement must end the war and get Israeli forces out of Gaza."Israel has said the war cannot end until Hamas has been wiped out as a military



force and governing entity in Gaza. The US, Qatar and Egypt have been spearheading negotiations to end the war that erupted after Hamas fighters stormed into southern Israel on October 7 last year, killing 1,200 people and taking more than 250 hostages, by Israeli tallies. he death toll from Israel's retaliatory air and ground onslaught in Gaza is approaching 43,000, Gaza health officials say, with the denselypopulated enclave in ruins. An official briefed on the talks told Reuters earlier on Sunday that negotiations in Doha will seek a short-term ceasefire and the release of some hostages being held by Hamas in exchange fr Israel's release of

Palestinian prisoners.

The objective, still elusive after multiple mediation attempts, is to get Israel and Hamas to agree to a halt in fighting for less than a month in the hope this would lead to a more permanent ceasefire.At least 43 of those killed in Gazaon Sunday were in the north of the enclave, where Israeli troops have returned to root out Hamas fighters who it says have regrouped there.

#### UNBEARABLE CONDITIONS IN NORTH GAZA: UN

The United Nations said the plight of Palestinian civilians in northern Gaza was "unbearable" and the conflict was being "waged with little regard for the requirements of international humanitarian law"."The Secretary-General (Antonio Guterres) is shocked by the harrowing levels of death, injury and destruction in the north, with civilians trapped under rubble, the sick and wounded going without life-saving health care, and families lacking food and shelter, amid reports of families being separated and many people detained," UN

spokesperson Stephane Dujarric said in a statement. Israeli authorities were hampering efforts to deliver food, medicine and other essential humanitarian supplies, putting lives at risk, he said. The devastation and deprivation resulting from Israeli military operations in the north were making life there untenable srael says its forces operate in accordance with international law. It says it targets Hamas operatives who conceal themselves among the civilian population which they use as human shields, a charge Hamas denies.t denies blocking humanitarian aid to Gaza, blaming international organisations for problems distributing it and accusing Hamas of

stealing from aid convoys.

JABALIAIN FOCUS

Earlier on Sunday, 20 people were killed following an airstrike on houses in Jabalia, the largest of the Gaza Strip's eight historic refugee camps, which has been the focus of an Israeli military offensive for more than three weeks, medics and the Palestinian official news agency WAFA said.

#### US comedian's 'Puerto Rico floating garbage' jab at Trump poll rally stirs row

World. Former President Donald Trump's election rally at Madison Square Gardens, which was labelled as a triumphant homecoming, was marred with controversy after comedian Tony Hinchcliffe called Puerto Rico a "floating island of garbage". The joke drew immediate criticism from both Democrats and Republicans, prompting Trump's campaign tor distance itself from the comments. Trump's rally included scores of speakers, including former pro wrestler Hulk Hogan, Melania Trump and SpaceX CEO Elon Musk. But Hinchcliffe's remarks grabbed headlines in one of Trump's biggest election rallies with just a week to go for the November 5 polls. The event began with comedian Tony Hinchcliffe, host of the 'Kill Tony' podcast, who opened the rally with a set replete with slurs about Latinos, African Americans and other groups.

Americans and other groups.
Hinchcliffe said Latinos "love making babies", a joke that was met with uncertainty from the crowd. The comedian doubled down on his remark,

saying, "I don't know if you know this, but there's literally a floating island of garbage in the middle of the ocean right now. I think it's called Puerto Rico."The joke created a ripple online and drew sharp criticism, with Congresswoman Mar-a Elvira Salazar stating that she was left "disgusted" by Hinchcliffe's remark.

As a Puerto Rican, I am tempted to call Hinchcliffe racist garbage, but doing so would be an insult to garbage. When casting their ballots at the voting booth, Latinos should never forget the racism that Donald Trump seems all too willing to platform," said Congressman Ritchie Torres while sharing the video of his remark. "You're opening for Trump by calling Puerto Rico a floating pile of garbage. 4,000+ Puerto Ricans died under him," said Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez. Jennifer Lopez, Bad Bunny and Ricky Martin immediately responded to the comment by sharing a clip of Kamala Harris's video wherein she criticised Donald Trump for witholding hurricane relief to the island. Ricky Martin,

the Puerto Rican singer with 18.6 million followers on Instagram, quickly shared a video of Harris's appeal to Puerto Rican voters, along with a clip of Hinchcliffe's remarks.Bad Bunny, too, shared a portion from Kamala Harris's speech where she said, "I will never forget what Donald Trump did and what he did not do when Puerto Rico needed a caring and a competent leader."Minnesota Governor Tim Waltz, while reacting to the video of Hinchcliffe's remarks during a stream with Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez asked, "Who is this jackwad?"Responding to criticism from Waltz, Hinchcliffe said that his comment was taken out of "context" to make it sound racist."This is what they think of us," Martin wrote in Spanish and urged voters to vote for Kamala Harris."These people have no sense of humour. Wild that a vice presidential candidate would take time out of his "busy schedule" to analyze a joke taken out of context to make it seem racist. I love Puerto Rico and vacation there. I made fun of everyoneâ€æwatch the whole set.

## Biden to celebrate Diwali at White House, will feature message from Sunita Williams

World. US President Joe Biden will celebrate Diwali at the White House on Monday evening along with several Indian Americans. Like last year, he, along with First Lady Jill Biden, will start the celebrations by lighting a diya in the Blue Room.Following this, the US President will address the gathering of Indian Americans, for whom he will be hosting a reception, the White House said, news agency PTI reported. This will mark Biden's last Diwali reception at the White

House, as he has pulled back his name from the US presidential elections in July this year.

The White House announced that President Biden's introduction would include a video message from Sunita Williams, a NASA astronaut and retired Navy captain. Williams recorded her

NASA astronaut and retired Navy captain. Williams recorded her message from the International Space Station, where she assumed command in September. Williams, a practising Hindu, has previously sent Diwali greetings from the ISS to people worldwide. She has also celebrated her heritage in space by bringing cultural items, such

as samosas and copies of the Upanishads and the Bhagavad Gita, according to the White House. In addition to the Marine Corps Band, musical entertainment will be provided by Nootana, a Washington-based ensemble specialising in classical South Asian dance and music. Last year, President Biden shared a video of the festivities on his official X handle, where he could be seen lighting a diyay with the US First Lady at the White House

#### Zionist regime made a mistake: Khamenei tweets in Hebrew, X suspends account

World. Iranian Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei's Hebrew language account on the social media platform X was suspended a day after it was opened amid the escalating tensions between Israel and Iran. The account was suspended hours after he threatened to retaliate for the recent Israeli strike on Iran, saying, "The Zionist regime made a mistake. It erred in its calculations on Iran. We will cause it to understand what kind of strength, ability, initiative, and will the Iranian nation has". Khamenei's main account on X, where he primarily posts in English and often in Hebrew, is live on the platform. He also has a separate account for posts in Arabic. Additionally, another twitter handle 'Khamenei Media' also posts his words, which are often

retweeted by his main account. Khamenei opened the account to post in Hebrew, a language spoken in Israel, after Israel launched air strikes on military targets in Iran on Saturday. The @Khamenei\_Heb account currently shows it has been suspended for violating X's rules.Khamenei's main account on X, where he primarily posts in English and often in Hebrew, is live on the platform. He also has a separate account for posts in Arabic. Additionally, another twitter handle 'Khamenei Media' also posts his words, which are often retweeted by his main account.On Saturday, Israel conducted airstrikes targeting military sites in Tehran and surrounding areas, resulting in the deaths of four Iranian soldiers. This action was a response to

Iran's recent barrage of rockets fired into Israel earlier this month. Initially, Iranian authorities attempted to play down the incident, claiming the damage was limited. However, on Sunday, Khamenei asserted that the attack should not be downplayed. He said that Iranian officials should determine how best to demonstrate Iran's power to Israel.

"The evil committed by the Zionist regime (Israel) two nights ago should neither be downplayed nor exaggerated", Iranian media quoted Khamenei as saying. He also tweeted, "Zionists are making a miscalculation with respect to Iran. They don't know Iran. They still haven't been able to correctly understand the power, initiative, and determination of the Iranian people.

## Japan gets hung parliament after polls, PM Ishiba's coalition loses majority

Prime Minister Shigeru
Ishiba's ruling coalition
failed to secure a
majority in the elections
in Japan amidst the
rising economic
challenges and a tense
security situation.

Tokyo. The make-up of Japan's future government was in flux on Monday after voters punished Prime Minister Shigeru Ishiba's ruling coalition, leaving no party with a clear mandate to lead the world's fourth-largest economy. The uncertainty sent the yen currency to a three-month low as investors and analysts prepared for days, or

possibly weeks, of political wrangling to form a government and potentially a change of leader. That comes as the country faces economic headwinds, a tense security situation fuelled by an assertive China and nuclear-armed North Korea, and less than a week before US voters head to the polls in another unpredictable election.

Ishiba's Liberal Democratic Party (LDP)

and its junior coalition partner Komeito took 215 seats in the lower house of parliament, down from 279 seats, as voters punished the incumbents over a funding scandal and a cost-of-living crunch. Two cabinet ministers and Komeito's leader, Keiichi Ishii, lost their seats. The biggest winner of the night, the main opposition Constitutional Democratic Party of Japan (CDPJ), had 148 seats, up from 98 previously, but also still well short of the 233 majority. As mandated by the constitution, the parties now have 30 days to figure out a grouping that can govern, and there remains uncertainty over how long Ishiba - who became premier less than a

month ago - can survive after the drubbing. Smaller parties also made gains and their role in negotiations could prove key."Whether or not Prime Minister Shigeru Ishiba resigns as LDP leader today, it seems unlikely that he will survive to lead a new government as prime minister ... though it is possible he could stay on as caretaker," said Tobias Harris, founder of Japan Foresight, a

political risk advisory firm. Ishiba is scheduled to hold a press conference at 2 pm (local time). Ahead of the election, the LDP had been planning to convene parliament on Nov. 7 to confirm the prime minister, according to Japanese media including Jiji

and the Yomiuri newspaper.

CDPJ leader Yoshihiko Noda has said he would work with other parties to try and oust the incumbents, though analysts see

this as a more remote possibility. The LDP has ruled Japan for almost all of its post-war history and the result marked its worst election since it briefly lost power in 2009 to a precursor of the CDPJ.n a statement, the head of Japan's most powerful business lobby said the country needed political stability to steer an economy that faced urgent tasks such as boosting the supply of nuclear energy and maintaining the momentum for wage hikes.

We strongly hope for policy-oriented politics through the establishment of a stable government centred on the LDP-Komeito (coalition)," Keidanren Chairman Masakazu

## Biden slams Elon Musk after report of illegally working in US: Violation of law

Addressing an event in Pittsburg, the US President slammed Tesla CEO Elon Musk after a media report showed that he once worked illegally in the United States when he was supposed to be studying at Stanford University.

New York. President Joe Biden slammed Elon Musk for hypocrisy on immigration after a published report that the Tesla CEO once worked illegally in the United States. The South Africa-born Musk denies the allegation. "That wealthiest man in the world turned out to be an illegal worker here. No, I'm serious. He was supposed to be in school when he came on a student visa. He wasn't in

school. He was violating the law. And he's talking about all these illegals coming our way?" Biden said while campaigning on Saturday in Pittsburgh at a union hall.he Washington Post reported that Musk worked illegally in the country while on a student visa. The newspaper, citing company documents, former business associates and court documents, said Musk arrived in Palo Alto, California in 1995 for a graduate program at Stanford University "but never enrolled in courses, working instead on his startup."

Musk wrote on X in reply to a video post of Biden's comments: "I was in fact allowed to work in the US." Musk added, "The Biden puppet is lying."Investors in Musk's company, Zip2, were concerned about the



possibility of their founder being deported, according to the report, and gave him a deadline for obtaining a work visa. The newspaper also cited a 2005 email from Musk to his Tesla co-founders acknowledging that he did not have

authorisation to be in the US when he started Zip2.

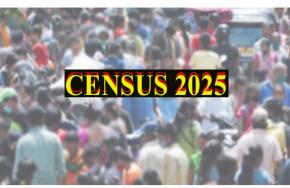
According to the account, that email was submitted as evidence in a now-closed California defamation lawsuit and said that Musk had apllied to Stanford so he could stay in the country legally. Musk is today the world's richest man. He has committed more than \$70 million to help Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump and other GOP candidates win on Nov. 5, and is one of the party's biggest donors this campaign season. He has been headlining events in the White House

race's final stretch, often echoing Trump's dark rhetoric against immigration. Trump has pledged to give Musk a role in his administration if he wins next month. There was no immediate response to messages left with X and Tesla seeking Musk's comment.

#### India to Begin Census in 2025 After Four-Year Delay, **Delimitation Process Planned Post-Completion**

ment of India is poised to initiate the long-awaited census in 2025, with a target completion date set for 2026, according to a report by India Today on Monday, October 28. This announcement comes after a four-year delay in the census process. The report states that following the census, the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) intends to commence the delimitation of Lok Sabha constituencies, with the process expected to conclude by 2028. However, India Blooms has not independently verified this informa-

The opposition, particularly the Congress party, has been vocal in its demands for a caste-based census, but the government has yet to disclose specific details regarding the census framework.



Sources suggest that the upcoming census may include surveys focused on sub-sects within the General, Scheduled Caste, and Scheduled Tribe categories, as well as documenting population distribution among these

Once the census is completed, the government will proceed with the delimitation process to redraw constituencies. This will be followed by the implementation of women's reservation, with

both exercises linked to the census results.

Historically, the delimitation process has been delayed; the 2002 NDA government led by Atal Bihari Vajpayee postponed it for 25 years through the 84th Amendment, stating it would occur only after the census figures from 2026 were published, effectively pushing it to be conducted after the 2031 Census.

However, sources indicate that the current government

#### **Congress Announces Candidates for** Jharkhand and Maharashtra **Assembly Elections**



New Delhi: The Congress party announced its list of candidates for the upcoming Assembly elections, nominating two candidates for Jharkhand and four for Maharashtra.

In Jharkhand, the party has selected Sweta Singh to contest from Bokaro and Ajay Dubet from Dhanbad.

For Maharashtra, the candidates are Sajid Khan Mannan Khan from Akola West, Heera Devasi from Colaba, Chetan Narote from Solapur City Central, and Madhurimaraje Malojiraje from Kolhapur North. The Assembly elections in Jharkhand will occur in two phases on November 13 and November 20, with the counting of votes scheduled for November 23. In Maharashtra, the election will take place in a single phase on November 20, also with counting set for Novem-

The BJP is aiming to maintain its power in Maharashtra, supported by its allies Shiv Sena, led by Chief Minister Eknath Shinde, and the NCP, headed by Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar.

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#### **Crowds Surge in Kanpur Markets for Dhanteras Amid Rising Inflation**



by Sunil Bajpai

Kanpur: As inflation continues to loom large, shoppers flocked to markets in Kanpur on Tuesday for the Dhanteras festival, creating bustling scenes throughout the day. This trend persisted as the day progressed, with a significant gathering noted in various commercial areas.

In response to the large crowds, traffic adjustments were implemented across multiple locations, and police forces were deployed to maintain order.

Markets were festively decorated late into the night in anticipation of Dhanteras, with an emphasis on bullion, utensils, textiles, fireworks, and items for Ganesh-Lakshmi worship. The city's largest bullion market on Birhana Road witnessed a surge in activity, showcasing an array of modern, lightweight, and eye-catching gold and diamond jewelry. The utensils market in Sisamau also saw a healthy turnout.

Prices remained stable compared to last year, with popular items including dinner sets, hot and cold utensils, puja items, and designer brass wares. Additionally, the market featured attractive offerings such as designer thalis, bowls, and glasses.

Fashion items, particularly lehenga sarees, readymade garments, and designer outfits, drew considerable interest as well. Prices ranged from Rs 198 to Rs 10,000, appealing to a wide range of shoppers.

For worship preparations, Lakshmi-Ganesh lamps priced between Rs 30 and Rs 10,000 were available in Sisamau, along with plain clay diyas selling for Rs 30 and decorative variants for Rs 500. Garlands for deities ranged from Rs 30 to Rs 5,000, further enhancing the festive shopping

The wholesale and retail markets for toys and decorative items were also vibrant, particularly along Express Road, where Khil Laiya supplies several nearby districts. Prices in this sector have increased by approximately 10% compared

Additionally, sales of firecrackers saw a notable uptick, with many opting to purchase utensils—considered auspicious on Dhanteras-alongside gold and silver items. Electronic goods shops also experienced heavy foot traffic, marking the festival as a key shopping day across various sectors.

#### **Loyabad Police Conduct Flag March to Ensure Peace Ahead of Assembly Polls**



by Ashok Kumar

Loyabad: In preparation for the upcoming assembly elections, a flag march was organized by the Loyabad police station under the Bagmara assembly constituency. The march traversed key areas, including Madandih, Sendra, Hanuman Bazaar, Ekda, and Loyabad No. 20, before returning to the

Accompanied by all officers from the Loyabad police station, the flag march aimed to reinforce a sense of security among residents. The police station in-charge urged citizens to vote fearlessly and exercise their democratic right, emphasizing the importance of impartiality at the polls.

'Every citizen has the right to vote without any pressure or temptation," he stated, urging support for a robust democracy. He assured the community that the administration is committed to maintaining law and order throughout the elec-

#### **Rohit Yadav Receives Rousing Welcome**

Loyabad: Rohit Yadav, a rebel Congress candidate and strong contender for the Bagmara assembly ticket, was warmly welcomed by supporters in Loyabad following his nomination as an independent candidate. Yadav filed his nomination at the Dhanbad Collectorate on Monday, departing from his ancestral home in Taitulia with thousands of supporters in a grand

#### **CTPS Employees Take Integrity Pledge During Vigilance Awareness Week**



Chandrapura: Officers, employees, and personnel from the Central Industrial Security Force at the Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC) Chandrapura Thermal Power Station gathered today to take the Satya Nishtha Pledge near Teias Bhawan. This event marks the beginning of Vigilance Awareness Week, observed from October 28 to November

The pledge was administered by Senior General Manager and Project Head Vijaya Nand Sharma, along with Senior General Managers Rampravesh Sah, DC Pandey (Human Resources), and Abhijit Ghosh.

The officials recited the pledge in both Hindi and English and shared messages from the President, Prime Minister, and Chief Vigilance Commission aimed at promoting integrity among citizens.

During the ceremony, participants acknowledged that corruption poses significant barriers to the country's economic. political, and social progress. They emphasized the need for collaboration among the government, citizens, and the private sector to combat corruption effectively.

The pledge included commitments to uphold integrity, establish safeguards, and implement policies to prevent corrupt practices. Attendees vowed to deal with corruption with strictness, lead by example in maintaining high standards of transparency and good governance, and promote ethical work practices.

Further commitments included refraining from bribery, ensuring corporate governance rooted in transparency and fairness, adhering to relevant laws and regulations, and implementing a comprehensive code of conduct for employes. Participants also agreed to enhance awareness of rules and regulations related to their duties and establish whistleblowing mechanisms for reporting issues and fraudulent

The event, conducted by Abhijit Ghosh, was attended by Deputy General Manager Sanjeev Kumar and several other senior officials. Additionally, a quiz competition on the theme of national prosperity through integrity was held for students from DVC Plus Two School and nearby middle

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#### Prashant Kishore hits back at Jitan Ram Manjhi

by Suresh Pd Nikhar

Gaya: The political landscape in Bihar is heating up as the assembly by-elections approach, particularly following Prashant Kishore's recent transformation of the "Jan Suraj Abhiyan" into an official political party on 2 Octo-

This move has sparked controversy, with various parties in the state launching what Kishore describes as baseless allegations against him and his initiative.

In a pointed response, Kishore accused his political rivals of perpetuating nepotism, emphasizing their preoccupation with their own interests rather



than the welfare of the communities they claim to represent.

aims to begin the delimita-

tion process by 2027 and

complete it within a year, ensuring that the next Lok

Sabha elections in 2029 occur post-delimitation and

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tyunjay Kumar Narayan as

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Despite demands from vari-

ous groups, including Con-

gress and some ruling NDA

allies such as JD(U), Lok Jan-

shakti Party, and Apna Dal,

for caste enumeration in the

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not yet finalized a formula

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BJP's ideological parent, the

RSS, has supported the idea

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"These individuals are primarily concerned about their families," Kishore remarked, specifically referencing Jitan Ram Manjhi's political career.

Kishore highlighted Manjhi's appointments, noting that he became a minister at the Center, secured a minis**Prashant Kishore** Accuses Rivals of Nepotism

terial role for his son in Bihar, and is now attempting to position his daughter-inlaw as an MLA following the vacancy of his seat. "His focus has not been on the Musahar community

vie for influence and support amidst escalating tensions and accusations.

### Young Artists Shine at DPS Bokaro Star Contest

creativity and talent, Delhi Public School (DPS), Bokaro hosted the 'DPS Star Contest' to showcase the artistic excellence of its students. Held on school premises, the event highlighted performances across various categories, including Solo Song, Solo Instrumental, Orchestra, Dance, and Visual Arts, reaffirming the school's commitment to holistic education and personal development.

The contest featured an impressive lineup of performances, with solo vocalists captivating the audience with their powerful voices, orchestral groups delivering rich harmonies, dancers mesmerizing onlookers with their expressive movements, and young artists showcasing evocative visual art pieces, each telling its own unique



story. This diversity of talent underscored the school's dedication to nurturing wellrounded individuals.

outstanding Recognizing performances, Keshav Nandan (Class X) claimed first place in the Solo Instrumental (tabla) category, while Soham (Class X) and Raman Chaturvedi (Class IX) shared the second position. Ayush Raj (Class XI) took home the third prize. In the Orchestra competition, the top honors went to Bhawini Sinha & Group, followed by Om Raj & Group in second place, and Avinish Jha & Group in

In the Solo Song Competition, Dhruv Jyoti (Class VI) secured first place, with Prasoon Pankaj (Class XII) and Piyush (Class XI) taking second and third, respectively. The Dance Competition saw Sophia Ageel

Ranchi: As part of Vigi-

lance Awareness Week

2024, the "Festival de CCL"

was inaugurated today,

running from October 28

(Class XI) earning the top spot, followed by Rimik B. Surya (Class IX) in second, and Lenisha (Class VII) and Sparshi Sarkar (Class VI) sharing third place. In the Visual Arts group

category, Arjit Anukul and

his team claimed first place, with Soham Raj and team securing second, and Sheetal Rajput and her team taking third. In the Visual Arts Solo category, Arush Srivastava. Sayee Dhaani, and Ishank Raj won first, second, and third places, respectively. Principal Dr. A. S. Gangwar commended the exceptional enthusiasm and performances of the participants, stating,

"The DPS Star Contest is a testament to the extraordinary potential of our students. It provides a platform to pursue passion with dedi-

#### tion period.

#### Chalachitram Film Fest: Jaswandha, A Sylvan Saga adjudged as best movies

by Nava Thakuria

Guwahati: The 8th Chalachitram National Film Festival concluded at the Jyoti Chitraban premises in Kahilipara, celebrating the art of filmmaking with a focus on heritage and social issues. The festival recognized outstanding contributions in Indian cinema, awarding Jaswandha, directed by Shoneel Yallattikar, as the Best Film from the Rest of India. In the Northeast India category, A Sylvan Saga, directed by Jyoti Prasad Das, took top honors. Das also received the Best Director award. In other notable catego-

ries, Abhijit Nayak won Best Screenplay for Wrong Number, directed by Bijit Borgohain. The Best Cinematography awards were given to Angsuman Barua and Pradip Ch Sarma for Aadi Shakti Maa Kamakhya, and to Chida Bora



and Saril Nandan Deka for Teens of 1942, directed by Samiran Deka. Bhaskar Jyoti Bhuyan received the Best Editing award for Birubala-The Crusader, directed by Dhiraj Kashyap. Additionally, A Letter To My Home, directed by Devajani Halder, received a special mention from the

Organized by Chalachitram, a subsidiary of Vishwa Samvad Kendra Assam, the festival featured over 50 documentary and short films across both competitive and non-competitive categories. The event

through cinema while honoring India's rich cultural heritage under the theme "Our Heritage, Our Pride." The festival's inaugural film was The Last Generation, directed by Prabal Khaund. The competition category included films like Prayojan (Krishna Das), The Butcher (Tashi Wangshu MJ), and Heaven On The Earth (Prasanta Kalita), among others. Non-competitive screenings featured titles such as Being Bald (Krishna Das) and Destination (Dipak Kumar Roy).

The closing ceremony hon-

ored awardees with cash prizes, trophies, and certificates in the presence of prominent figures from the film industry, including Assam's beloved actress Mridula Barua, who lit the ceremonial lamp. The event attracted numerous young film enthusiasts, who engaged in discussions about filmmaking and its potential for social impact. Kishor Shivam, represent-

ing the organizing committee, expressed hopes that the festival would inspire emerging filmmakers to leverage cinema as a tool for social empowerment and cultural awareness, moving beyond mere entertainment. The festival, established in memory of Assam's pioneering filmmaker Rupkonwar Jyotiprasad Agarwala, highlighted the importance of cinema in reflecting and shaping societal values.

#### to 30 October. The event began with a ceremonial oath of integrity administered by Chief Guest CMD CCL Nilendu Kumar Singh, attended by CCL's Director of Finance, Director of Technical Operations, Chief Vigilance Officer, and numerous employees. CVO Pankaj Kumar highlighted the significance

of vigilance and honesty, stressing this year's theme: "Progress of the Nation with the Culture of Integrity." He emphasized that integrity is vital for the try.

advancement of both the organization and the coun-CMD CCL Nilendu Kumar Singh reinforced this message, declaring CCL's commitment to energy security

through honest practices.



"Festival de CCL" Kicks Off Vigilance Awareness

Week 2024 with Integrity & Culture

the launch of an e-Pledge Booth and a drone inauguration of the Vigilance Awareness Week. A "Vigilance Awareness Rath" was also flagged off to promote anti-corruption awareness across various locations.

The festival featured live painting by artists focusing on themes of integrity and anti-corruption, as well as a large Vigilance Aware-

corruption-free India. Cultural programs showcased tribal dances, Ganesh Vandana, and a street play on corruption prevention, captivating the audience. Competitions included

a "Street Painting" contest with students creating artworks on "Say No to Corruption" and "Promote Honesty," as well as a Rangoli competition that delighted attendees with vibrant designs. A solo dance competition based on patriotism and social messages further entertained the crowd, accompanied by a dynamic group band performance.

The Vigilance Festival aims to inspire values of integrity, honesty, and vigilance, fostering awareness among CCL employees and visitors alike.

## Maturity in system to not discuss cases: Chief Justice on 'PM at Ganpati puja' row

New Delhi: Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud, who is set to retire on November 10, addressed the controversy surrounding Prime Minister Narendra Modi's presence at his residence for the Ganesh puja festivities in September.He emphasised that such meetings are routine and focused on discussing infrastructure issues related to the judiciary, rather than judicial decisions. Following the Prime Minister's visit to Chandrachud's home during the festival, the Opposition raised questions regarding the appropriateness of the meeting.

In response, Chief Justice Chandrachud said, "There is enough maturity among judges of constitutional courts and the heads of the executive to firmly keep aside judicial matters out of the purview of any discussion."The Chief Justice said that when the judiciary and executive engage, it creates an impression that deals are being "cracked". He, however, said that such meetings are essential and only a part of robust dialogue between different arms of government."People think there are deals being made, but that is not the case. This is part of the robust dialogue between different arms of the government. The work of all three arms is dedicated the betterment of the nation."He further clarified, "We know our duties in the democratic system of governance, and the political executive know



Justice of India or Chief Justices, can even remotely invite any threat, actual or perceived, to the independence of the judiciary."Speaking at the Loksatta lecture series, Chandrachud noted that in various states, it is customary for Chief Justices to meet with Chief Ministers. "You never meet for a judicial discussion. And the maturity of our political system lies in the fact that there is a great deal of deference to the judiciary, even in the political class," he added. Highlighting the need for such meetings, DY Chandrachud pointed to the importance of addressing judicial infrastructure, including new court buildings and accommodation for judges. "For this, you need a meeting of the Chief Justice and the Chief Minister," he said, recalling his experiences as Chief Justice in various High Courts. The outgoing Chief Justice emphasised that these meetings are essential for maintaining robust dialogue between the judiciary and the government."We have to understand that the work of all three arms is dedicated to one and the same goal-the betterment of the nation. So long as we trust this process, I think we must accept that there has to be continuing dialogue," he stated. He also mentioned that judges sometimes meet political leaders at social gatherings but never discuss their judicial work in those

#### OPPOSITION CRITICISM TO PM MODI'S PUJA WITH CHIEF **JUSTICE**

A massive row had erupted following PM Modi's visit to Chief Justice DY Chandrachud's house. Shiv Sena (UBT) leader Sanjay Raut had asked DY Chandrachud to recuse himself from the case linked to the tussle between Shiv Sena (UBT) and the Eknath Shinde-led Shiv Sena.Party leader Priyanka Chaturvedi expressed a similar sentiment and pointed to the repeated adjournments in the Sena vs Sena case."Ganpati puja is a personal issue, but you are taking a camera. The message it sends is uncomfortable. The Chief Justice of India and the Prime Minister are tall personalities. So what can we say if they agreed to put out these photographs in the public domain," RJD leader and Rajya Sabha MP Manoj Jha had

### PM, Spanish counterpart launch Tata-Airbus aircraft plant in major defence boost

Vadodara, which will collaborate with Spain's Airbus to develop fighter aircraft. The Tata aircraft complex, slated to manufacture 40 C-295 aircraft beginning in 2026, will be producing India's first privately built military aircraft. Addressing the event, PM Modi said that the aircraft manufacturing facility will enhance defence capabilities and strengthen relations between India and Spain. He said, "From today, we are giving a new direction to India and Spain's partnership. We are inaugurating the production factory of C-295 aircraft. This factory will strengthen India-Spain relations..."

'It will also strengthen our 'Make in India, Make for the World' mission. This ecosystem will help make the first civil

aircraft in the country," PM Modi added. Sanchez remarked, in addition to contributing to modernising India's defence capabilities, the facility will also drive technological development. He said, "This aircraft is a symbol of the Spanish and European aeronautical industry. In addition to contributing to modernising India's defence capabilities, it will also drive technological development, particularly for the state of Gujarat, India's leading manufacturing hub. Thousands of direct and indirect jobs will be created here and a new generation of highly qualified

Vadodara. Prime Minister Narendra Modi engineers and technicians will be trained". and Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez MAJOR BOOST IN DEFENCE

manufacturing facility in Gujarat's A total of 56 aircraft are to be developed under the Tata-Airbus C-295 program. Of these, 16 are being delivered directly by Airbus from Spain, while the remaining 40 are to be made in India. The Tata Aircaft Complex is responsible for manufacturing these 40 aircraft in India. This facility will



be the first private sector Final Assembly Line (FAL) for military aircraft in India. The first aircraft from the Tata facility will be manufactured in 2026. The aircraft programme involves the full development of a complete ecosystem, from manufacturing to assembly, testing and qualification, delivery, and maintenance throughout the complete life cycle of the aircraft, according to officials. Apart from the Tatas, leading defence public sector units, such as Bharat Electronics and Bharat Dynamics, as well as private micro, small, and medium enterprises, will contribute to this program.

## Jharkhand: JMM Alleges Chief Electoral Officer, 2 IPS Official Favouring BJP

The BJP said the JMM should put out the details of the people accompanyi ng Murmu in the car.

RANCHI: The ruling JMM in Jharkhand has written to the Election Commission demanding the removal of Chief Electoral Officer K Ravi Kumar and two senior IPS officers, alleging that they were working in favour of the BJP. Elections to the 81member Jharkhand assembly are scheduled on November 13 and November 20."Giridih police today intercepted a vehicle carrying Mandal Murmu, one of the proposers of

Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren who has filed his nomination from the Barhait assembly constituency, along with some other persons. When asked, the people on board did not reply as to where they were going. So, the police detained the vehicle," JMM



spokesperson Supriyo Bhattacharya said on Sunday."Chief Electoral Officer K Ravi Kumar and two senior IPS officials, misusing their official position, put undue pressure on the Giridih administration to release the vehicle," he alleged. Bhattacharya claimed that this was a gross violation of the model code of any proof".

conduct, and urged the EC to investigate the matter.

Hemant Soren is our star campaigner and his proposer is being influenced to adversely impact the electoral outcome," he alleged. He also urged the EC to relieve the CEO along with IPS officers Sanjay Anand Lathkar and AV Homkar of their electoral duties to ensure a fair electoral process in Jharkhand. When contacted, the CEO said a press

conference has been convened on Monday on the issue. The opposition BJP also wrote to the Election Commissioner, demanding strict action against the JMM spokesperson for levelling serious charges against senior officers "without

of the people about his government's schemes. Kejriwal also alleged that if AAP came to power in Delhi, the BJP would stop the Delhi government's free schemes for

Arvind Kejriwal urges people to reject BJP

to save free schemes, party retorts

AAP chief Arvind Kejriwal called on the people of Delhi to vote against the BJP in next year's Assembly polls if they wanted to continue benefiting from his government's

free schemes. The BJP hit back, accusing Kejriwal of creating fear in people's minds.

New Delhi. The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) government has "honestly"

served the people of Delhi for 10 years, doing a lot of work that no other

dispensation in the country had done, party chief Arvind Kejriwal said

on Sunday. The former Delhi Chief Minister, who was taking part in a

'padayatra' (foot march) campaign ahead of the Assembly polls

scheduled early next year, also asked the public not to vote for the BJP.

"If you vote for the BJP, you will have to see whether to pay your bills or

Hitting back at the AAP chief, Delhi BJP president Virendra Sachdeva

claimed that Kejriwal knows that his party will lose the upcoming

elections and that is why he was creating a "fear psychosis" in the minds

care for your children," Kejriwal said.

electricity, healthcare, education and bus rides for women."Zero electricity bills have become the norm for Delhiites now, something no other state can boast of," he said,

claiming that before the AAP came to power, electricity bills often reached as high as Rs 10,000. Responding to the charge, Sachdeva said, "We have reiterated that power subsidy will not only continue, but the benefits will reach the middle-class consumers too. We will also ensure clean water supply for all the residents of Delhi."Promising that he would waive "inflated" water bills, Kejriwal urged the people to vote for the AAP and help him become the Chief Minister again."The elections are due in February. I will get these ('inflated' water) bills waived in March after coming to power," he said. People need to support AAP's efforts to build a Delhi that is inclusive, efficient and progressive, he said.Reacting to the remarks, Sachdeva said AAP leaders like Kejriwal know very well that they have lost connect with the people of Delhi."It is really shameful that at the fag end of his government's tenure, Kejriwal has to plead every day that 'we are repairing roads and sewers'. This is an admission of the fact that no work was done in Delhi for more than nine years," the BJP leader said.

## Amid Worsening Air Quality In Delhi, Akhilesh Yaday Calls It 'Annual' Topic: Blames BJP

New Delhi: Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav described the Delhi pollution issue as an "annual" topic, noting that its effects were beginning to reach Uttar Pradesh. Yadav shared a post on X and said, "The havoc of pollution in Delhi has become an 'annual' topic. When the country's central government is unable to do anything to keep the environment clean and healthy, what of the rest of the country? This is called 'chiraag taley andheraa (darkness below the lamp)' or 'dhundhalkaa (dusk)'."

The BJP government, which claims to be making the country proud across the world, is not able to save the country's image from getting blurred by the smog in the capital itself. The offices of ambassadors and high commissioners of countries from across the world are also located there, what message would this send them? This is the failure of the BJP government's governance and policies," he added. The BJP and AAP exchanged accusations



capital's air quality fell back into the 'very poor' category after a two-day reprieve.Calm winds on Sunday hindered the dispersion of pollutants, poor' levels. Some areas in the national capital including Bawana, Burari and Jahangirpuri recorded 'severe' pollution levels. By 4 pm, the 24regarding pollution levels in Delhi, as the national hour average Air Quality Index (AQI) for Delhi recorded 'severe' pollution levels.

reached 355, up from 255 the previous day, according to data from the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), PTI reported.

The CPCB shared data from 37 of the city's 40 monitoring stations."In such a situation, the public is requested to protect their lives and health themselves. Drive carefully in this twilight and protect yourself from respiratory diseases and also take special care of the elderly and children. Message of the failed BJP government to the public: Don't rely on us, take care of yourself. Your well-wisher, Akhilesh," he added. The BJP and AAP exchanged accusations regarding pollution levels in Delhi, as the national capital's air quality fell back into the 'very poor' category after a twoday reprieve.

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## UP Chief Minister meets family of man who allegedly died in police custody

**Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi** Adityanath met with the family of 30-year-old Mohit Pandey, who died after he was allegedly beaten by cops while he was in police custody at Chinhat **Police Station in** Lucknow.

ucknow.Uttar Pradesh Chief registered under Sections 103(1), PROCEDURE allegedly beaten by cops while he Nagar Extension for impartial was in police custody at Chinhat inquiry. Minister Adityanath extended his UNCLEAR action.'

FIR AGAINST POLICE instructions from Adesh's uncle. **OFFICIALS** 

conspiracy. Based on the family's examination.

Minister Yogi Adityanath met with 61(2), and BNS 2023, with the The circumstances of Mohit's the family of 30-year-old Mohit investigation reassigned to the detention have raised serious Pandey, who died after he was Station House Officer of Gomti concerns about police conduct.

condolences to the family and A police press note confirmed that pledged financial assistance of Rs 10 while the post-mortem report Family members have questioned the lakh, along with government support documented four injuries on Mohit's 14-hour delay in recording his arrest for the education of Mohit's head, arm, and waist, it did not and the lack of action against Adesh children."No guilty officer will be specify the cause of death.Police and his uncle, who have yet to be spared," the Chief Minister assured stated that the injuries were allegedly detained. In response to the incident, the family, adding, "The matter is sustained during an altercation with under my watch, and a thorough another detainee, identified as Chaturvedi has been suspended. investigation will ensure strict Adesh. However, family members Deputy Chief Minister Brajesh

Given the undetermined cause of this very seriously. A high-level An FIR has been filed against the death, the viscera has been preserved investigation is in progress, and strict Station House Officer (SHO) on for chemical analysis, and the heart action will be taken against all charges of murder and criminal retained for histopathological

complaint, the case has been CONCERNS OVER DETENTION

Though he was brought to the station around 11.00 pm on Friday, his arrest Police Station in Lucknow. Chief CAUSE OF DEATH REMAINS was not officially recorded until nearly 1.00 pm on Saturday, sparking allegations of unlawful detention. Chinhat Inspector Ashwini allege that Mohit was assaulted on Pathak has responded strongly, saying, "The government is taking involved. The government stands firmly with the victim's family and will ensure justice."



## A strategic vision for India's ties with the Gulf

INDIA'S trade and economic relations with the US, the UK and other western nations get considerable attention. There is nothing wrong with that. What does not get equal attention, but should, is India's booming ties with countries in the Gulf region.

India does have a 'Neighbourhood First' policy, but there is still uncertainty and even controversy on how one defines the country's 'neighbourhood' Many have often been satisfied with defining it as being the area between the Khyber Pass and the Bay of Bengal. The time may have come to include the six Arab countries across the Arabian Sea and in the Persian Gulf — the United Arab Emirates (UAE), Saudi Arabia, Oman, Kuwait, Qatar and Bahrain —as part of India's larger neighbourhood. These six Arab countries are politically, diplomatically, economically and strategically linked by way of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC). Formed in 1981, the GCC is a regional body that seeks to promote greater economic, political and military cooperation amongst its six member-states.

India has historically enjoyed strong ties with the

GCC member-states, shaped by geographic proximity, historical trade links, energy security and the presence of a large Indian diaspora. Over 8.9 million Indians live and work in the GCC countries, making it one of the largest expatriate communities in the region. The UAE hosts the largest number of Indian nationals, totalling 3.5 million, followed by Saudi Arabia (2.6 million) and Kuwait (over 1.1 million). Oman has 7,79,000 Indians, Qatar 7,45,000 and Bahrain 3,23,000. This large and thriving expatriate population is a key source of remittances for India. In 2023-24. India received \$123 billion in remittances, with the Gulf Arab countries accounting for a major part of the inflows. The UAE alone accounted for 18 per cent of India's total remittances, making it the second largest sender of foreign remittances, after the US. With the Gulf countries supplying a substantial portion of India's crude oil and natural gas needs, the GCC is one of India's largest trading partners (surpassing even the European Union) and critical for our energy security. Given the crucial importance of the six Arab Gulf countries, India has necessarily to take forward the growth of bilateral relations with all members of the GCC, with particular attention on the UAE and Saudi Arabia. The Arab Gulf countries have historically had thriving two-way trade relations with ports on India's west coast, notably in Kerala. Incidentally, there are indications that the UAE and Saudi Arabia are in the process of arranging living facilities for a large number of new Indians who are expected to arrive for work. India has also been increasing its military ties with the GCC countries through joint exercises and security dialogues. The Gulf countries have tended to rely on the western powers. Notably, Qatar and other Arab countries across the Persian Gulf provide land and other facilities to the US military. Maritime support is extended by the Central Command of the US Fifth Fleet, with its headquarters located in Manama, Bahrain, together with the Royal Australian Navy.India can also play a role in ensuring maritime security of the Arab Gulf region. The Indian Navy has a wide variety of vessels that it could deploy for this purpose. India has two aircraft carriers, eight tank landing ships, 11 destroyers and 12 frigates, apart from 16 attack submarines, which it could utilise when needed. Following the escalation in attacks by the Houthis on shipping in the Red Sea, the Navy deployed at least a dozen warships in the Arabian Sea and areas east of the Red Sea, marking its largest deployment in the region. Moreover, New Delhi has constructed and commissioned two nuclear submarines — INS Arihant and INS Arighaat – which could be deployed for strengthening the security of the friendly countries in the region, when needed and requested. Such issues have to be carefully planned and taken forward in consultations with the friendly countries. India's val forces are now receiving due consideration while determining the country's future role in regional security. Prime Minister Narendra Modi's focus on the Gulf region and, in some cases, his strong personal equations with leaders of some countries in the region have helped add new dimensions to the relations. Modi has visited the UAE a record seven times as PM.

### How data sovereignty is redefining digital governance

The rising cross-border exchange of private data, coupled with cloud computing, has made data sovereignty a critical concern.

IN the 2010s, Edward Snowden revealed that the the servers of major internet firms using a surveillance programme called PRISM. After these revelations, countries across the world had grave concerns about who could access their national information and the possible consequences. It, thus, served as a spark for conversations about global data sovereignty. Furthermore, any material physically located in the US might be accessed by the government, regardless of its source, as per the US

Patriot Act, which was enacted in 2001 after the 9/11 attacks. The concept of data sovereignty, thus, gained traction, and more than 100 nations have enacted a variety of data control and storage regulations, representing data sovereignty to some extent. Although sovereignty refers to an absolute and overarching juridical-political authority over a portion of geographic space, its purview has now expanded to include 'data". These days, massive amounts of data are used to shape policies related to businesses, healthcare, government planning, sports, elections and practically everything else. The

"new oil", "new gold" or "new currency" in today's uncertain and complex environment is frequently thought to be data.

There is little doubt that the internet, social media and various online activities constitute the primary sources of data generation in today's internet-driven society. The issue of internet regulation is its natural outcome. The questions of the first generation of internet law about who should regulate the internet, if anyone, have been decisively answered by governments — they all will. The second generation question to be addressed is not whether, but how, to control the internet. The concept of "data sovereignty" holds that information is governed by the legal framework and political systems of the countries concerned. It serves as a stronghold against international corporations and foreign states. Data can be kept in the nation where it was created or, in a situation known as "data residency", it can be kept in another nation while remaining unprocessed.

An example of a normal cloud service provider would be one located in nation alpha, with sales, marketing, accounting and operations, all located there. Their call centre for customer service, though, might be located in nation beta, which needs certain personal information of accounts to contact clients and

provide support.

USA's National Security Agency was tapping into The rising cross-border exchange of private data, coupled with cloud computing, has made data sovereignty a critical concern. Data must be governed by the laws of the country in which it was generated as well as the country in which it resides. Different countries have varying legislations on this issue. The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), which unifies data protection laws for all members of the European Union, was enacted by the EU Parliament in 2016 and included the EU's own data sovereignty provisions. By



placing a high priority on safe data handling, privacy and algorithmic transparency, it gave the citizens of the EU countries significant control over their data by imposing strong laws on companies for datahandling.

part of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) of 1978 of the USA was renewed in April 2024 through the Reforming Intelligence and Securing America Act. For reasons of national security, the law permits US corporations to give the US government access to communication data of international customers without a warrant. This impacts cloud services and overseas users as their data might be accessible to the US government without their knowledge or consent. As India is becoming a digitally empowered nation, data sovereignty has assumed relevance for the restructuring of data governance. It is crucial for protecting privacy, supporting national and economic security and fending off threats of global surveillance. Days after India banned 59 Chinese apps in 2020 due to worries about "sovereignty and security", the then Union Minister of Information Technology and Telecom Ravi Shankar Prasad declared that India should not compromise on data

The Digital Personal Data Protection (DPDP) Act, 2023 — India's first cross-sectoral law on personal data protection — was passed in August 2023. It covers non-citizens residing in India whose data processing occurs "in connection with any activity related to offering of goods or services" outside of India as well as Indian residents and enterprises gathering data about Indian residents. The Act "lays down a foundation, where grievance redress, access to justice and protection of personal data will become highly democratised, with equal access available to those in far-flung areas and big cities," explained Ashwini Vaishnaw, Minister of Communications, Electronics and Information Technology.

Undoubtedly, the regulations will evolve over time, making room for the fast-advancing technologies. For instance, in January 2019, industrialist Mukesh Ambani urged Prime Minister Modi to stop the rising trend of "data colonisation" by multinational firms, asserting that "Indian data should be owned by Indians." Earlier this month, Reliance Jio Infocomm Chairman Akash Ambani emphasised on the need for India to embrace AI, with focus on self-reliance and data sovereignty. In light of the technological challenges of today's world, the 2023 book edited by Anupam Chander and Haochen Sun, Data Sovereignty: From the Digital Silk Road to the Return of the State, discusses the theoretical aspects of the subject. It addresses the issue of territorial control over data flows and attempts by national and regional governments to impose restrictions on the movement of data across a global internet. It provides fresh viewpoints and provocative concepts regarding the nature and extent of data sovereignty by drawing on theories in political economy, international law, human rights and data protection, as well as by elucidating the national, regional and global legal frameworks. It also looks at the extent to which emerging technologies like AI, robotics, automation, e-commerce and sharing economy threaten data sovereignty. It offers potential solutions for these issues in relation to trade liberalisation, data localisation and human rights.

Many more significant issues are still pending. For example, can data sovereignty, AI and smart tech coexist? All stakeholders face significant challenges. Several interesting data treaties are likely to emerge. The concept of data sovereignty might also be redefined.

### Reign of piracy

Focus on stricter regulation, pricing models



easier, more convenient and because everyone does it. According to the study, last year, Rs 13,700 crore was



generated from pirated content from movie theatres and Rs 8,700 crore from OTT platforms. Streaming is the

largest source of piracy at 63 per cent, followed by mobile apps at 16 per cent. Several underlying factors explain the hold of piracy despite a 150 per cent rise in subscription revenues after the pandemic. High fees and the hassle of multiple payments push many to pirated content. A lack of awareness about the perils of piracy, income disparity and inaccessible theatres are the other key reasons. Besides stringent regulations, content providers need to rethink their pricing models.

The lack of collaborative efforts to mitigate the risks of unauthorised copying and distribution or use of copyright material continues to badly hurt the entertainment industry. Piracy is particularly prevalent among audiences aged 19 to 34. They are bound to be receptive to correct messaging

— that piracy infringes on the rights of the original creators.

## Amarinder stirs the Punjab pot

#### THE GREAT GAME: Even his worst detractors will concede that the ex-CM is still willing to call out a crisis

IT may be a bit of a stretch to compare senior BJP leader Capt Amarinder Singh with either Lenin or Napoleon, both of whom are variously supposed to have acknowledged that they became the leaders they did because they had seized the day.

Lenin, upon his return from London to St Petersburg in 1917, is famously believed to have commented that he found power lying on the streets of St Petersburg and all he did was to pick it up. The Russian Revolution, which changed the face of Russia and large parts of the world, followed. Just over a hundred years before, in 1815, while in exile in St Helena, Napoleon had remonstrated with his close confidant, Charles Tristan. "I have dethroned no one. I found the crown in the gutter. I picked it up and the people put it on my head.

The fact of the matter is that AAP may be in danger of

becoming the focus of the farmers' ire. It's not clear whether anyone in the ruling Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) in Punjab or even in the Opposition Congress or Akali Dal or the BJP are conscious of the grain filter through his fingers on Friday morning as quintals of it lay in the open in Asia's largest granary, in Khanna — surrounded by ageless farmers patiently waiting for their crop to be procured by the government. The story of the unprocured paddy is at the heart of the political crisis in Punjab today. Because the state is dependent on its two-crop cycle and because the sowing, transplanting and threshing of the paddy crop has taken place in between the Lok Sabha polls in June, the Jalandhar West by election in July, the panchayat polls earlier this October and four Assembly bypolls in the coming November, the

featherweight of history on their shoulders. And what they thought of Amarinder Singh letting the paddy

politics of the state has been inexorably drawn in. Moreover, the ruling AAP in Punjab is midway through

its tenure. Some fatigue is naturally setting in. Rumours of large-scale corruption are rife. Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann has changed some of his innermost coterie, while advisers are being brought in to take charge of the government's failing finances. And then there's the election in Delhi, slated for February 2025, expected to be a do-or-die battle between AAP and the BJP. It's a no-brainer that Arvind Kejriwal & Co won't let anything in Punjab come in the way of

undermining the battle for Delhi. 'hat's why the gathering farmer protests in Punjab are so important, even though several of them seem adept at cutting their nose to spite their face — or as the more evocative metaphor in Hindi, which invokes another body part, says, apne pair pe kulhaari maarna (hurting your own foot with the axe). In the last several days, farmers have taken over railway tracks, blocked roads and highways and are staging dharna in front of the houses of politicians.

Here's the irony, and here is why, midway through AAP's tenure in Punjab, the story may once again be in danger of turning. While Punjab's farmers may still be in no mood to forgive the BJP for the three farm laws it tried to impose upon them in 2020 — and have been punishing it by not even allowing BJP candidates to campaign in villages — the fact of the matter is that AAP may be in

danger of becoming the focus of their ire. The politics is both predictable and wearying. AAP is accusing the BJP-ruled Centre of refusing to move last year's paddy out of Punjab, which is why the mandis are full and the grain is overflowing on the streets; it says the Centre had promised 17 trains daily to lift the current crop and that not enough are coming. The BJP has responded by accusing Mann of lying. Worse, the AAP-BJP face-off over paddy procurement has come in the wake of several crises, some of them selfinflicted. Civic amenities in Punjab's biggest cities are in a shambles — an ongoing The Tribune series on



garbage dumps, encroachments, open sewer lines, the unhealthy state of hospitals and lack of schoolteachers in government schools is depressing. The crisis continues in agriculture, whether relating to the healthy determination of farmers to burn the

stubble, despite penalties and red entries; free power is, meanwhile, burning a hole in the state's pocket and deepening the water table. The exacerbating heroin addiction, colloquially known as 'chitta' or 'white powder', is made possible by a conniving network of Indian and Pakistani agents who fly in the drug via drones. The rising state deficit, with subsidies amounting to Rs 22,000 crore, is an open secret, as is

a growing inability to pay it. Two-and-ahalf years ago, Mann dethroned the mighty Congress, didn't allow the Akali Dal to regroup and prevented the BJP from gathering in. Punjab may not be willing to still vote in the BJP, but Punjab's astute politicians are keenly aware that the BJP vote increases in every election. Meanwhile, the Sukhbir Badal-led Akali Dal either refuses or is simply unable to fill in the widening political vacuum.

The impression that "Punjab bahut saare nashey main dooba hua hai" (Punjab is sinking under the morass of several addictions), and that its leadership is finding it difficult to cope, is growing.

That's why when the 82-year-old Amarinder Singh stirs the political pot, even if it's in a granary in far-off Khanna, it still matters. He may never become the chief minister again. He didn't campaign for his new party in the recent Lok Sabha polls. He is most likely guilty of several misdemeanours, including not living up to several of his own promises.But even his

worst detractors, both in his former party, the Congress, as well as in his current party, the BJP, will concede the man is still willing to call out a crisis that is fast assuming enormous political implications.

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#### বেঙ্গল সরকার পিছু হটেছে, ঝাড়খণ্ড বেঙ্গলে যানবাহনের প্রবেশ শুরু

প্রায় ২৪ ঘণ্টা পর, বেঙ্গল সরকার পিছু হটেছে এবং ঝাড়খণ্ড থেকে বেঙ্গলে যাওয়া সমস্ত পণ্যবাহী যানবাহনের প্রবেশ শুরু হয়েছে। গত সন্ধ্যা ৭টার পর বেঙ্গল সরকারের আদেশে ঝাড়খগু-বেঙ্গল মথন সীমান্তে পণ্যবাহী যানবাহনের প্রবেশ নিষিদ্ধ করা হয়েছিল।

এর ফলে রাত থেকে দুপুর পর্যন্ত প্রায় ২০ কিমি দীর্ঘ যানজট সৃষ্টি হয়। চালকদের সমস্যার কথা বিবেচনা করে, MASS বেঙ্গল সরকারকে চাপ দেয় ঝাড়খণ্ড সীমান্ত থেকে বেঙ্গলে প্রবেশ করা সমস্ত যানবাহন বন্ধ করার জন্য। এর ফলে, বেঙ্গল সরকার পিছু হটতে বাধ্য হয় এবং অবশেষে ভারী যানবাহনের প্রবেশ আবার স্বাভাবিক হয়।

বেঙ্গল সরকারের এই অনুমতির পর, ট্রাক চালকরা স্বস্তির নিঃশ্বাস ফেলেন। প্রাক্তন নিরসা বিধায়ক অরূপ চ্যাটার্জি ঝাড়খণ্ডের মুখ্যমন্ত্রী হেমন্ত সোরেনের এই উদ্যোগের প্রশংসা করেন। তিনি বলেন, মুখ্যমন্ত্রী হেমন্ত সোরেন এই বিষয়ে ক্রমাগত গুরুত্ব দিয়েছেন। বেঙ্গল সরকারের সাথে ইতিবাচক আলোচনা করার পর বেঙ্গল সরকার নিষেধাজ্ঞা তুলে নেয়। এর পর, সারিতে দাঁড়িয়ে থাকা সমস্ত পণ্যবাহী যানবাহন ধীরে ধীরে বেঙ্গলে প্রবেশ করতে শুরু করেছে। NH-এ দীর্ঘ যানজট এখন সীমিত হচ্ছে এবং যানজটও ভাঙতে

সম্প্রতি ঝাড়খণ্ডে প্রবল বৃষ্টির পর, মাইথন এবং পাঞ্চেত বাঁধের জলস্তর বেড়ে যায় এবং বাঁধ খুলে জল বেঙ্গলের দিকে ছেড়ে দেওয়া হয়, এর পর বেঙ্গল সরকার স্বৈরাচারী মনোভাব গ্রহণ করে এবং ঝাড়খণ্ড থেকে বেঙ্গলে প্রবেশ করা পণ্যবাহী যানবাহন সীমান্ডেই থামানোর আদেশ দেয়।

### मईया के पूजन जायब

#### – रिमता

मईया के पूजन जायब, मईया के लाल रंग चुनरी ओढ़ायब, मईया के प्रथम पूजब मॉ शैलपुत्री घी के भोग लगायब, मईया के द्वितीय पूजा मॉ ब्रह्मचारिणी शक्कर भोग लगायब, मईया के मॉ चंद्रघंटा की पूजन तृतीय खीर के भोग लगायब,मईया के चतुर्थ पूजन माता कुष्मांडा मालपुआ चढ़ायब, मईया के पंचम पूजा मॉ स्कंदमाता कदली फल भोग लगायब, मईया के षष्टम रूप में मॉ कात्यायनी शहद भोग लगायब, मईया के सप्तमी पुजब मॉ कालरात्रि गुड़ के भोग लगायब,मईया के अष्टमी पुजब मॉ महागौरी नारियल भोग लगायब, मईया के नवमी पूजन मॉ सिद्धिदात्री तिल के भोग लगायब, मईया के

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नई दिल्ली ।

शेयर बाजार में कारोबारी सप्ताह के दौरान हुई जोरदार गिरावट के कारण देश की टॉप 10 मोस्ट वैल्युड कंपनियों में से 9 कपनियों के मार्केट उद्देश्य से आठवां वर्ल्ड हिन्दू कैप में गिरावट आ गई। वहीं दूसरी इकॉनॉमिक फोरम (डब्ल्यूएचईएफ) ओर सिर्फ 1 के मार्केट कैप में 13 से 15 दिसम्बर के बीच मुंबई में आयोजित किया जाएगा जिसमें करीब बढ़ोतरी हुई। पिछले कारोबारी सप्ताह 45 देशों के 1200 प्रतिनिधि भाग के दौरान 9 कंपनियों के मार्केट कैप लेंगे। मुंबई के जिओ इंटरनेशनल 2.10 लाख करोड़ रुपये से अधिक कन्वेंशन सेंटर में आयोजित होने वाले की कमी हो गई। इन कंपनियों में से इस सम्मेलन में स्टार्ट अप्स के लिए हिन्दुस्तान यूनिलीवर के मार्केट कैप डब्ल्यूएचईएफ लॉन्चपैड के शुभारंभ में सबसे ज्यादा गिरावट दर्ज की गई। किया जाएगा जो हिंदू समुदाय के भीतर पिछले सप्ताह के दौरान हिन्दुस्तान अभिनव स्टार्टअप और उद्यमियों का यूनिलीवर का मार्केट कैप सहयोग करने के लिए डिजाइन किया गया 44,195.81 करोड़ रुपये कम होकर है। इस पहल का उद्देश्य अंतरराष्ट्रीय वित्त 5,93,870.94 करोड़ रुपये के स्तर पोषण के अवसरों को बढ़ावा देना और पर आ गया। इसी तरह रिलायंस नवउद्यमों को आवश्यक परामर्श प्रदान इंडस्ट्रीज मार्केट कैप में गिरावट के करना है। मुंबई में डब्ल्यूएचईएफ लॉन्चपैड मामले में दूसरे स्थान पर रही। की शुरुआत नये आइडिया पर स्टार्टअप्स

बनेगा वर्ल्ड हिन्दू इकॉनॉमिक फोरम नई दिल्ली।हिंदू उद्यमियों की विशेषजों के एक पैनल के सामने अपने अगली पीढी को सशक्त बनाने के

विविध समूह से जुड़ने और वैश्विक को प्रतिष्ठित वैश्विक निवेशकों और उद्योग नेटवर्क तैयार करने, व्यक्तिगत और व्यावसायिक विचारों को प्रदर्शित करने संस्थागत सहायता एवं परामर्श प्राप्त का एक अनठा अवसर प्रदान करेगा।इस करने, स्टार्टअप पारिस्थितिकी तंत्र में

स्टार्टअप्स के वैश्विक संशक्तीकरण का मंच



निवेशकों और उद्योग विशेषज्ञों के पैनल के समक्ष अपने व्यापारिक विचारों को प्रस्तुत करने का मौका मिलेगा। स्टार्टअप्स को दुनिया भर के निवेशकों, सलाहकारों और उद्योग विशेषज्ञों के

प्रमुख स्तंभों तक पहुंच बनाने का अवसर मिलेगा। इस डब्ल्यएचईएफ की थीम भगवद गीता के सार तत्व पर आधारित है - भविष्य के बारे में सोचो, भविष्य के लिए सोचो।÷ इसमें पहली बार एक ही जगह पर सम्मेलन के साथ- साथ बिजनेस

सरकारें और प्रमख व्यावसायिक घराने भाग लेंगे।सम्मेलन में करीब 45 देशों के रक्षा और एयरोस्पेस, फार्मास्युटिकल, निर्माण, स्वास्थ्य, इस्पात उद्योग, चिकित्सा उपकरण प्रौद्योगिकी, सीमेंट रसायन और उर्वरक, ऑटोमोबाइल और इलेक्ट्रिक, कृषि, वाहन एवं परिवहन, बैंकिंग और वित्त, बीमा, कोयला, खनिज एवं खनन, स्टार्ट अप इकोसिस्टम, पारंपरिक ऊर्जा, प्रौद्योगिकी, दूरसंचार, इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स, नवीकरणीय ें ऊर्जा, एफएमसीजी, बड़े उद्योग एवं और कारोबार जगत उद्यमी मिलेंगे और आपसी विकास एवं समृद्धि के लिए चर्चा करेंगे।

एक्सपो का भी आयोजन किया जाएगा। इस एक्सपो में कई राज्य फिल्म एवं टेलीविजन, तेल और गैस तथा आतिथ्य एवं पर्यटन क्षेत्रों के के दिग्गज, पेशेवर, नीति निर्माता,

सोनीपत में एक लाख 64 हजार 329 टन धान की खरीद



सोनीपत। हरियाणा में सोनीपत की मंडियों में तक एक लाख 64 हजार 329 टन धान की खरीद की जा चुकी है जिसमें कॉमन धान 3224 टन, ग्रेड-ए 1193 टन, बासमती 7601टन तथा 1509 किस्म एक लाख 52 हजार 311टन शामिल है। यह जानकारी उपायुक्त मनोज कुमार ने दी। उन्होंने कहा कि

जिला में अब तक किसान 1235.2 टन बाजरा लेकर पहुंचे है। जिसकी खरीद की जा चुकी है। उन्होंने कहा कि धान व बाजरा की खरीद के लिए प्रशासन द्वारा सभी तैयारियां की गई है। किसान के धान व बाजरे के एक-एक दाने को खरीदा जाएगा। उन्होंने कहा कि मंडियों व खरीद केंद्रों में किसानों की सुविधाओं का विशेष

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करोड़ रुपये का कारोबार होने का

अनुमान लगाया है। सिर्फ दिल्ली में

यह व्यापार लगभग 75 हजार करोड़

रुपये के होने की उम्मीद है। श्री

पर बाजारों में बढ़ती भीड़ और हुए

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राष्ट्रीय महामंत्री एवं चांदनी चौक से

सांसद प्रवीण खंडेलवाल ने कहा कि

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होने की उम्मीद है। श्री खंडेलवाल ने

आज यहां बताया कि दिल्ली और

देश भर के बाजारों में दिवाली और

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इस दौरान सरसों तेल 807 रुपये और मुंगफली तेल 733 रुपये प्रति क्रिंटल महंगा हो गया। वहीं, सूरजमुखी तेल, सोया रिफाइंड, पाम ऑयल और वनस्पति तेल के भाव में कोई बदलाव नहीं हुआ और वे पिछले दिवस के स्तर पर पड़े रहे। सप्ताहांत पर सरसों तेल 16923 रुपये प्रति क्रिंटल, मूंगफली तेल 19047 रुपये प्रति क्रिंटल, सुरजमुखी तेल 14358 रुपये प्रति क्विंटल, सोया रिफाइंड 15018 रुपये प्रति क्रिंटल, पाम ऑयल 12454 रुपये प्रति क्विंटल और वनस्पति तेल 15677 रुपये प्रति

दाल-दलहनः बीते सप्ताह दाल-दलहन बाजार में मिलाजुला रुख रहा। इस दौरान चना 100 रुपये और दाल चना 100 रुपये प्रति क्विंटल सस्ती हो गई। वहीं, मसूर दाल, मूंग दाल, उड़द दाल और अरहर दाल के भाव

पिछले कारोबारी दिवस के स्तर पर टिके रहे। सप्ताहांत पर चना 7550-7650, दाल चना 8550-8650, मसुर काली 7650-7750, मूंग दाल 9500-9600, उड़द दाल 10700-10800, अरहर दाल 10500-10600 रुपये प्रति क्विंटल रही।

खासकर

इस वर्ष दिवाली के त्योहारों पर 4.25 लाख करोड़ रुपये के व्यापार की उम्मीद: कैट

रक्षा बंधन, नवरात्र और करवा चौथ खंडेलवाल ने बताया कि त्योहार के

व्यापार को देखते हुए दिवाली के रखते हुए व्यापारियों ने पहले से ही

दौरान मांग में भारी वृद्धि को ध्यान में

विभिन्न वस्तुओं के अपने स्टॉक को

बढ़ाना शुरू कर दिया है जिसमें

आइटम्स,,कपड़े,ज्वेलरी,इलेक्ट्रॉनिक

स.मोबाइल, फ़र्निशिंग, सजावट

अनाजः अनाज मंडी में टिकाव रहा। इस दौरान गेहं और चावल के भाव पिछले कारोबारी दिवस के स्तर पर पड़े रहे। इस दौरान (भाव प्रति क्विंटल) गेहं दड़ा 2700-



2800 रुपये और चावल 2900-3000 रुपये प्रति

चीनी-गुड: बीते सप्ताह मीठे के बाजार में स्थिरता रही। इस दौरान चीनी और गुड़ के भाव में कोई दलाव नहीं हुआ। साप्ताहांत पर चीनी एस 3590-3690, चीनी एम. 4250-4350, मिल डिलीवरी 3470-3570 और गुड़ 4800-4900 रुपये प्रति क्विंटल बोले गये।

## पंजाब में धान की निर्बाध खरीद सुनिश्चित कर रहा है केंद्र : प्रह्लाद जोशी

नर्ड दिल्ली। केंद्रीय खाद्य एवं सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री प्रह्लाद जोशी ने कहा कि पंजाब में खरीफ विपणन सीजन (केएमएस) 2024-25 के लिए निर्धारित 185 एलएमटी का लक्ष्य पूरी तरह से खरीदा जाएगा और धान का एक भी दाना बिना तैयार नहीं छोडा जाएगा।

देवताओं की फ़ोटो एवं मूर्तियाँ,

रेडीमेड गारमेंट्स, खिलौने, खाद्य

वस्तुएँ, कॉन्फ़ेक्शनरी, बिजली का

सामान, कंज्यूमर डयूरेबल्स, आदि

मुख्य हैं। कैट के राष्ट्रीय अध्यक्ष बी

सी भरतिया ने बताया कि ग्राहक को

आकर्षित करने के लिए विभिन्न

प्रकार की छूट और प्रमोशनल

ऑफ़र देने पर भी विचार किया जा

रहा है।दुकानदार कस्टमर को

लुभाने के लिए 'बाय वन-गेट

वन' या दिवाली डिस्काउंट्स

जैसी योजनाएं चला सकते हैं

उन्होंने कहा कि चूंकि दिवाली के

समय बाजारों में भारी भीड़ होती

है, इसलिए पुलिस और स्थानीय

प्रशासन द्वारा सुरक्षा और ट्रैफिक

नियंत्रण के लिए विशेष इंतजाम

करने का आग्रह किया जा रहा हैं।

ट्रेड एसोसिएशन भी अपने स्तर पर

अतिरिक्त प्राइवेट सुरक्षा गार्ड रखने

की योजना बना रहीँ हैं ।

मंत्री प्रह्लाद जोशी ने आज यहां पंजाब राज्य<sup>े</sup>में धान और कस्टम मिल्ड राइस (सीएमआर) की निर्बाध खरीद सुनिश्चित करने के लिए केंद्र सरकार द्वारा उठाए गए उपायों पर प्रेस कॉन्फ्रेंस की। उन्होंने कहा कि पंजाब में धान की खरीद आधिकारिक तौर पर 1 अक्टूबर को शुरू हुई थी, जिसमें सूचारू संचालन सुनिश्चित करने के लिए अस्थायी यार्ड सहित 2700 नामित मंडियां थीं। सितंबर में भारी बारिश और धान में नमी की मात्रा अधिक होने के कारण कटाई और खरीद में थोड़ी देरी हुई। बावजद, राज्य अब नवंबर 2024

हालांकि, देरी से शुरू होने के पंजाब सरकार के साथ कई उच्चस्तरीय बैठकें आयोजित की



तक 185 एलएमटी धान की खरीद के अपने लक्ष्य को प्राप्त करने की दिशा में आगे बढ़ रहा है। 26 अक्टूबर तक मंडियों में 54.5 लाख मीट्रिक टन आवक में से 50 लाख मीट्रिक टन धान की खरीद की जा चुकी है। जोशी ने कहा कि सीएमआर के लिए पर्याप्त भंडारण व्यवस्था सुनिश्चित करने के लिए

गई हैं और प्राथमिकता के आधार पर अनुवर्ती कार्रवाई की जा रही हैं।मंत्री ने यह भी घोषणा की कि चावल मिल मालिकों की शिकायत निवारण के लिए शीघ्र ही एक ऑनलाइन पोर्टल शुरू किया जाएगा ताकि हितधारकों के सामने आने वाली किसी भी कठिनाई का तुरंत समाधान किया जा सके।

#### शक्तिकात दास को लगातार दूसरे साल शीर्ष केद्रीय बैंकर का मिला अवार्ड

मुंबई। रिजर्व बैंक ऑफ इंडिया (आरबीआई) के गवर्नर शक्तिकात दास को लगातार दूसरे साल दुनिया के शीर्ष सेंट्रल बैंकर का दर्जा मिला है। अमेरिका की पत्रिका 'ग्लोबल फाइनेंस' ने शक्तिकांत दास को शीर्ष केंद्रीय बैंकर का दर्जा दिया है। आरबीआई गवर्नर को लगातार दुसरे साल सेंट्रल बैंक रिपोर्ट कार्ड 2024 में 'ए प्लसं' का परस्कार दिया गया है। रिजर्व बैंक ने 'एक्स' पोस्ट पर जारी एक बयान में कहा कि आरबीआई गवर्नर शक्तिकांत दास को लगातार दूसरे साल सेंट्रल बैंक रिपोर्ट कार्ड 2024 में 'ए प्लस' का पुरस्कार दिया गया है। आरबीआई के मुताबिक 'ग्लोबल फाइनेंस' द्वारा अमेरिका के वाशिंगटन डीसी में आयोजित एक कार्यक्रम में उन्हें यह सम्मान दिया गया। दास को तीन केंद्रीय बैंक गवर्नरों की सुची में शीर्ष पर रखा गया है, जिन्हें 'ए

प्लस' रेटिंग दी गई है। 'ग्लोबल फाइनेंस' पत्रिका ने जारी एक बयान में कहा कि मुद्रास्फीति पर नियंत्रण, आर्थिक वृद्धि लक्ष्यों, मुद्रा स्थिरता और



ब्याज दर प्रबंधन में सफलता के लिए श्रेणी 'ए' से 'एफ' के पैमाने पर रेटिंग दी गई है। यहां 'ए' उत्कृष्ट प्रदर्शन को दर्शाता है, जबकि 'एफ' पूरी तरह से विफलता को दर्शाता है। शक्तिकांत दास के अलावा डेनमार्क के क्रिश्चियन केटल थॉमसन और स्विट्जरलैंड के थॉमस जॉर्डन को भी केंद्रीय बैंकरों की 'ए प्लस' श्रेणी में स्थान दिया

## भारत अफ्रीका

वाशिंगटन। केंद्रीय वित्त एवं कॉरपोरेट मामलों की मंत्री निर्मला सीतारमण ने जी7 और जी20 से अफ्रीका के लिए समर्थन बढाने का आग्रह करते हुये कहा है कि बनियादी ढांचे के विकास और स्वास्थ्य क्षेत्र जैसे क्षेत्रों में अफ्रीका को तकनीकी विशेषज्ञता और प्रौद्योगिकी हस्तांतरण की पेशकश करते हुए भारत अफ्रीका को हर तरह से समर्थन करना जारी रखेगा।

श्रीमती सीतारमण ने आज यहां विश्व बैंक और अतंरराष्ट्रीय मद्रा कोर्ष (आईएमएफ) के अवसर पर अफ्रीका में विकास के लिए जी7 पहलों और विकास वित्त चुनौतियों के लिए देश-विशिष्ट समाधानों पर चर्चा करने के लिए जी7 अफ्रीकी मंत्रिस्तरीय भारत और अफ्रीका के बीच गहरी साझेदारी को देखते हुए वित्त मंत्री

गोलमेज सम्मेलन में भाग लिया। परिभाषित किया है, जिसका उद्देश्य क्षमता निर्माण, बेहतर सार्वजनिक सेवाओं



ने कहा कि प्रधानमंत्री नरेन्द्र मोदी जलवायु परिवर्तन से निपटने के ने 10 मार्गदर्शक सिद्धांतों के साथ इस साझेदारी को फिर से का समर्थन करना है।

माध्यम से अफ्रीका के विकास

उन्होंने विकास के लिए दीर्घकालिक और किफायती वित्तपोषण तक पहुंच बढ़ाने का आग्रह किया, जिसमें संरचनात्मक सुधारों और नीतिगत उपायों द्वारा घरेलू संसाधन जुटाने को बढ़ावा दिया जाना चाहिए और सतत विकास लक्ष्यों को प्राप्त करने के लिए दीर्घकालिक वित्तीय लचीलापन बनाने के लिए विदेशी निवेश को आकर्षित करना

वित्त मंत्री ने विशेष रूप से बहपक्षीय विकास (एमबीडी) की बढ़ी हुई ऋण देने की क्षमता के माध्यम से अंतर्राष्ट्रीय वित्तीय संस्थानों से समर्थन बढ़ाने पर जोर दिया, जो सतत विकास लक्ष्यों को प्राप्त करने के लिए महत्वपूर्ण है।

### फर्जी दस्तावेजों से आठ हजार करोड़ की जीएसटी चोरी करने वाला गिरफ्तार, सात फरार

मुंबई। वस्तु एवं सेवा कर विभाग (जीएसटी) की टीम ने फर्जी दस्तावेजों से आठ हजार करोड़ की जीएसटी चोरी करने के मामले में आरोपित अशरफ भाई इस्माईल कलावाडिया को मीरा रोड के एक लॉज से गिरफ्तार किया है। जीएसटी टीम ने कलावाडिया के पास से 21 मोबाइल, दो लैपटॉप, 11 सिम कार्ड, डेबिट कार्ड, चेक बुक, अलग-अलग कंपनियों के नाम की रबर स्टांप जब्त किया है। कलावाडिया को गिरफ्तार कर पुणे की शिवाजीनगर कोर्ट में पेश किया गया और कोर्ट ने उन्हें 14 दिन की न्यायिक कस्टडी में भेज दिया है। कोरेगांव पार्क पुलिस स्टेशन के वरिष्ठ पुलिस निरीक्षक रूनल मुल्ला के अनुसार जीएसटी पुणे डिवीजन के अधिकारी ऋषि

नाम पर दस्तावेज जमा कर 5 हजार से आठ हजार करोड़ रुपये की जीएसटी की चोरी का एक मामला

पुलिस स्टेशन में फर्जी कंपनी के तेजबहादर सिंह, राहल बट्कभैया बरैया. कौशिक मकवाना, जीतेंद्र गोहेल और उनके सहयोगियों के खिलाफ मामला दर्ज किया है। इनमें से मुख्य



दर्ज करवाया था। इस मामले की छानबीन के बाद पुलिस ने अशरफ इब्राहिम कलवाडिया, नितिन भागोजी बर्गे, फैसल अब्दुल गफर मेवावाला, प्रकाश (39) ने कोरेगांव पार्क निजामुद्दीन मोहम्मद सईद खान, अमित

आरोपित अशरफ इब्राहिम को जीएसटी टीम ने शनिवार को गिरफ्तार किया था और उन्हें पुणे में कोर्ट में पेश किया गया था। जबकि अन्य आरोपितों की

## केंद्रीय मंत्री नायडू ने विशाखापट्टनम व विजयवाड़ा के बीच शुरू कीं दो नई विमान सेवा

विशाखापट्टनम और विजयवाडा के बीच दो नई उड़ान सेवाएं उपलब्ध कराई गई हैं। केंद्रीय नागरिक उड्डयन राममोहन नायडू ने विशाखापट्टनम हवाई अड्डे पर एयर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस उडान का उद्घाटन किया। मंत्री ने विशाखा और गोवा के बीच उड़ान सेवा शुरू करने का भी भरोसा दिया है। उन्होंने राज्य में ड्रोन सिटी और विशाखापट्टनम में स्पोर्ट्स

एक्सप्रेस सेवा सुबह 9:35 बजे विशाखापट्टनम से उड़ान भरेगी और 10:35 बजे विजयवाडा (गन्नावरम हवाई अड्डा) पहुंचेगी है। यह शाम 7:55 बजे विजयवाड़ा से खाना होगी और रात 9:00 बजे विशाखापट्टनम पहुंचेगी। इसी क्रम में इंडिगो सेवा विजयवाड़ा से शाम 7:15 बजे उड़ान भरेगी है और रात 8:20 बजे विशाखापट्टनम पहुंचेगी।

**विशाखापट्टनम**। है। जानकारी के अनुसार एयर इंडिया 8:45 बजे रवाना होगी और रात 9:50 बजे विजयवाडा पहंचेगी। इन नई उड़ानों के साथ, विशाखा और विजयवाडा के बीच सेवाओं की संख्या बढ़कर तीन हो जाएगी।

> इस नई सेवा के उद्घाटन समारोह को संबोधित करते हुए नागरिक उड़्यन मंत्री राममोहन नायडू ने कहा कि स्थानीय जनता और क्षेत्र के संसद और विधायक से विशाखा

हब बनाने के लिए भी कार्य हो रहा यही सेवा विशाखापट्टनम से रात कनेक्टिविटी बढ़ाने का अनुरोध समय में दो उड़ानें शुरू हुई हैं। लोगों किया है। यह संभवत- पहली बार है की मांग के अनुरूप हमने इस रूट जब दोनों शहरों के बीच एक ही पर दो सेवाएं शुरू की हैं। जैसे-जैसे



दोनों शहरों के बीच याता यात बढेगी और अधिक सीटें उपलब्ध होंगी तब हवाई टिकटों की कीमतें कम हो जाएंगी। वर्तमान में विशाखापट्टनम से विजयवाडा के बीच तीन हजार रुपये में टिकट मिलना संभव हो पाएगा। मंत्री ने कहा कि विशाखापत्तनम एक बढ़ता हुआ शहर है। केंद्र एवं राज्य सरकार इसे और अधिक विकसित करने के लिए कृतसंकल्पित है। किसी क्षेत्र के विकास के लिए कनेक्टिविटी आवश्यक है। मंत्री ने

ऐलान किया कि हम विशाखा और गोवा के बीच उड़ान सेवा शुरू करने का प्रयास करेंगे। मैं विशाखापट्टनम अधिकतम कनेक्टिवटी सुनिश्चित करने की कोशिश कर रहे हैं। विशाखापट्टनम के निकट भोगापुरम में अंतरराष्ट्रीय मानकों वाला हवाई अड्डा बना रहे हैं। साथ ही वहां एयर सर्विस यूनिवर्सिटी स्थापित करने का निर्णय लिया है। मंत्री ने कहा कि राज्य के नये क्षेत्रों में हवाई अड्डे स्थापित करने की योजना बना

रहे हैं। मंत्री ने बताया कि मुख्यमंत्री चंद्रबाबू ने राज्य में विमानन क्षेत्र के विकास पर विशेष ध्यान दिया है। हमने विजयवाड़ा में एक ड्रोन शो का आयोजन किया। इस डोन शो ने पांच रिकॉर्ड बनाए. हमने ड्रोन सिटी के लिए ओरवाकल्लू क्षेत्र में तीन सौ एकड़ जमीन आवंटित की है। विशाखापत्तनम में आगे विकास के अवसर हैं। राममोहन नायडू ने खुलासा किया कि विशाखापट्टनम को स्पोर्ट्स हब बनाने

## दीपावली के आने की पूर्व सूचना देता है



हमारे देश में सर्वाधिक धूमधाम से मनाए जाने वाले त्योहार दीपावली का प्रारंभ धनतेरस से हो जाता है। इसी दिन से घरों की लिपाई-पुताई प्रारम्भ कर देते हैं। दीपावली के लिए विविध वस्तुओं की खरीद आज की जाती है। इस दिन से कोई किसी को अपनी वस्तू उधार नहीं देता। इसके उपलक्ष्य में बाजारों से नए बर्तन, वस्त्र, दीपावली पूजन हेतु लक्ष्मी-गणेश, खिलौने, खील-बताशे तथा सोने-चांदी के जेवर आदि भी खरीदे जाते हैं।

# ETST TRAF

में धनतेरस के दिन यमराज के निमित्त दीपदान किया जाता है, वहां अकाल मृत्यू नहीं होती। घरों में दीपावली की सजावट भी आज ही से प्रारम्भ हो जाती है। इस दिन घरों को स्वच्छ कर, लीप-पोतकर, चौक, रंगोली बना सायंकाल के समय दीपक जलाकर लक्ष्मी जी का आवाहन किया जाता है। इस दिन पुराने बर्तनों को बदलना व नए बर्तन ख़रीदना शुभ माना गया है। इस दिन चांदी के बर्तन ख़रीदने से तो अत्यधिक पुण्य लाभ होता है। इस दिन हल जुती मिट्टी को दूध में भिगोकर उसमें सेमर की शाखा डालकर लगातार तीन बार अपने शरीर पर फेरना तथा कुंकुम लगाना चाहिए। कार्तिक स्नान करके प्रदोष काल में घाट, गौशाला, कुआं, बावली, मंदिर आदि स्थानों पर तीन दिन तक दीपक जलाना चाहिए। तुला राशि के सूर्य में चतुर्दशी व अमावस्या की सन्ध्या को जलती लकड़ी की मशाल से पितरों का मार्ग प्रशस्त करना चाहिए।

आज ही के दिन आयुर्वेदिक चिकित्सा पद्धित के जन्मदाता धन्वन्तरि वैद्य समुद्र से अमृत कलश लेकर प्रगट हुए थे, इसलिए धनतेरस को धन्वन्तरि जयन्ती भी कहते हैं। इसीलिए वैद्य-हकीम और ब्राह्मण समाज आज धन्वन्तरि भगवान का पूजन कर धन्वन्तरि जयन्ती मनाता है। बहुत कम लोग जानते हैं कि धनतेरस आयुर्वेद के जनक धन्वंतरि की स्मृति में मनाया जाता है। इस दिन लोग अपने घरों में नए बर्तन ख़रीदते हैं और उनमें पकवान रखकर भगवान धन्वंतरि को अर्पित करते हैं। लेकिन वे यह भूल जाते हैं कि असली धन तो

महत्व है। शास्त्रों में इस बारे में कहा है कि जिन परिवारों काशी के राजा महाराज धन्व के पुत्र थे। उन्होंने शल्य शास्त्र पर महत्त्वपूर्ण गवेषणाएं की थीं। उनके प्रपौत्र दिवोदास ने उन्हें परिमार्जित कर संश्रुत आदि शिष्यों को उपदेश दिए इस तरह संश्रुत संहिता किसी एक का नहीं, बल्कि धन्वंतरि, दिवोदास और सश्रुत तीनों के वैज्ञानिक जीवन का मूर्त रूप है। धन्वंतरि के जीवन का सबसे बड़ा वैज्ञानिक प्रयोग अमृत का है। उनके जीवन के साथ अमृत का कलश जुड़ा है। वह भी सोने का कलश। अमृत निर्माण करने का प्रयोग धन्वंतरि ने स्वर्ण पात्र में ही बताया था। उन्होंने कहा कि जरा मृत्यु के विनाश के लिए ब्रह्मा आदि देवताओं ने सोम नामक अमृत का आविष्कार किया

> सुश्रुत उनके रासायनिक प्रयोग के उल्लेख हैं। धन्वंतरि के संप्रदाय में सौ प्रकार की मृत्यु है। उनमें एक ही काल मृत्यु है, शेष अकाल मृत्य रोकने के प्रयास ही निदान और चिकित्सा हैं। आयु के न्युनाधिक्य की एक-एक माप धन्वंतरि ने बताई है। पुरुष अथवा स्त्री को अपने हाथ के नाप से 120 उंगली लंबा होना चाहिए, जबकि छाती और कमर अठारह उंगली। शरीर के एक-एक अवयव की स्वस्थ और अस्वस्थ माप धन्वंतरि ने बताई है। उन्होंने चिकित्सा के अलावा फसलों का भी गहन अध्ययन किया है। पशु-पक्षियों के स्वभाव, उनके मांस के गुण-अवगुण और उनके भेद भी उन्हें ज्ञात थे। मानव की भोज्य सामग्री का जितना वैज्ञानिक व सांगोपांग विवेचन धन्वंतरि और सुश्रुत ने किया है, वह आज के युग में भी प्रासंगिक और महत्वपूर्ण

# बारह वर्ष किसान के घर रहीं थीं लक्ष्मी

विचरण करने के लिए आ रहे थे, ही मानो, तो चलो। लक्ष्मी जी ने स्वीकार किया और भगवान विष्णु, लक्ष्मी जी सहित भूमण्डल पर आए। कुछ देर बाद एक स्थान पर भगवान विष्णु लक्ष्मी से बोले- जब तक मैं न आऊं, तम यहाँ ठहरो। मैं दक्षिण दिशा की ओर जा रहा हूं, तुम उधर मत देखना। विष्णुजी के जाने पर लक्ष्मी को कौतुक उत्पन्न हुआ कि आख़रि दक्षिण दिशा में क्या है जो मुझे मना किया गया है और भगवान स्वयं दक्षिण में क्यों गए, कोई रहस्य ज़रूर है। लक्ष्मी जी से रहा न गया, ज्योंही भगवान ने राह पकड़ी, त्योंही लक्ष्मी भी ही दी हैं। पीछे-पीछे चल पडीं। कछ ही दूर पर सरसों का खेत

क समय भगवान विष्णु मृत्युलोक में परिवार सहित गंगा में जाकर स्नान करो और इन कौड़ियों को भी जल में छोड़ देना। जब तक तुम लक्ष्मी जी ने भी साथ चलने का आग्रह विहीं लौटोगे, तब तक मैं लक्ष्मी को नहीं ले जाऊंगा। किया। विष्णु जी बोले- यदि मैं जो बात कहूं, वैसे लक्ष्मीजी ने किसान को चार कौड़ियां गंगा के देने को दी। किसान ने वैसा हा किया। वह संपारवार गंगा स्नान करने के लिए चला। जैसे ही उसने गंगा में कौड़ियां डालीं, वैसे ही चार हाथ गंगा में से निकले और वे कौडियां ले लीं। तब किसान को आश्चर्य हुआ कि वह तो कोई देवी है। तब किसान ने गंगाजी से पूछा- माता! ये चार भुजाएं किसकी हैं? गंगाजी बोलीं- हे किसान! वे चारों हाथ मेरे ही थे। तूने जो कौड़ियां भेंट दी हैं, वे किसकी दी हुई हैं? किसान ने कहा- मेरे घर जो स्त्री आई है, उन्होंने

इस पर गंगाजी बोलीं- तुम्हारे घर जो स्त्री आई



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#### दिखाई दिया। वह खूब फूला था। वे उधर ही चलीं। है वह साक्षात लक्ष्मी हैं और पुरुष विष्णु सरसों की शोभा से वे मुग्ध हो गई और उसके फूल तोडकर अपना शंगार किया और आगे चलीं। आगे गन्ने (ईख) का खेत खडा था। लक्ष्मी जी ने चार गन्ने लिए और रस चुसने लगीं। उसी क्षण विष्णु जी आए और यह देख लक्ष्मी जी पर नाराज होकर शाप दिया- मैंने तुम्हें इधर आने को मना किया था, पर तुम न मानीं और यह किसान की चोरी का अपराध कर बैठीं। अब तुम उस किसान की 12 वर्ष तक इस अपराध की सजा के रूप में सेवा करो। ऐसा कहकर भगवान उन्हें छोड़कर क्षीरसागर चले गए।

लक्ष्मी किसान के घर रहने लगीं। वह किसान अति दरिद्र था। लक्ष्मीजी ने किसान की पत्नी से कहा- तुम स्नान कर पहले इस मेरी बनाई देवी लक्ष्मी का पूजन करो, फिर रसोई बनाना, तुम जो मांगोगी मिलेगा। किसान की पत्नी ने लक्ष्मी के आदेशानुसार ही किया। पूजा के प्रभाव और लक्ष्मी की कृपा से किसान का घर दूसरे ही दिन से अन्न, धन, रत्न, स्वर्ण आदि से भर गया और लक्ष्मी से जगमग होने लगा। लक्ष्मी ने किसान को धन-धान्य से पूर्ण कर दिया। किसान के 12 वर्ष बड़े आनन्द से कट गए। तत्पश्चात 12 वर्ष के बाद लक्ष्मीजी जाने के लिए तैयार हुई। विष्णुजी, लक्ष्मीजी को लेने आए तो किसान ने उन्हें भेजने से इंकार कर दिया। लक्ष्मी भी बिना किसान की मर्जी वहाँ से जाने को तैयार न थीं। तब विष्णुजी ने एक चतुराई की। विष्णुजी जिस दिन लक्ष्मी को लेने आए थे, उस दिन वारुणी पर्व था। अतः किसान को वारुणी पर्व का महत्व समझाते हुए भगवान ने कहा- तुम

भगवान हैं। तुम लक्ष्मी को जाने मत देना, नहीं तो पुनः निर्धन हो जाआगे। यह सन किसान घर लौट आया। वहां लक्ष्मी और विष्ण भगवान जाने को तैयार बैठे थे। किसान ने लक्ष्मीजी का आंचल पकड़ा और बोला- मैं तुम्हें जाने नहीं दूंगा। तब भगवान ने किसान से कहा- इन्हें कौन जाने देता है, परन्तु ये तो चंचला हैं, कहीं ठहरती ही नहीं, इनको बड़े-बड़े नहीं रोक सके। इनको मेरा शाप था, जो कि 12 वर्ष से तुम्हारी सेवा कर रही थीं। तुम्हारी 12 वर्ष सेवा का समय पूरा हो चुका है। किसान हठपूर्वक बोला- नहीं अब मैं लक्ष्मीजी को नहीं जाने दुंगा। तुम कोई दूसरी स्त्री यहाँ से ले जाओ। तब लक्ष्मीजी ने कहा- हे किसान! तुम मुझे रोकना चाहते हो तो जो मैं कहूं जैसा करो। कल तेरस है, मैं तुम्हारे लिए धनतेरस मनाऊंगी। तुम कल घर को लीप-पोतकर स्वच्छ करना। रात्रि में घी का दीपक जलाकर रखना और सांयकाल मेरा पूजन करना और एक तांबे के कलश में रुपया भरकर मेरे निमित्त रखना, मैं उस कलश में निवास करूंगी। किंतु पूजा के समय मैं तुम्हें दिखाई नहीं दूंगी। मैं इस दिन की पूजा करने से वर्ष भर तुम्हारे घर से नहीं जाऊंगी। मुझे रखना है तो इसी तरह प्रतिवर्ष मेरी पूजा करना। यह कहकर वे दीपकों के प्रकाश के साथ दसों दिशाओं में फैल गई और भगवान देखते ही रह गए। अगले दिन किसान ने लक्ष्मीजी के कथानुसार पूजन किया। उसका घर धन-धान्य से पूर्ण हो गया। इसी भांति वह हर वर्ष

तेरस के दिन लक्ष्मीजी की पूजा करने लगा।

कुबेर पूजन से प्राप्त होगी अक्षय लक्ष्मी-एक पूजा सुपारी को इत्र में डुबो कर लाल कुमकुम से बने स्वस्तिक पर स्थापित करें। धूप, दीप, आरती इत्यादि से पूजन करें। भोग लगा कर इस मंत्र से कमल के फूल या किसी भी सुगन्धित पुष्प अर्पित करें- 'ऊं यक्षाय कुबेराय वैश्रणवाय धनधान्यादि पतये धनधान्य समृद्धि में देहि देहि दापय दापय स्वाहा।' दीपवली के दिन पुनः इसी कुबेर का पूजन लक्ष्मी पूजा के पश्चात करें। अक्षय लक्ष्मी की प्राप्ति होगी।

धन्वंतिर पूजा: धनतेरस के दिन धन्वंतिर की भी पूजा होती है। इस दिन प्रातःकाल धन्वंतरि के पूजन के पूर्व यदि विष्णु सहस्रनाम का पठन या श्रवण किया जाये तो स्वास्थ्य लाभ होगा। आम की लकड़ी के पाटे पर हल्दी से स्विस्तिक बनायें। स्विस्तिक के मध्य एक बड़ी पूजा सुपारी को गुलाब जल से स्वच्छ कर भगवान धन्वंतरि के रूप में स्थापित कर पूजन करें।

यम दीपदान : धनतेरस को सायंकाल प्रदोषकाल में यम दीपदान करना चाहिए। चारों दिशाओं की ओर मुख की हुई चार रूई की बत्तियां रख कर दिये को तिल के तेल से भर दें। दक्षिण दिशा की ओर देखते हुए निम्नलिखित मन्त्र का उच्चारण करते हुए चार मुंह के दीपक को लाई की ढेरी के ऊपर रख दें।

मृत्युना पाश दण्डाभ्यां कालेन च मया सह। त्रयोदश्यां दीप दानात् सूर्यजः प्रीयता मिति॥



प्रथम दिवस : प्रथम दिन अर्थात् कार्तिक कृष्ण त्रयोदशी को धनत्रयोदशी अथवा धनतेरस भी कहा जाता है। यह पर्व धन्वन्तरि जयंती के रूप में और धनतेरस के रूप में मनाया जाता है। समद्र मंधन के समय हाथों में अमृत का कलश लिए धन्वन्तरि की उत्पत्ति इसी दिन हुई थी। यह पर्व वैद्यों के लिए महत्व का है, क्योंकि धन्वन्तरि देव आयुर्वेद के जनक माने जाते हैं। धनवन्तरि जयंती सूर्योदय कार्तिक त्रयोदशी को मनाई जाती है। धनतेरस के रूप में इन दिन धनाध्यक्ष कुबेर की पूजा होती है। इस दिन धातु के बर्तन खरीदना समृद्धिदायक माना जाता है। यह पर्व घर में सुख-समृद्धि के लिए मनाया जाता है। इसलिए इस दिन किसी भी व्यक्ति को धन उधार नहीं देना चाहिए और धन का अपव्यय भी नहीं करना चाहिए। सायंकाल मुख्यद्वार के दोनों ओर दीपदान करना चाहिए। यह दीपदान इस पर्व के पांचों दिन किया जाता है। इनमें दीपदान करने से यमराज प्रसन्न होते हैं और अकाल मृत्यु का भय नहीं रहता है।

द्वितीय दिवस : द्वितीय दिन कार्तिक कृष्ण चतुदर्शी को नरक चतुर्दशी भी कहा जाता है इस तिथि को रूपचतुर्दशी भी कहते हैं। इस दिन सूर्योदय से पहले उबटन लगाकर स्नान किया जाता है। स्नान से पहले तिल्ली के तेल से शरीर की मालिश करनी चाहिए, क्योंकि इस दिन तेल में लक्ष्मी का और जल में गंगा का निवास माना जाता है। स्नान के पश्चात यमतर्पण किया जाता है। इस दिन हनुमान जयंती का पर्व मनाया जाता है। दोपहर के समय हनुमान जी की पूजा-उपासना की जाती है और उन्हें नैवैद्य अर्पित किया जाा है। भगवान श्रीकृष्ण ने इसी दिन नरकासूर को मारकर उसके आतंक से निजात दिलवाई थी। इसलिए यह दिन नरकचतुर्दशों के रूप में भी मनाया जाता है। इस दिन को छोटी दीपावली के रूप में भी मनाते हैं। दीपावली के समान ही इस दिन दीपदान किया जाता है। राजा बलि के राज में दीपमाला प्रज्ज्वलित की जाती है। इसी दिन से राजा बलि का राज प्रारंभ होता है।

तृतीय दिवस : अर्थात कार्तिक अमावस्या दीपावली पर्व के रूप में मनाई जाती है। कमला जयंती होने के कारण इस दिन माँ लक्ष्मी की पूजा-उपासना की जाती है। इस त्योहार को मनाए जाने के कई कारण है। भगवान श्रीराम इसी दिन 14 वर्ष का वनवास भोगकर अपने राज्य में लौटे थे। इसलिए इस दिन दीप जलाकर यह ख़ुशी मनाई जाती है। इस दिन माँ लक्ष्मी का पूजन किया जाता है। दीपावली की रात्रि को महानिशा की संज्ञा दी गई है। रात्रिकाल में जागरण करके माँ लक्ष्मी का स्वागत करने के लिए सभी लोग तत्पर रहते हैं। लक्ष्मी पूजन के अतिरिक्त इस दिन व्यापारी अपने व्यापारिक स्थल की पूजा, तुला पूजन, बहीखाते का पूजन, लेखनी का पूजन, दवात का पूजन और कुबेर का पूजन किया जाता है। लक्ष्मी पूजन के अतिरिक्त भगवान गणेश, महाकाली, माँ सरस्वती का पूजन भी करते हैं। ये सभी पूजन प्रदोषकाल एवं स्थिर लग्न में श्रेष्ठ होते हैं। इस दिन घर में दीपमालिकाएं लगाई जाती हैं। प्रकाश के लिए विभिन्न सजावटी वस्तुएं सजाई जाती हैं।

चतुर्थ दिवस : इस त्यौहार का चौथा दिन अर्थात् कार्तिक शुक्ल प्रतिपदा, गोवर्धन पूजा और अन्नकूट के रूप में मनाया जाता है। कृष्ण भगवान के अवतार से पहले इस दिन इंद्र की पूजा की जाती थी, परन्तु भगवान श्रीकृष्ण ने गोवर्धन की पूजा आरंभ करवाई। इस दिन गोबर से घर के आंगन में गोवर्धन पर्वत की रचना कर उसका पूजन किया जाता है और उसे नैवेद्य का भोग लगाया जाता है। मंदिरों में अन्नकूट का आयोजन होता है और प्रसादी का वितरण होता है। गोवर्धन को गौ दिवस के रूप में भी मनाया जाता है। इस दिन गायों की सेवा करने का विशेष महत्व है।

**पंचम दिवस :** पांचवा दिन अर्थात कार्तिक शुक्ल द्वितीया भाईदूज और यमद्वितीया के रूप में मनाई जाती है। इस दिन भाई अपनी बहन के घर जाकर भोजन करते हैं तथथ भाई अपनी बहिन को श्रद्धानुसार भेंट प्रदान करते हैं। यम की बहन यमी के द्वारा इस दिन यम को बुलाकर भोजन करवाया गया था। यमी ने अपने भाई का अनेक प्रकार से सत्कार किया था और भोजन के पश्चात टीका भी किया। यम ने भी प्रसन्न होकर अपनी बहन को अनेक प्रकार की भेंट प्रदान की और व मांगने को कहा। यमी ने अपने भाई यम से वर मांगा कि जो बहन इस दिन अपने भाई को भोजन करवाये तथा टीका करे, उनकी रक्षा होनी चाहिए। इसलिए इस त्यौहार को यमद्वितीया कहा जाता है। इस दिन चित्रगुप्त जी का पूजन और विश्वकर्मा जी की पूजाजा एवं उपासना भी की जाती है।

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#### Love how teams are playing Tests now: MS Dhoni backs resultoriented approach

New Delhi. Former India captain MS Dhoni has praised the aggressive, result-oriented approach, known as "Bazball," that teams are embracing in Test cricket today. This style, popularly known as "Bazball," coined after current England captain Brendon McCullum, emphasizes risk-taking and bold strategies to achieve a result rather than settling for a draw. Dhoni, known for his astute cricketing mind and calm demeanor on the field, emphasized how Test cricket has evolved to fit this era of aggression and positive results. "You can give cricket any term that you want to," Dhoni said. "What we have seen is cricket has evolved. The way people are playing cricket is very different. There was a time when in ODIs something was considered a safe score; now that score is not safe in T20s too."Reflecting on the days when he represented India in 90 Test matches, Dhoni revealed how he sometimes found it challenging to maintain motivation during matches that seemed destined for a draw. "For me, the most difficult time during a Test match was the fifth dayâ€æwhen you knew that 100% it is going to be a draw," he noted. "I would still need to keep for nearly 2.5 sessions, and that was the most tiring part. You see there is no result happening; you are just going through the motions.'

For Dhoni, this old-style Test cricket meant extended hours of physical and mental exertion with no reward, a sentiment shared by many players who understand the intensity of a five-day game. His endorsement of the aggressive approach stems from a desire to maintain fan engagement and ensure that the result speaks for itself, offering viewers a more dynamic experience. Dhoni has always been vocal about the entertainment value of cricket, and he believes the new approach addresses the lingering issue of inconclusive results in Test cricket. "Imagine telling someone who doesn't know much about cricket: we play over five days, and after all that, we don't get a result. That's not nice for the game," he said. The thrill of competitive action, and the challenge of swinging a match in four days or even after a weather delay, Dhoni said, speaks to the "beauty of Test cricket."The "Bazball" approach has not only increased the number of results but has also injected new life into Test matches, attracting fans who might otherwise prefer the high-octane excitement of limited-overs cricket.

#### Arsenal boss Mikel Arteta rues more injury additions after draw vs Liverpool

New Delhi. Arsenal manager Mikel Arteta 2-2 draw with Liverpool on Sunday but expressed frustration over a worsening injury crisis as the Gunners' push for the Premier League title faces mounting challenges. Despite the positive result, Arteta's squad saw two more defenders added to an already long injury list. The Gunners were missing several key players from the start, including captain Martin Odegaard and defender Riccardo Calafiori, both sidelined with injuries, while William Saliba was absent due to suspension. The defensive issues worsened when Gabriel Magalhaes and Jurrien Timber were both forced off during the second half, leaving a depleted backline to handle the closing stages. After the match, Arteta praised his squad's tenacity but admitted the situation was difficult. "I'm very proud of the team, especially with the situation we're going through at the moment," he said, referring to the injuries. "We have to adapt, and we will continue to adapt. The courage they showed today was unbelievable."

Gabriel's injury seemed particularly worrying for Arteta, who admitted, "He could not run. I don't know if it's the knee joint or the ankle." Timber's condition also remains uncertain, adding to the defensive uncertainty. Despite the injuries, Arsenal took an early lead when Bukayo Saka, returning from injury, scored his 50th Premier League goal in the ninth minute. "I just had this game in my mind, that I would do everything I can to come back for it," Saka told Sky Sports, highlighting his determination to contribute in such a highstakes clash.

The 2-2 draw leaves Arsenal in third place with 18 points, trailing behind Liverpool on 22 points and leaders Manchester City on 23. Arteta remained optimistic but conceded that he would rather be five points ahead of City than five behind. "The team is alive, the team wants it," he emphasized, underscoring Arsenal's ambition despite their injury setbacks. The Gunners hope for a quick recovery for Odegaard, who has been out since September. The Norwegian hinted in the matchday program that he's nearing a return, but Arteta cautioned, saying he's "still a bit far" from playing again. Reflecting on the challenging circumstances, Arteta remained determined. "This is football. Circumstances are going to make us better, they are making us better," he concluded, keeping a positive outlook as Arsenal look to navigate the season's physical demands.

## Shikhar Dhawan backs Rohit Sharma: 'A good captain is not just about wins and losses'

Former opener Shikhar Dhawan, while speaking to IndiaToday.in has backed Rohit Sharma, saying that it is unfair to judge the Indian captain after just one Test series loss to New Zealand. Dhawan said that captaincy is not just about wins or losses.

New Delhi. Rohit Sharma may have become the first India captain to lose a home Test series in 12 years, but his friend and former opening partner Shikhar Dhawan does not see the New Zealand loss as a point of concern. The former opener reckons questioning Rohit after just one series loss is unfair, especially when he led India to the ICC Men's T20 World Cup title triumph just six months ago."The pressure you all talk

about isn't something we feel. While there is pressure in the game, we don't dwell on losses or wins; that's part of the game," Dhawan told IndiaToday.in. "I feel that's neither a fair nor a practical approach toward anything," he added, defending his captain and close friend. Rohit's captaincy came under the scanner

during the first Test against New Zealand in Bengaluru, where he admitted to a significant misjudgement of pitch conditions. India suffered a historic collapse after Rohit decided to bat first in Bengaluru, bowled out for their lowest total (46) at home, and lost to New Zealand for the first time in 36 years. The series only grew more contentious when Rohit Sharma's cautious captaincy on Day 1 in Pune drew criticism from prominent voices in the cricketing world, including Sunil Gavaskar, Ravi Shastri, and Simon Doull. 'ROHIT IS A GREAT LEADER'

In Pune, the Indian captain's strategy of opening with spinners Ravichandran Ashwin and Washington Sundar seemed sensible on the turn-friendly track, but defensive field placements allowed New Zealand's batters to capitalize. This misstep

mirrored India's struggles in Bengaluru,

where New Zealand's pacers exploited the rain-affected pitch, taking 17 of the 20 Indian wickets and clinching an eightwicket victory. Pune's slow-turner, intended to give India an edge, instead played into New Zealand's hands as Mitchell Santner, leading a spin attack, claimed a ten-wicket haul across both innings to secure a series win for the visitors. After India's first series loss on home turf since 2012, Rohit Sharma joins an unwanted list with Kapil Dev as the only Indian captain in 41 years to lose three home Tests in a single calendar year. The parallels with Dev's 1983 struggles against the West Indies have heightened the

criticism. Dhawan, however, insists on taking a broader view of Rohit Sharma's leadership qualities, emphasizing that the connection he fosters with the team holds immeasurable value."As a cricketer, we don't think that way. And Rohit is a great leader; it's not just about winning and losing. There's a bond, the team's connection with its leader, and how much they look up to him," Dhawan added.

'INDIATO DO WELLINAUSTRALIA'

India's back-to-back losses to New Zealand have made their path to the World Test Championship (WTC) final steeper. To secure a place without relying on other results, India now need to win at least four of their remaining six Tests. This will be challenging as five of those matches are scheduled to take place in Australia, where the conditions favor the hosts.Further complicating matters, there is a strong possibility that captain Rohit Sharma may miss the opening one or two Tests of the Border-Gavaskar Trophy due to personal reasons. While the BCCI announced him as captain for the entire five-Test series, no official statement was made regarding his potential absence in the first Test.

## Red Bull boss Christian Horner coy on Sergio Perez racing beyond Brazilian GP

principal Christian Horner declined to confirm whether Sergio Perez would complete the Formula One season with the team after a disappointing outing at Perez's home race in Mexico City. Starting 18th, Perez's race quickly unravelled as he incurred a penalty for a false start and was later involved in multiple incidents that left his car damaged and ultimately in last place on the track.Adding to Red Bull's woes, Ferrari overtook them for

second place in the Constructors' Championship, despite Max Verstappen's strong lead in the drivers' standings. When pressed on Perez's future, Horner gave no assurances for the Mexican driver, who is under contract until 2025. Instead, Horner confirmed only that Perez would race in



header in the Americas, yet speculation at the Autodromo Hermanos Rodriguez hinted a potential change for Red Bull's lineup could be on the horizon for the season's last three races."You know, there comes a point in time that difficult decisions have to be made," said Horner. "We're now third in the constructors' championship."

Brazil next weekend, the final leg of a triple- Our determination is to try and get back into a

winning position but it's going to be a tall order over these next four races."Horner described Perez's weekend as "horrible," emphasising that nothing went his way."He knows Formula One is a results-based business and inevitably when you're not delivering then the spotlight is firmly on you."When questioned about Perez's seat security, Horner reiterated his statement, labeling the driver's recent performance as "under-performing" and noting that Red Bull continuously assesses team performance.

'As a team we need both cars scoring points and that's the nature of Formula One," he added."We're working with him as hard as we can to try and support him. I think we've done everything that we can to support Checo and we'll continue to do so in Brazil next weekend."But there comes apoint in time that you can only do so much.'

The Brazilian GP will take place on November

## U23 World Championship: Chirag Chikkara becomes 2nd Indian male wrestler to win gold

champion as India capped a rich haul of nine medals, including a gold and silver each, at

competing in the men's freestyle 57kg category, eked out a narrow 4-3 in the closing seconds of the final win over Abdymalik Karachov of Kyrgyzstan.He becomes the second Indian man, after Paris Olympics bronze medallist Aman Sehrawat, to win the gold at the U23 Championships.

Sehrawat had achieved the feat in the same category in the 2022 edition of the meet while Reetika Hooda had become the first Indian woman to bag a gold at the tournament when she won in the 76kg category last year.Ravi Kumar Dahiya had also won a silver in the U23 World

Championships in 2018. Chikkara reached the final after a series of dominant performances, defeating Gaukoto Ozawa 6-1 in the pre-quarterfinals, Iunus Iavbatirov 12-2 in the last eight stage and Allan Oralbek 8-0 in the semifinals. India's medal haul in

New Delhi. Chirag Chikkara became only the the men's freestyle category also included Championships silver medalist and two bronze medals, placing the nation fourth European junior champion Ivan in the team standings with 82 points, trailing Iran (158), Jpan (102), and Azerbaijan (100). the age group tournament hereChikkara, India also won two more bronze in men's



freestyle taking the country's medal count in the category to four that secured the nation a fourth place in the team rankings. Iran topped the team rankings with 158 points followed by Japan (102), Azerbaijan (100) and INida (82). Vicky defeated former U20 World Prymachenko of Ukraine with a convincing 7-2 margin to win bronze in the men's 97kg freestyle event. It is the highest weight

category at which India have medalled at this tournament. Vicky had defeated Merab Suleimanishvili of Georgia via fall in round of 16, Radu Lefter of Moldova 5-0 in quartefinal before losing to Mahdi Hajiloueian Morafah of Iran in semifinals. Having narrowly missed a final berth the other day, Sujeet Kalkal bounced back from being 0-4 down to beat Mustafo Akhmedov of Tajikistan 13-4 and win bronze in men's 70kg freestyle.Sujeet had beaten Georgi Antoanov Zhizgov 10-0 in round of 32, Tugsjargal Erdenebat 7-4 in prequarters, Narek Pohosian 6-1 before losing to eventual gold medallist

Magomed Basihr Khaniev 4-8 in the final seconds the semifinal. Abhishek Dhaka had earlier won a bronze as India finished with four medals (one gold and three bronze), bettering their previous year's performance where they had bagged two bronze in the freestyle category.

#### Formula One: Carlos Sainz wins Mexico GP as Max Verstappen gets penalised twice

New Delhi. Carlos Sainz clinched an emotional victory at the Mexico City Grand Prix, marking Ferrari's first win at the venue since 1990 and the fourth of his career. Meanwhile, Red Bull's Max Verstappen, who started on the front row with Sainz, encountered a challenging race. Verstappen received two 10-second penalties following aggressive encounters with McLaren's Lando Norris, who later criticised the Dutch driver as "dangerous" over team radio.Verstappen ultimately finished sixth, surrendering some ground in the championship, as Norris's second-place finish reduced Verstappen's lead to 47 points with just four races left. Ferrari's Charles Leclerc completed the podium, having initially run close to Sainz, but fell to third after Norris overtook him in the closing laps. Despite missing out on a Ferrari one-two, Leclerc secured an additional point for setting the fastest lap. The race saw Verstappen take the lead from Sainz on the long opening straight, but a safety car intervention after an opening-lap collision between Yuki Tsunoda and Alex Albon neutralised his advantage. Sainz reclaimed the lead soon after the restart, overtaking Verstappen with the help of DRS on lap nine. Verstappen's penalties, served on lap 27, pushed him back to 15th, forcing a fierce battle to recover places.

Mercedes drivers Lewis Hamilton and George Russell finished fourth and fifth, respectively, following a tense duel in the race's final stages. Kevin Magnussen of Haas achieved a solid seventh-place finish, followed by McLaren's Oscar Piastri in eighth and Haas teammate Nico Hulkenberg in ninth. Pierre Gasly of Alpine rounded out the top 10, bringing his team closer to seventh place in the Constructors' standings, currently held by Williams.Sergio Perez faced a disappointing home race. The Mexican Red Bull driver was penalised for a false start after lining up outside the designated grid box and ended up 17th after a series of on-track scuffles, including a  $collision\ with\ Liam\ Lawson\ that\ damaged\ his$ car.The crowd witnessed yet another captivating battle between Verstappen and Norris, as stewards took a strict stance after the previous weekend's controversies in Austin. The incident-packed race concluded with Sainz comfortably ahead of Norris by 4.7 seconds, while Leclerc trailed 34.3 seconds behind his Ferrari teammate. Aston Martin's Fernando Alonso was forced to retire on lap 15 due to cooling and brake issues in his milestone 400th Formula One

## MotoGP championship leader Jorge Martin uses Ganesha-inspired helmet for Thai GP

Jorge Martin paid tribute to Lord Ganesha with a special helmet at the Thai GP, where he finished second after a fierce contest with Francesco Bagnaia.

New Delhi. MotoGP championship leader Jorge Martin used a Lord Ganesha-inspired helmet for the Thai GP, where he finished second behind eventual winner



Francesco Bagnaia. Martin had revealed his new helmet a few days ahead of the race.Martin said that he wanted to make a tribute to the Hindu god and also revealed that he has a tattoo of Lord Ganesha on his shoulder as



well. The Spanish racer had said that he is hoping the new helmet would help him during the weekend."I wanted to make a tribute to Lord Ganesh, who is a Hindu god. I have a tattoo of him on my shoulder, I think it can help

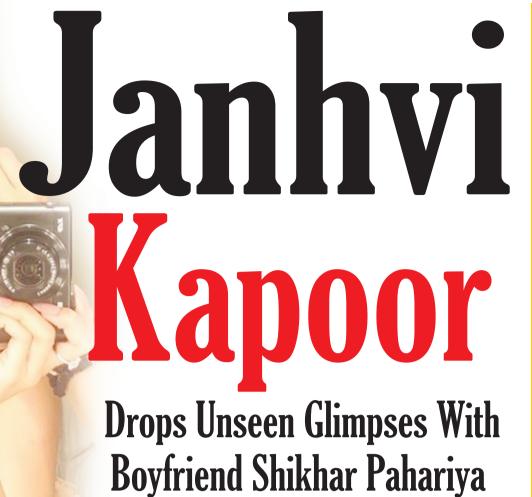
me during the weekend," said Martin.

On his Instagram profile, Martin would share a reel of the helmet with a caption reading,"Ganesha, is the god of wisdom, prosperity, luck, and the remover of obstacles. Here is my tribute," said

#### Martin. What happened in the Thai

GP In a masterful performance at a rain-soaked Buriram International Circuit, Ducati's Francesco Bagnaia triumphed at the Thailand Grand Prix, narrowing his championship deficit to Jorge

Martin to just 17 points. The reigning champion capitalized on mistakes made by Pramac Racing's Martin and Marc Marquez of Gresini Racing, securing his ninth victory of the season.Bagnaia started from pole position, but Martin surged ahead at the start, displaying his usual explosive acceleration into turn one. However, as the race progressed, Martin struggled with the slick track conditions, veering off course on lap five and relinquishing the lead to Bagnaia, who maintained a steady pace through the challenging conditions.Martin managed to recover to finish second, while rookie Pedro Acosta of GasGas Tech3 clinched an impressive third. Bagnaia's controlled ride in the wet kept him firmly in contention for the title, as he looks to close the gap in the final races of the season.Martin continues to lead the MotoGP standings, 17 points ahead of Bagnaia with the next race taking place in Malaysia from November 1-3.



Janhvi Kapoor is offering a glimpse into some pictures from her life, featuring special moments with her friends, from work, vacations and also with her beau Shikhar Pahariya. On Friday, Janhvi shared a carousel of pictures on her Instagram handle with the caption, "Mems that haven't made it to the gram," leaving fans happy and cheering for the actress. The post begins with a casual selfie of the Ulajh actor, showing her flaunting a no-makeup look for the camera. Next follows an adorable picture of Janhvi with pet dogs. Janhvi also uploaded an inside photo from Manish Malhotra's Diwali party with the likes of Pahariya, Karan Johar, Isha Ambani and Radhika Merchant, followed by other pictures with her friends.

Amid a couple of candid nature, food and furry friend glimpses, one that has caught everyone's attention the most is Janhvi's picture with her boyfriend Shikhar Pahariya, and

one of her pet dogs. The three of them could be seen sharing a charming moment, with Shikhar lovingly reaching out to caress the actress' hair. In the last picture, Janhvi was seen enjoying a horse ride, drawing attention from her BF, who commented, "Future polo champion in the making. Proud of you."It was not long ago when the actress turned heads with her special pendant, featuring the name 'Shiku' on it. While the couple is yet to officially announce their relationship, their public outings and



pictures already speak volumes about their romance. On Koffee with Karan 8, Janhvi revealed having Shikhar Pahariya's name on the speed dial alongside her father Boney Kapoor and sister Khushi Kapoor.

Janhvi Kapoor recently made her South debut with Jr NTR starrer Devara: Part 1. Also featuring Saif Ali Khan, the film is currently running in theatres and is close to surpassing the Rs 300-crore mark domestically. The movie is also expected to release on OTT soon.

The actress also has Sunny Sanskari Ki Tulsi Kumari with Varun Dhawan and RC16 with Ram

Charan in the pipeline.

# Alia Bhatt

## Shares Heartwarming Birthday Post For Her Mother Soni Razdan: 'The Centre Of Our Universe'

Soni Razdan has turned a year older, and the veteran actress is celebrating her 68th birthday today. Social media has been flooded with lovely wishes for her, and now her daughters Alia Bhatt and Shaheen Bhatt have also posted heartwarming wishes on social media. Meanwhile, Alia Bhatt's mother-in-law Neetu Kapoor also showered love on her 'samdhanji' on this special occasion. On Friday afternoon, Alia Bhatt took to her Instagram and shared two beautiful pictures with her mom Soni Razdan. Extending warm wishes on her birthday, the 'Jigra' actress wrote, "the centre of our universe – happy birthday mothership." Their special bond is quite evident in the pictures shared by Alia. The two pictures show Alia holding her mom close while posing for the pictures. The mother-daughter duo seems extremely happy, and their joyous pictures are absolutely unmissable. Check out Alia's post below.

As soon as Alia Bhatt shared the post, her sister-in-law Riddhima Kapoor Sahni dropped a comment that

read, "Soni aunty," along with a heart emoji. Meanwhile, Neetu Kapoor took to her Instagram stories, and shared a picture with Soni. Along with it, she wrote, "Happy birthday samdhanji."

Shaheen Bhatt also shared a sweet post for her mother. Dropping a series of their adorable pictures together, she wrote, "Happy Birthday to my mother from another mother, my bro, my vacation buddy, my favourite resident weirdo, and maker of the best scrambled eggs on earth. I love you @sonirazdan." Soni Razdan replied, "Ha ha thank you, darling. You forgot to mention my Mac and cheese but However, I shall proudly own the best scrambled eggs

compliment for now... till Christmas that



In other news, Alia Bhatt recently slammed claims that she had a botched Botox procedure. She also slammed a video and clickbait articles on the Internet, ridiculing her facial expressions. "Absolutely NO JUDGEMENT towards anyone who chooses cosmetic corrections or surgery-your body, your choice. But wow, this is beyond ridiculous! To the random video floating around literally claiming I've had Botox gone wrong (and to the numerous clickbait articles) – I have a "crooked smile" and a "weird way of speaking," according to YOU," wrote Alia. She wrote that these are false claims with zero proof.

Bollywood's Dream Girl Hema Malini Slays Airport Look, Greets Paps With A Bright Smile



Hema Malini, the Dream Girl of Indian cinema, needs no introduction. The actress has reigned over the entertainment industry for decades, not just with her acting chops but also undeniable beauty. Hema Malini has not faced the camera in a long time now, but she still has a permanent place in the hearts of the audience. Having said that, the actor-turned-politician was snapped at the airport recently, and she exuded nothing but sheer elegance. A video of her has surfaced on social media, and fans couldn't take their eyes off the beauty. Hema Malini wore an all-purple ethnic ensemble for her flight. The kurta featured an embroidered neckline and hem that rounded off the design elements, making her look prettiest as ever. She kept her dupatta on one shoulder allowing the embroidered neckline to attract the eyeballs.

As for accessories, she wore red bangles, a few rings and block slippers. She carried a small black bag to elevate her OOTD. Her tresses were left open in a side parting to round off her look. Her million-dollar smile as she stepped out of the car was the highlight of the day. Soon enough, fans chimed into the comment section, showering the beauty with admiration and praise. "Really dream girl," read a comment. Another wrote, "Lots of Love, Hema ji." A fan said, "Beautiful." "What a grace," a person remarked.

Hema Malini's journey in the lights-camera-action world began in 1961, showcasing her exceptional Bharatnatyam skills in a Tamil film. Later, she made her Bollywood debut in 1968 with Raj Kapoor's Sapno Ka Saudagar. However, her dual role in Seeta Aur Geeta catapulted her to stardom. Since then, her captivating performances continued in films like Amir Garib, Prem Nagar, Khushboo and Sanyasi. But her portrayal of the fiery Basanti in the cinematic masterpiece Sholay remains etched in the hearts of movie buffs. Beyond the silver screen, Hema Malini has served as a Member of Parliament in the Rajya Sabha from 2003 to 2009.

#### Sushant Singh Rajput Death: A Timeline Of Rhea Chakraborty's Online Trolling, Jail Time And Subsequent Bail



On Friday, Rhea Chakraborty found some closure in a four-year-long ordeal that she had been facing since the death of her boyfriend, actor Sushant Singh Rajput. The actor was found dead in June 2020, during the lockdowns, at his home in Mumbai. His death, ruled a suicide, became the center of a highly publicized legal and media storm, implicating Rhea and her family. She and her brother, Showik, were arrested in a narcotics case and faced scrutiny from multiple central agencies. This week, the Supreme Court dismissed the lookout circular (LOC) against her, marking a turning point in a journey fraught with legal battles and public vilification.

On June 14, 2020, the Hindi film industry was shaken by the news of Sushant Singh Rajput's death. The 34-year-old actor was found deceased in his Mumbai apartment, and the initial cause was reported as suicide. At that time, Rhea Chakraborty had been in a relationship with Sushant for about a year. She had lived with him until a week before his death, after which she moved back to her residence. The death of a young and promising actor during the COVID-19 lockdown attracted massive media attention and speculation, leading to a series of investigations.

#### July 2020: Abetment Of Suicide Case Filed Against Rhea

Sushant's family filed a case on July 25, 2020, accusing Rhea of abetment of suicide, wrongful restraint, wrongful confinement, theft, criminal breach of trust, and cheating. The FIR was lodged in Patna, Bihar, where Sushant's father lived. This case sparked intense public interest and media scrutiny, casting Rhea as a central figure in the narrative surrounding Sushant's death.

#### August 2020: Investigations By ED, CBI, And NCB

By August 2020, the case had grown beyond the initial allegations. The Enforcement Directorate (ED) launched an investigation into potential money laundering in connection to Sushant's death. Rhea and her brother were questioned by the ED on August 7. Soon after, on August 19, the Supreme Court transferred the investigation into Sushant's death to the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), taking it away from the Mumbai Police.

