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## NEWS BOX

### Canada is already examining tariffs on certain US items following Trump's tariff threat

**TORONTO.** Canada is already examining possible retaliatory tariffs on certain items from the United States should President-elect Donald Trump follow through on his threat to impose sweeping tariffs on Canadian products, a senior official said Wednesday.

Trump has threatened to impose tariffs on products from Canada and Mexico if the countries don't stop what he called the flow of drugs and migrants across southern and northern borders. He said he would impose a 25% tax on all products entering the U.S. from Canada and Mexico as one of his first executive orders.

But Trump posted Wednesday evening on Truth Social that he had a "wonderful conversation" with new Mexican President Claudia Sheinbaum and she "agreed to stop Migration through Mexico." "Mexico will stop people from going to our Southern Border, effective immediately. THIS WILL GO A LONG WAY TOWARD STOPPING THE ILLEGAL INVASION OF THE USA. Thank you!!!" Trump posted. It was unclear what impact the conversation will have on Trump's plan to impose tariffs.

In Canada, a government official said Canada is preparing for every eventuality and has started thinking about what items to target with tariffs in retaliation. The official stressed no decision has been made. The person spoke on condition of anonymity as they were not authorized to speak publicly.

When Trump imposed higher tariffs during his first term in office, other countries responded with retaliatory tariffs of their own. Canada, for instance, announced billions of new duties in 2018 against the U.S. in a tit-for-tat response to new taxes on Canadian steel and aluminum. Many of the U.S. products were chosen for their political rather than economic impact. For example, Canada imports \$3 million worth of yogurt from the U.S. annually and most comes from one plant in Wisconsin, home state of then-House Speaker Paul Ryan. That product was hit with a 10% duty.

### Complete loser in 2020, had no compassion': Millionaire Shark Tank judge's fiery remarks on Kamala Harris

**World.** Kevin O'Leary, millionaire investor and "Shark Tank" judge, launched a scathing attack against US Vice President Kamala Harris, calling her a "faultry and broken candidate" after her unsuccessful bid for the Oval office, New York Post reports. Speaking on CNN's 'NewsNight', O'Leary accused the Democratic Party of bypassing democratic process after it chose Harris as their nominee without holding a primary contest. "They made an excuse of \$317 million in the kitty. They kept the same campaign manager and said we will anoint this faulted, broken candidate who was inconsequential in her vice presidency," he said, seemingly calling Kamala incompetent.

"Lost in 2019. As you detailed, complete loser in 2020. Never could articulate anything. Had no compassion for people and her own advocates," he added, suggesting Harris has no regard for the American people. O'Leary also raised questions about the Democratic Party's internal decision-making process. In October, he mentioned reports that US representative Nancy Pelosi had urged Joe Biden to step aside, showing that there were doubts within the party about Harris' ability to lead.

"Only 90 days ago, Pelosi went to Biden and said, 'You need to step aside,' and convinced him to do so," he said. "He made the decision, and he did actually ask her, and we've now learned this, 'Is she the right person to drive this home?'" He questioned that, O'Leary added. O'Leary expressed frustration with the Democrats' carelessness in not conducting a formal process for candidate selection.

"Biden could have said, 'We need to run a process in order for me to make this move,' but they decided not to. I don't know who 'they' is. Was it [Barack] Obama? Was it Pelosi? I don't care who it was," he said.

### He's trying to kill me!': Florida man charged with murder after beating golfer to death

**World.** A 36-year-old man faces a first-degree murder charge after police say he beat a golfer to death with the victim's clubs at a local golf course, USA Today reports. The attack happened Monday afternoon at Sandhill Crane Golf Club, northwest of West Palm Beach. Police identified the suspect as Junior Boucher and the victim as 65-year-old Brian Hildebeitel. Witnesses told police Boucher hit Hildebeitel with a golf club near the first hole. He then chased Hildebeitel to a pond. The attack continued in the water. Witnesses heard Hildebeitel yell, "He's trying to kill me!" Police say Boucher choked Hildebeitel before leaving the pond and walking, half-naked, toward a wooded area. Officers arrived shortly after and found Hildebeitel's body in the pond. Despite efforts to revive him, he was pronounced dead at the scene. Boucher was soon spotted fleeing the area and was arrested after police used an electronic control device to subdue him. Palm Beach Gardens police officer Javier Garcia told USA Today that authorities are still investigating the case, saying, "Detectives have not discovered a motive as of yet, as this appears to have been a random act of violence." Officers used an "electronic control device" to arrest Boucher before taking him to a hospital for a medical check-up. He was then transported to jail, where he remains without bond. Boucher, a West Palm Beach resident, refused to speak with detectives without an attorney present. He is set to appear in court on December 26 to face the murder charge.

## White House pressing Ukraine to draft 18-year-olds so it has enough troops to battle Russia

**WASHINGTON.** President Joe Biden's administration is urging Ukraine to quickly increase the size of its military by drafting more troops and revamping its mobilization laws to allow for the conscription of those as young as 18.

A senior Biden administration official, who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss the private consultations, said Wednesday that the outgoing Democratic administration wants Ukraine to lower the mobilization age to 18 from the current age of 25 to expand the pool of fighting-age men available to help a badly outnumbered Ukraine in its nearly three-year-old war with Russia. The official said "the pure math" of Ukraine's situation now is that it needs more troops in the fight. Currently, Ukraine is not mobilizing or training enough soldiers to replace its battlefield losses while keeping pace with Russia's growing military, the official added. The White House has pushed more than \$56 billion in security assistance to Ukraine since the start of Russia's February 2022 invasion and expects to send billions more

to Kyiv before Biden leaves office in less than months. But with time running out, the Biden White House is also sharpening its viewpoint that Ukraine has the weaponry it needs and now must dramatically increase its troop levels if it's going to stay in the fight with Russia. White House National Security Council spokesman Sean Savett in a statement said the administration will continue sending Ukraine weaponry but believes "manpower is the most vital need" Ukraine has at the moment. "So, we're also ready to ramp up our training capacity if they take appropriate steps to fill out their ranks," Savett said. The Ukrainians have said they need about 160,000 additional troops to keep up with its battlefield needs, but the U.S. administration believes they probably will need more than that.

More than 1 million Ukrainians are now in uniform, including the National Guard and other units. Ukrainian President Volodymyr



Zelenskyy has been hearing concerns from allies in other Western capitals as well that Ukraine has a troop level problem and not an arms problem, according to European officials who requested anonymity to discuss the sensitive diplomatic conversations. The European allies have stressed that the lack of depth means that it may soon become untenable for Ukraine to continue to operate in Russia's Kursk

border region. The situation in Kursk has become further complicated by the arrival of thousands of North Korean troops, who have come to help Moscow try to claw back the land seized in a Ukrainian incursion this year.

The stepped-up push on Ukraine to strengthen its fighting ranks comes as Ukraine braces for President-elect Donald Trump to take office on Jan. 20. The Republican said he would bring about a swift end to the war and has raised uncertainty about whether his administration would continue the vital U.S. military support for Ukraine. "There are no easy answers to Ukraine's serious manpower shortage, but lowering the draft age would help," said Bradley Bowman, senior director of the Center on Military and Political Power at the Foundation for Defense of Democracies. "These are obviously difficult decisions for a government and society that has already endured so much due to Russia's invasion."

## President-elect Donald Trump's team reports bomb threats to cabinet nominees

**WASHINGTON.** Several members of Donald Trump's incoming administration have received threats including bomb alerts, a spokeswoman for the president-elect said Wednesday.

"Last night and this morning, several of President Trump's Cabinet nominees and Administration appointees were targeted in violent, un-American threats to their lives and those who live with them," said transition team spokeswoman Karoline Leavitt in a statement. Without saying who was targeted, Leavitt said these incidents ranged from bomb threats to "swatting," the practice in which police are summoned urgently to someone's house under false pretenses. The FBI said in a statement that it is "aware of numerous bomb threats and swatting incidents targeting incoming administration nominees and appointees, and we are working with our law enforcement partners. We take all potential threats seriously, and as always, encourage members of the public to immediately report anything



they consider suspicious to law enforcement." Elise Stefanik, a Trump loyalist congresswoman tapped to be UN ambassador, said her residence in New York was targeted in a bomb threat. In a statement she said she and husband and small son were driving home from Washington for the Thanksgiving holiday when they learned of the threat. In Florida, meanwhile, the Okaloosa County sheriff's office said in an advisory posted on Facebook that it "received notification of a bomb threat referencing former Congressman Matt Gaetz's supposed mailbox at a home in the Niceville area around 9 a.m. this

morning." While a family member resides at the address, they said "former Congressman Gaetz is NOT a resident." The mailbox however was cleared and no devices were located. The immediate area was also searched with negative results. "Gaetz was Trump's initial pick to serve as attorney general, but he withdrew from consideration amid allegations that he paid women for sex and slept with underage women. Gaetz has vehemently denied any wrongdoing and said last year that a Justice Department investigation into sex trafficking allegations involving underage girls had ended with no federal charges against him. As he prepares to return to the White House in January, Trump has already swiftly assembled a cabinet of loyalists, including several criticized for severe lack of experience. The Republican, who appears set to avoid trial on criminal prosecutions related to attempts to overthrow his 2020 election loss, was wounded in the ear in July in an assassination attempt.

## Hindu American groups seek sanctions against Bangladesh over attacks on minorities

**WASHINGTON.** Condemning attacks on minorities in Bangladesh, several Hindu American groups have sought that US aid for the South Asian country be made contingent on its government taking measurable action to protect these populations. Bangladesh's minority Hindus, which constitute only about 8 percent of the 170 million population, have faced over 200 attacks in 50-odd districts since the fall of Sheikh Hasina's Awami League government on August 5.

Things took a turn for the worse this week after Hindu spiritual leader Chinnimoy Krishna Das was arrested in a sedition case. He was later denied bail by a court, triggering protests by community members in various locations, including the capital Dhaka and the port city of Chattogram. Das was a member of the International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON) and was recently expelled. Vishva Hindu Parishad America (VHPA) president Ajay Shah said the news of Das' arrest, vandalism of Kali Mandir in Chittagong and the rising attacks on Hindus across Bangladesh are disconcerting. "Is this the human rights legacy the Biden administration wants to be remembered for," he asked. VHPA general secretary Amitabh Mittal said, "The silence of global media regarding the ongoing atrocities against minorities in Bangladesh is deafening. The recent arrest of an ISKCON priest and the violent attacks on Hindu temples underscore the



alarming rise in religious intolerance." These incidents are part of a "broader pattern of discrimination", he alleged. "The lack of international condemnation only further emboldens the perpetrators and threatens the safety and freedom of minority communities in Bangladesh," Mittal said.

In an open letter to President-elect Donald Trump, Hindus for America First (HFAF) recommended halting US funding for projects in Bangladesh tied to Beijing's ambitions and prioritising initiatives that benefit America and its allies directly. "Hindu, Buddhist, and Christian communities in Bangladesh have faced systemic violence and discrimination. We humbly ask that your administration make US aid contingent on the Bangladeshi government taking measurable action to protect these populations.

## US sanctions Venezuela security chiefs for crackdown

**WASHINGTON.** The United States slapped sanctions on 21 top Venezuelan security and cabinet officials Wednesday, accusing them of a campaign of repression after President Nicolas Maduro's bitterly contested July reelection. The fresh measures come after Washington and the G7 said they recognized opposition candidate Edmundo Gonzalez Urrutia as president-elect, amid accusations of fraud against Maduro. "Maduro and his representatives' repressive actions in the wake of the Venezuelan presidential election are a desperate attempt to silence the voices of its citizens," Bradley Smith, the acting under secretary of the Treasury Department, said in a statement. Fifteen leaders of the Venezuelan security apparatus are among those hit by an asset freeze, including the heads of the intelligence service, military counterintelligence service, the national guard and the police. The sanctions also target the Venezuelan communications minister and the head of the prison service.

"All of these entities are part of Maduro's security apparatus and are responsible for violently repressing peaceful protesters and carrying out arbitrary detention," a senior US administration official told reporters. The US Treasury said Venezuelan security forces had



also issued an "unjustified arrest warrant" for Urrutia, forcing him to flee to Spain. At the same time, the US State Department said it was expanding visa restrictions on Maduro's allies. "Maduro's security apparatus has engaged in widespread abuses, including killings, repression, and mass

detention of protestors," the State Department said in a statement. In September, the United States announced sanctions against 16 Venezuelan officials over alleged election fraud. They included senior figures in the Venezuelan electoral council and Supreme Court, with the US Treasury saying at the time that they "impeded a transparent electoral process and the release of accurate election results."

Maduro claimed victory in the election and defied intense domestic and international pressure to release detailed polling numbers to back up the assertion. Amid an outcry at home and abroad, the former bus driver handpicked by the late authoritarian strongman Hugo Chavez is now serving his third term.

But the oil-rich country's economy is in shambles, as Venezuelans endure acute shortages of food, medicine and other basic goods.

## Trump after years of turbulent ties with US president-elect

### The tech CEO has been seeking to change his company's perception on the right following a rocky relationship with Trump.

**FORT LAUDERDAL.** Donald Trump dined on Wednesday with Meta CEO Mark Zuckerberg at the president-elect's Mar-a-Lago club in Florida, bringing together the Facebook founder and the former president who was once banned from that social network. Stephen Miller, who has been appointed deputy chief of staff for Trump's second term, said Zuckerberg, like other business leaders, wants to support Trump's economic plans. The tech CEO has been seeking to change his company's

perception on the right following a rocky relationship with Trump. "Mark, obviously, he has his own interest, and he has his own company and he has his own agenda," Miller said in an interview on Fox News about the meeting. "But he's made clear that he wants to support the national renewal of America under Trump's leadership."

A spokesperson for Meta confirmed that Zuckerberg and Trump met on Wednesday, saying he was invited for dinner with the president-elect and other members of his team to talk about the incoming administration. Trump was kicked off Facebook following the January 6, 2021 attack on the US Capitol. The company restored his account in early 2023. During the 2024 campaign, Zuckerberg did not endorse a candidate for president. He has since taken a more positive stance toward Trump. Earlier this year, Zuckerberg praised Trump's response



to his first assassination attempt, calling it "badass." Zuckerberg also complained that senior Biden administration officials pressured Facebook to censor some COVID-19 content during the pandemic. Still, Trump in recent months had continued

to attack Zuckerberg publicly. In July, he posted a message on his own social network Truth Social threatening to send election fraudsters to prison in part by citing a nickname he used for the Meta CEO. "ZUCKERBUCKS, be careful!" Trump wrote. The Thanksgiving eve visit also comes as tech mogul Elon Musk has become more influential in Trump's Make America Great Again movement, contributing an estimated USD 200 million through his political action committee to help elect Trump. Musk is the billionaire owner of the X social network, a competitor to Meta. Musk has spent considerable time at Mar-a-Lago since the election, and Trump selected him to lead an outside advisory panel known as the 'Department of Government Efficiency' (DOGE) to identify waste with Vivek Ramaswamy, a venture capitalist and former GOP presidential candidate.

## Ajmer Court Issues Notices Over Petition Claiming 'Shiva Temple' Inside Moinuddin Chishti Dargah

**RNS I Ajmer:** A court in Rajasthan has issued notices to the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) and the Centre following a petition alleging the existence of a Shiva temple within the dargah of Sufi saint Moinuddin Chishti in Ajmer. The petition, filed in September, seeks permission to allow worship at the site again. Advocate Yogesh Siroja, representing the petitioner, confirmed that Civil Judge Manmohan Chandel has directed notices to the Ajmer Dargah Committee, the Ministry of Minority Affairs, and the ASI office in New Delhi, seeking their responses. The petition has sparked controversy and is drawing attention to similar disputes at other religious sites in India, including those in Varanasi, Mathura, and the Bhojshala in Dhar. These cases have brought into question the intersection of religious sites and historical claims, igniting debates over the coexistence of



different religious symbols and structures at shared locations. The court's order follows recent violent clashes in Sambhal, Uttar Pradesh, where four people were killed and many others injured after a local court ordered a survey at a mosque, with petitioners claiming that the mosque had been built over a pre-existing temple. In the Ajmer case, the petitioner's counsel, Ramswaroop Bishnoi, referenced a 1911

book titled Ajmer: Historical and Descriptive by retired judge Harvilas Sharda. The book claims that debris from a Hindu temple was used in the construction of the dargah. It further mentions that a sanctum or basement inside the dargah housed a Shiva Lingam, which had been worshipped by a Brahmin family. The book also notes the presence of remnants from a Jain temple incorporated into the dargah's structure, including

elements of temple debris used in the construction of its iconic 75-feet-tall buland darwaza. The case is likely to have wider implications for similar ongoing disputes across the country, with the court's next hearing scheduled for December 20. The outcome of this case will be closely monitored as it could set a significant precedent in the ongoing debate surrounding religious heritage sites.

## India tests 3,500 km K-4 nuclear-capable missile from INS Arighaat



**RNS I New Delhi:** India has successfully test-fired the K-4 submarine-launched ballistic missile (SLBM), which has a range of 3,500 kilometers, from its newly inducted nuclear submarine, INS Arighaat. The test was conducted on Wednesday, as reported by ANI on Thursday, citing defense sources. According to the report, the missile was fired from INS Arighaat, and the results are currently under analysis. The submarine is operated by the Strategic Forces Command of the Indian

Navy. This test marks a significant advancement in India's nuclear deterrence strategy. INS Arighaat, the country's second nuclear-powered ballistic missile submarine, was commissioned in August during a ceremony in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh, attended by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh. The successful test of the K-4 missile further strengthens India's defense capabilities, underscoring its growing prowess in submarine-based nuclear deterrence.

## Hemant Soren Takes Oath as 14th Chief Minister of Jharkhand



**Ranchi:** Hemant Soren was sworn in as the 14th Chief Minister of Jharkhand on Thursday, marking the beginning of his second consecutive term. This also marks his fourth debut as Chief Minister of the state. The oath-taking ceremony took place at Morabadi Ground in Ranchi, where Soren took the oath alone. The expansion of the state cabinet is expected to take place at a later date. The event was attended by several prominent political leaders from across the country. Key figures included Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge, Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi, NCP President Sharad Pawar, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, and former Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, who is also the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) President. Other notable attendees included Samajwadi Party President Akhilesh Yadav, Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K. Sangma, Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann, Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu, and CPI(M) General Secretary Dipankar Bhat-tacharya.

The ceremony also saw the presence of several key political figures, including Uddhav Thackeray, President of Shiv Sena (Uddhav), former Jammu and Kashmir CM Mehbooba Mufti, Tamil Nadu Deputy Chief Minister Uday Stalin, Karnataka Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar, Leader of Opposition in the Bihar Assembly Tejashwi Yadav, former Delhi Deputy CM Manish Sisodia, Bihar MP Pappu Yadav, and AAP Rajya Sabha MP Sanjay Singh. Soren's re-election comes at a time of political significance, with a host of regional leaders coming together to show solidarity and support for his leadership in Jharkhand.

## Priyanka Gandhi Sworn in as Lok Sabha MP, Begins Parliamentary Journey



**New Delhi:** Congress General Secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra took her oath as a Member of Parliament (MP) on Thursday, officially marking her debut in the Lok Sabha. Priyanka was elected from Kerala's Wayanad constituency, which had gone to a bypoll on November 13. The oath ceremony was attended by her family, including mother Sonia Gandhi, brother Rahul Gandhi, husband Robert Vadra, and children Raihan and Miraya Vadra. Priyanka won the Wayanad seat with a commanding lead of 4,10,931 votes, securing a decisive victory over CPI's Sathyan Mokeri in a three-way contest that also saw BJP's Navya Haridas in the race. The seat became available after her brother, Rahul Gandhi, resigned from it following his win in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, where he retained his constituency of Rae Bareilly. This marked a return to form for Rahul, who had faced a tough defeat in Amethi in 2019 before Wayanad served as a political lifeline for him. With this win, Priyanka Gandhi Vadra officially enters the parliamentary arena, further strengthening the Gandhi family's presence in Indian politics.

## Loyabab Celebrates Martyrdom Day of Shakti Nath Mahato



**Loyabab:** The 47th martyrdom day of Shahid Shakti Nath Mahato, a revered leader of coal belt laborers, was commemorated with solemnity and reverence at Tata Sijua No. 12. Family members, local leaders, and citizens paid their respects at the life-size statue of the martyr, including newly elected MLAs Chandradev Mahato (Sindri) and Jairam Mahato (Dumri), Zila Parishad Chairman Sharda Singh, and other political figures. Speaking at the event, Jairam Mahato remarked that the labor rights for which Shakti Nath Mahato laid down his life remain unfulfilled. He emphasized that despite the passage of decades, workers in the coal belt continue to face exploitation, underlining the unchanged plight of laborers. Mahato also criticized the current state government, noting that the same regime now in power continues to overlook the oppression of laborers, poor, tribal, and Dalit communities. He called for the realization of Shakti Nath Mahato's dream of justice and rightful opportunities for Jharkhand's exploited laborers.

## Kanpur Madrasa Yields Skeleton of Missing Boy, Investigation Underway

**Kanpur:** A chilling discovery was made at a closed madrasa in Kanpur, where the skeleton of an 11-year-old child was found in a locked building that had been shut for four years. The madrasa, which had been closed since the pandemic, is now the focus of a police investigation. Authorities are struggling to identify the remains, as the skeleton appears to be old. Adding to the mystery, a blackboard inside the madrasa bears the date "May 20, 2023," despite the madrasa being closed. A woman has come forward suspecting the skeleton may be her missing son, Wahid Ali, who disappeared in August 2023. She recognized his clothing, a T-shirt and shorts, found with the remains. A DNA test has been ordered to confirm the identity. The madrasa building, which has a locked iron gate and chain, contains a classroom where the skeleton was discovered, in a room next to a kitchen. Neighbors believe the smell from nearby forests, where discarded items and dead animals

## IIT-ISM Dhanbad Flags Off Yuva Sangam (Phase V) Cultural and Educational Trip



**Dhanbad:** A group of 45 students from various districts of Jharkhand were flagged off for the Yuva Sangam (Phase V) cultural and educational trip to Uttarakhand by IIT-ISM Dhanbad. The flag-off ceremony took place at the Golden Jubilee Lecture Theatre, led by Professor Sukumar Mishra, and was attended by faculty, staff, and distinguished guests. The selected students, accompanied by six coordinators, including faculty and staff, will embark on a journey to explore Uttarakhand's scenic beauty and cultural heritage. The itinerary includes visits to Bhagwanpur, SIDCUL, Haridwar, Rishikesh, Patanjali Village, Kotdwar, Lansdowne, and Dehradun. During the ceremony, Professor Sukumar Mishra emphasized the program's aim to provide youth with the opportunity to experience the diverse cultures and traditions of India. He encouraged the students to actively engage with the local culture and language, noting that the youth are the driving force behind the nation's progress. Professor Sanjeev Anand Sahu, Jharkhand Coordinator for Yuva Sangam Phase V and faculty member from the Department of Mathematics and Computing, expressed that the selected students were fortunate to immerse themselves in Uttarakhand's rich traditions. The ceremony was also attended by Professor MK Singh, Dean of Academics; Professor SK Kumar, Dean of Student Welfare; and Shri Prabodh Pandey, Registrar of IIT-ISM, who presented the students with caps as a symbol of recognition.

The group will travel by train from Dhanbad to Uttarakhand, where they will visit key sites, including an industrial visit to Bhagwanpur and SIDCUL on November 30, followed by spiritual explorations of Haridwar and Rishikesh, and visits to Kotdwar and Lansdowne. The trip will conclude in Dehradun on December 3, with the return journey to Dhanbad scheduled for December 5.

## Police Inaugurate Library in Naxal-Hit Chhakarbandha to Empower Students



**Gaya:** In a move to counter Naxal influence and promote education in Gaya district's Chhakarbandha village, Bihar, the police inaugurated a new library at the Naxal police station on Thursday. Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Ashish Bharti led the initiative, which aims to provide local students with resources to study for exams from high school to competitive levels like BPSC and UPSC. The library is open to all students, including children of former Naxalites, providing them a safe space to study and integrate into mainstream society. SSP Bharti stressed the importance of education in breaking the cycle of violence and building a better future for the youth. The event also included a health check-up camp, blanket distribution, and rewards for top-performing students. Bicycles were given to the best students, and sewing machines were distributed to girls. A Kabaddi competition was held to encourage local athletes. Chhakarbandha, once plagued by Naxal activity, is now seeing improvements in infrastructure, bringing hope for a brighter future for its residents.

## Iron ore production grows 4.1% to 158.4 MT

**New Delhi:** Iron ore production has registered a growth of 4.1 per cent from April to October in the financial year 2024-25. Ministry of Mines said that the production of iron ore increased to 158.4 million metric tonnes as compared to 152.1 million metric tonnes during the same period last financial year. The production of manganese ore has risen by 11.1 per cent to 2.0 million metric tonnes from April to October 2024-25, compared to the corresponding period of the previous year.

## Beware! catch the stone pelters and get rewarded...



**Lucknow:** The bad days of stone pelters have begun during the survey of Jama Masjid in Sambhal. The Yogi government has started putting up posters of the stone pelters at crossroads and public places, offering rewards to those who help in capturing them. During the second phase of the survey, which was carried out after the claim that there was a temple in Jama Masjid, posters of 250 accused involved in spreading violence were issued by the police. These posters are being circulated on social media and also being pasted in the city and other public places. Those who provide information leading to their identification will be rewarded, and their names will be kept confidential. Additionally, more than a dozen teams have been formed to arrest the rioters who fled after the unrest, and these teams have been sent to nearby areas, including Delhi and Uttarakhand. The data of the 27 people who have already been sent to jail is also being examined. According to Sambhal Police Superintendent Krishna Kumar Vishnoi, strict action is being prepared against those responsible for the violence during the survey at Jama Masjid. Charges such as rioting, along with actions under the National Security Act (NSA), will be filed against them. Most of the individuals involved in stone pelting, arson, and firing have been captured by drone cameras and CCTV cameras outside shops. The footage has already been retrieved, and their posters have been prepared. Anyone who provides information about them will be rewarded by the police. Some women were also captured on camera while pelting stones, and action will also be taken against them.

## CSIR-NML Celebrates 75th Anniversary with Platinum Jubilee Expo for Students

**Jamshedpur:** CSIR-National Metallurgical Laboratory (NML) in Jamshedpur marked its 75th year of excellence in scientific research by organizing a special Platinum Jubilee Expo for students and educators. The event aimed to showcase the lab's contributions to innovation and technology development over the years. A total of 234 students and faculty members from various educational institutions attended the expo. The group included 180 students from PM SHRI Kendriya Vidyalaya, Tatanagar, 27 from Bhawanipur Education Society College,



Kolkata, 6 from NIT Jamshedpur, and 21 from Srinath University, Jamshedpur. The event commenced with an inaugural session, where Dr. Sandip Ghosh Chowdhury, Director of CSIR-NML, delivered a welcome address. He spoke about the significant contributions of CSIR-NML to

India's technological advancement over the last 75 years. Following the opening address, students interacted with scientists and engaged in discussions about the laboratory's ongoing research and development activities. The visit included firsthand demonstrations of various scientific innovations. The event was well-received, with students and teachers expressing their appreciation for the valuable insights gained during the visit. They left with a deeper understanding of the importance of research in shaping the nation's progress.

## India Faces Rs 11,333 Crore Losses from Cyber Fraud in 2024

**New Delhi:** India has incurred a staggering Rs 11,333 crore in losses due to cyber fraud in the first nine months of 2024, according to data from the Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C) under the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA). Stock trading scams topped the list, with 228,094 complaints resulting in losses of Rs 4,636 crore. Investment frauds followed closely, causing a total of Rs 3,216 crore in losses from 100,360 complaints. "Digital arrest" scams, which continue to rise, led to damages of Rs 1,616 crore across 63,481 cases, as reported by The Indian Express. The Citizen Financial Cyber Fraud Reporting and Management System (CF-CFRMS) also revealed a sharp increase in cyber fraud cases, with nearly 12 lakh complaints registered



in 2024 alone. Alarmingly, 45% of these frauds were traced to Southeast Asian countries, including Cambodia, Myanmar, and Laos. Since its launch in 2021, the CFCFRMS has recorded 3,005 million complaints, resulting in cumulative losses of Rs 27,914 crore. The system showed a rise in complaints each year, with 1.13 million cases in 2023, 514,741 in 2022, and 135,242 in 2021. In response to growing concerns over digital fraud, Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the issue during the 115th episode of his Mann Ki Baat radio programme. He specifically warned against "digital arrest" scams, clarifying that no government agency conducts investigations via phone or video calls. "There is no system like digital arrest under the law," he emphasized, urging citizens to remain vigilant and report any suspicious activities.

# BJP To Keep Half Maharashtra Cabinet, Shinde Sena May Get Consolation Deal

**Mumbai:** The BJP will likely give 12 Maharashtra cabinet berths, including three big-ticket portfolios, to the Eknath Shinde-led Shiv Sena to make up for the Chief Minister post, according to sources. The Ajit Pawar-led NCP, the third party in the Mahayuti alliance, may get nine seats in the cabinet, the sources added. Maharashtra can have a maximum of 43 ministers, including the Chief Minister, and the BJP is likely to keep half of the berths to itself. Mr Shinde, who has grudgingly accepted the BJP's decision to name the Chief Minister from its ranks, is likely to get three key ministries -- Urban Development, Public Works Department and Water Resources. NDTV had earlier reported that the new Chief Minister will be from the BJP and two Deputy Chief Ministers -- one each from Sena and NCP -- may be named. Ajit Pawar, sources have said, has told his party leaders that the swearing-in ceremony could be held this weekend.

**Shinde Caves In, Team Thackeray Responds**  
After days of political posturing by Sena leaders, Mr Shinde yesterday announced that his party would support the decision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah on the next Maharashtra Chief Minister. He said he would not be an



## Devendra Fadnavis The Frontrunner

While the BJP is yet to announce its Chief Minister choice, Devendra Fadnavis, the tallest party leader in the state and a former Chief Minister, is the frontrunner. The Nagpur South-West MLA is considered one of the key architects of the Mahayuti victory in this election. When the rebellion led by Mr Shinde brought down the Uddhav Thackeray government, Mr Fadnavis had agreed, though reluctantly, to be Number 2 even though the BJP was the bigger partner in the alliance.

Against this backdrop, BJP workers want him as a Chief Minister this time for leading the BJP to its best show in Maharashtra. NCP, too, has reportedly endorsed Mr Fadnavis as a Chief Minister. The BJP, meanwhile, is also looking to balance caste equations. Home Minister Amit Shah met senior BJP leader Vinod Tawde to understand if the replacement of Mr Shinde with Mr Fadnavis will rile up the Maratha community. While Mr Shinde is a Maratha, Mr Fadnavis is a Brahmin. Earlier, during the community's agitation for reservation, Maratha leader Manoj Jarange-Patil had called Mr Fadnavis a "Maratha-hater". The BJP, it appears, wants to iron out all doubts before making a formal announcement.

"obstacle". The grandstanding apart, Mr Shinde does not have much leverage to push for the top post. The BJP has won 132 seats and the NCP has reportedly thrown its weight behind the big brother. This means it does not need Mr Shinde's support to reach the majority mark in the 288-seat Assembly. As it becomes clear that the BJP will claim the Chief Minister post, Shiv Sena (UBT) has taken digs at Mr Shinde, whose rebellion split the Sena and toppled the Uddhav Thackeray government. Party leader Ambadas Danve told PTI that the BJP takes decisions independently and Mr Shinde cannot pressure it. Earlier, Sena (UBT) MP Sanjay Raut said Mr Shinde has served his purpose in the Mahayuti and the BJP won't give him the Chief Minister post.

# Chandrababu Naidu aims to make Andhra Pradesh global maritime hub

**New Delhi.** Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu has directed officials to transform the state into a global maritime hub by leveraging its 1,053-km coastline, the longest in the country. He urged officials to draft a comprehensive maritime policy that can unlock the state's coastal potential and drive sustainable economic growth. During a review meeting on Wednesday, Naidu stressed that Andhra Pradesh must aim to become a world-class maritime state by developing infrastructure that supports port-led industrialization. He highlighted the importance of creating high-capacity ports using a hub-and-spoke model, which would link port areas with industrial corridors and boost connectivity across sectors like tourism, industries, and infrastructure. Officials briefed the Chief Minister on the proposed maritime policy, which focuses on four key areas: port development, the establishment of ship-building and repair clusters, the growth of maritime-related industries, and the development of areas surrounding ports. Naidu directed them to prioritise partnerships with global companies to set up ship-building and repair units and integrate green energy and tourism initiatives within the maritime sector. He also emphasized the importance of skill development, proposing the establishment of a maritime university in the state and partnerships with institutions like the Indian Maritime University and IITs.

These collaborations, he said, would not only enhance research capabilities but also sharpen the skills of the state's youth. Naidu called for radical reforms in governance, particularly in arbitration and dispute resolution mechanisms, to attract investments and ensure efficient management of maritime projects. Strengthening the Andhra Pradesh Maritime Board, he added, is essential to



achieving these ambitious goals. The officials informed the Chief Minister that Andhra Pradesh currently ranks second in the country in handling non-major port cargo, with a 16% growth in export-import (EXIM) trade. The state also secured the top position in seafood exports last year, recording a 32% growth. Andhra Pradesh currently has one major port in Visakhapatnam, five operational non-major ports, and four greenfield ports under construction, with seven more ports already notified for development.

# Foreign Minister S Jaishankar To Brief Parliament On Bangladesh Crisis

**Unrest continues in Bangladesh following the student-led rebellion in August of this year, which forced then Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina to quit and flee to India.**

**New Delhi:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi met Foreign Minister S Jaishankar Thursday to discuss attacks on religious minorities, including Hindus, in neighbouring Bangladesh. This includes the arrest this week of Chinmoy Krishna Das Brahmachari and the vandalism of a temple in Chattogram district. Following his meeting with the PM, Mr Jaishankar is expected to address both Houses Parliament tomorrow, assuming proceedings are not disrupted by the opposition. His remarks will come as unrest continues in Bangladesh following the student-led rebellion in August of this year, which forced then Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina to quit



and flee to India. The Bangladeshi Army took control, briefly, of the country's government before an interim administration, headed by Nobel laureate Mohd Yunus, took charge in August. However, it has been accused of failing to reign in the attacks on Hindus

and other minority communities. Since then, there have been "multiple attacks on Hindus, and other minorities, by extremist elements", the External Affairs Ministry said Tuesday after Chinmoy Brahmachari was arrested. There are several documented cases of arson and looting of minorities' homes and business establishments, as well as theft and vandalism and desecration of deities and temples," the ministry said. The Yunus government has reaffirmed "in the strongest terms" that every Bangladeshi, regardless of their religious identity, has the "right to establish, maintain or perform respective religious rituals and practices or express views without hindrance."

# In Candid Moment, Brother Rahul Gandhi Clicks Priyanka Gandhi

**Ms Vadra was elected as the MP from Kerala's Wayanad in the recently concluded bypolls.**

**New Delhi:** In a heart-warming moment, Rae Bareilly MP Rahul Gandhi stopped to click a picture of his sister and Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra as she entered the Parliament building for the first time as a Lok Sabha member. Ms Vadra was elected as the MP from Kerala's Wayanad in the recently concluded bypolls. She made her political debut from the constituency after Mr Gandhi vacated the seat, choosing to retain family bastion Rae Bareilly in Uttar Pradesh in the Lok Sabha elections. Her debut into the electoral fray comes 20 years after she campaigned for Sonia Gandhi in Rae Bareilly and Rahul Gandhi in Amethi during the 2004 Lok Sabha elections. Wearing an off-white saree with a golden border and holding



the Constitution booklet, which has become a familiar sight in this Parliament session after Rahul Gandhi and other MPs of the INDIA bloc started carrying it, Priyanka Gandhi was greeted with loud cheers and chants of Bharat Jodo as she took the oath. With Ms Vadra's entry in the Lok Sabha, the three Gandhis, including Rahul Gandhi and their mother Sonia Gandhi, are now Members of Parliament. Ms Sonia Gandhi is currently serving as a Rajya Sabha MP. In the Parliament today, chaos erupted over a multitude of issues soon after Ms Vadra and Nanded MP Ravindra Chavan were sworn in. Thursday was the second consecutive day that both Houses were adjourned amid Opposition din.

# Uddhav Thackeray To Ditch Congress After Maharashtra Defeat? What Reports Say

**New Delhi:** Five days after the devastating defeat of the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) in Maharashtra Assembly elections, murmurs are rising from within the Uddhav Thackeray-led Shiv Sena faction of breaking away from the grand old party and going solo. The Indian Express has learnt that a majority of the 20 Sena (UBT) MLAs reportedly pushed for this during a meeting convened by Thackeray on Monday. Express' sources further said that the Sena's (UBT) grassroots workers, who were overshadowed by Eknath Shinde's faction winning 57 seats in the Assembly elections, are now questioning how effective the MVA alliance has been. However, the Indian Express's sources indicated that Uddhav Thackeray, along with senior leaders Aaditya Thackeray and Rajya Sabha MP Sanjay Raut, are determined to keep the alliance intact to project a unified opposition against the BJP. Commenting on the rising discontent within the party over the MVA alliance, Shiv Sena (UBT) leader Ambadas Danve acknowledged that a section of workers feels the party should contest the future polls alone. Smaller factions within the



Shiv Sena (UBT) have occasionally voiced intentions of going solo, but these calls have resurfaced more prominently after the party's humiliating defeat under the MVA coalition comprising Congress and the NCP (SP). "There is a feeling among a large section of the party to contest the elections independently. It is immaterial whether Shiv Sena (UBT) gets power or not. The party was not born to seize power. It is a party that works on an ideology," said Danve, who

is the Leader of Opposition in the legislative council, reported PTI. Responding to Danve's statement, State Congress president Nana Patole said that everyone has the right to express their views. Meanwhile, Senior Congress leader Vijay Wadettiwar, who previously served as Leader of Opposition in the Maharashtra Assembly, acknowledged that Congress leaders, much like their Sena (UBT) counterparts, are also in favour of contesting elections independently. "But that cannot be the decision of the party. We are in the process of analysing the result and causes of our defeat," he added. Since 2022, when Eknath Shinde took off with most of the MLAs and divided the Shiv Sena into two, Uddhav Thackeray has been criticised for straying from Balasaheb Thackeray's ideology by aligning with Congress. Balasaheb's Shiv Sena was firmly rooted in Hindutva and Marathi pride. Experts suggest that Uddhav's coalition with Congress and the NCP gave Eknath Shinde and the BJP an opportunity to strengthen their hold on the Hindu voter base.

# Uddhav Sena won't leave Maha Vikas Aghadi: Sanjay Raut denies rift rumours

**The Uddhav Sena leader's remarks came less than a week after the ruling BJP-led Mahayuti in Maharashtra secured a stunning victory in the recently-concluded Assembly polls.**

**New Delhi:** Shiv Sena (UBT) leader Sanjay Raut on Thursday confirmed that there was no rift in the opposition Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) following the ruling BJP-led Mahayuti's stunning victory in the recently-concluded Assembly polls in Maharashtra. He dismissed the rumours as "baseless" and confirmed that the Uddhav Sena was not leaving the MVA. On November 23, the Mahayuti swept the state polls by winning a whopping 230 of 288 Assembly seats. The BJP emerged as the single largest party, winning 132 seats, its highest-ever tally, while the Eknath Shinde-led Shiv Sena and Ajit Pawar's NCP got 57 and 41, respectively. In a massive setback, the MVA only managed to secure 46 seats. Congress won 16 seats, NCP (SP) 10, and Shiv Sena (UBT) 20 seats. Addressing a press conference today, Raut said that the INDIA bloc-led alliance succeeded in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections by fighting together. "If someone says this (rumours) after the Assembly election results, then it could be their personal opinion. When we were the

general elections, no one said that the Uddhav Sena should separate from the alliance," he said. The MVA demonstrated a remarkable performance in the general elections, winning 31 out of 48 seats. Congress achieved the highest tally with 13 seats, Uddhav Sena nine, and the NCP (SP) eight. On being asked if the Shiv Sena (UBT) might contest separately from the MVA, Raut said the alliance leaders will take a decision regarding this together. "Why are you guys worried? Just now the Lok Sabha and Assembly elections' results have come... We will see, we know what to do," he stressed. **SANJAY RAUT ON MAHAYUTI'S CM SUSPENSE** The Uddhav Sena leader also weighed in on the continuing suspense over Mahayuti's Chief Ministerial face, slamming the BJP-led ruling alliance for failing to decide on a consensus



almost a week after the election results. "They (Mahayuti) have a full majority. But even after seven days, the Mahayuti was unable to give a new Chief Minister to Maharashtra. What is the reason? Why can't the Prime Minister, Home Minister Amit Shah and their leaders take a decision?" he asked. Raut's remarks come as Maharashtra caretaker Chief Minister Eknath Shinde, the BJP

Devendra Fadnavis, and NCP's Ajit Pawar are scheduled to meet Amit Shah in Delhi on Thursday in an effort to reach a consensus on the issue. Sources told India Today TV that the meeting will take place at 5.30 pm, with Shinde, who resigned as Maharashtra Chief Minister on Tuesday, slated to reach the national capital by 4 pm. Taking a potshot at the meeting in the national capital today, Raut said that Shiv Sena patriarch "Bal Thackeray's future was never decided in Delhi, it was decided in Mumbai". He alleged that "Shinde does politics in the name of Bal Thackeray, but their decisions are taken in Delhi. We never went to Delhi and begged". Besides the Uddhav Sena leader, Congress's Nana Patole has also mocked Mahayuti for failing to reach a consensus and claimed that the BJP's Central leadership was pressuring Shinde to give up

## Ominous escalation in Russia-Ukraine war

THE Russia-Ukraine war crossed the 1000-day mark on November 19 and the conflict entered a higher level of fire-power escalation on November 17, when US President Joe Biden finally gave the authorisation for the US Army Tactical Missile System (ATACMS) to be used by Ukraine. While this decision is being interpreted as a case of Uncle Joe finally showing 'spine', albeit rather late in the day, the potential for sudden and dangerous escalation — either accidental or deliberate — has increased in a visible manner.

Kyiv had long sought such approval for the use of long-range western origin missiles, but this had been withheld by Washington as a measure of prudence and restraint to keep the conflict limited and confined to the two adversaries. It is pertinent that this green signal has been given when the Biden presidency is in what is described as its 'lame-duck' phase. This is the period after the US election results for the White House are announced (usually early November) and January 20, when the new incumbent assumes office — in this case, President-elect Donald Trump.

Kyiv lost no time in using its new weaponry and launched the ATACMS missiles against targets in Russia on November 20 and followed this offensive with the Storm Shadow missiles supplied by the UK. Earlier, Russia was accused of inducting North Korean troops into the conflict and also using drones supplied by Iran — thereby widening the scope of the war from a binary conflict (Russia-Ukraine) and according it a wider multinational nature. This has pitted Ukraine, supported by the US and some of its allies, against Russia, which is receiving tangible military assistance from North Korea and Iran.

Moscow retaliated almost immediately and on November 21, Russian President Vladimir Putin announced that his military had carried out an attack on the eastern Ukrainian city of Dnipro, using "a new conventional intermediate-range missile." Classified as Oreshnik, this has been identified as an experimental medium-range ballistic missile. Putin stated: "In response to the use of American and British long-range weaponry, on 21 November this year, the Russian armed forces carried out a combined strike on one of Ukraine's military-industrial complex sites." The sub-text of the use of the hypersonic Oreshnik missile was that if the US-led alliance chose to escalate the lethality of the conflict, Russia would respond in an assertive manner. Putin added that Russia was "ready for any developments and if anyone still doubts this, they shouldn't. There will always be a response."

Will this response be nuclear? This is the worst-case scenario that many European nations fear and Putin has stoked this anxiety by revising Russia's nuclear doctrine to cater to a wide range of exigencies that go beyond pristine deterrence.

Russia's earlier nuclear doctrine was framed in the traditional template that was limited to the core mission, meaning that the nuclear weapon was meant only to 'deter' the adversary (the USA) from even contemplating the use of such apocalyptic capability. The second condition was to repel a conventional military attack that threatened the existence of the state. However, the revised November doctrine announced by Moscow has expanded the spectrum and states that any attack by a non-nuclear power supported by a nuclear power would be considered a joint attack. It further adds that any attack by one member of a military bloc (in this case, the US-led alliance) would be considered an attack by the entire alliance. Moscow has drawn attention to its nuclear capability since the early stage of this war that began in February 2022 and this has been repeated many times. However, the received wisdom is that Russia would not cross the red line and some western commentary has dismissed this as mere posturing. But such complacency may be misleading and dangerous.

It merits recall that the 1962 Cuban missile crisis between the USA and the former USSR that began in mid-October that year almost plunged the world into a nuclear war. This apocalyptic eyeball-to-eyeball brinkmanship was averted by the last-minute sagacity and prudence of the two leaders — US President John Kennedy and Soviet President Nikita Khrushchev. They decided to 'blink' together on November 20, 1962.

## How PPP model can propel Punjab's economic growth

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Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs) have the potential to revolutionise infrastructure development and services delivery by blending private sector capital and expertise with public sector oversight. For Punjab, which has over 147 PPP projects worth Rs 59,358 crore in critical sectors like roads, bridges, healthcare and education, this model could be the key to unlocking sustained economic growth. However, despite the scale of these projects, systemic inefficiencies, governance issues and a narrow strategic focus have hindered their transformative potential. To fully leverage the power of the PPPs, Punjab must embrace a comprehensive reset, aligning these initiatives with the state's long-term economic and social goals. Punjab's track record in executing PPP projects has often fallen short. High-profile failures, such as the Ludhiana-Talwandi NHAI (National Highways Authority of India) project and the stalled food storage silo initiatives, reveal deep-rooted inefficiencies. Even as demand for modernised grain storage facilities grows, no silos have been built since 2021. Similarly, three commercial complexes in Amritsar, Mohali and Ludhiana — requiring an investment of over Rs 500 crore — remain incomplete. These missed opportunities reflect a broader issue: the state is struggling to follow-through on significant infrastructure investments, resulting in wasted resources.

A fundamental problem lies in the skewed risk allocation. Private sector entities often shoulder the burdens of land acquisition delays, regulatory uncertainties and incomplete infrastructure, which discourages investment and delays projects. This imbalance undermines the core principle of risk-sharing in PPPs. Punjab's focus on "showcase" projects has often diverted attention away from addressing critical systemic needs. For example, the proposed medical colleges in Gurdaspur and Pathankot have made little progress, reflecting a disconnect between investments and challenges faced by the healthcare sector. Punjab's reliance on viability gap funding (VGF) further underscores a lack of financial confidence in the private sector's ability to execute projects without subsidies, raising concerns about the sustainability of its PPP mode. Moreover, the PPP landscape has focussed on traditional infrastructure projects like roads, bridges and silos, while emerging sectors such as renewable energy, education, food processing and circular

economy remain underexplored. This narrow focus limits the potential of PPPs to address the socio-economic challenges. Governance bottlenecks, such as procedural delays, opaque decision-making and weak contract enforcement, exacerbate the issues, undermining investor confidence and outcomes.

To overcome these challenges, Punjab must adopt a more strategic, diversified and transparent approach. First, the state must recalibrate risk allocation. Risks must be distributed more equitably between the public and private sectors. Private entities should manage risks related to construction and service delivery, while the government should



address land acquisition issues, regulatory challenges and policy alignment. This would ensure a fairer balance and encourage more private sector investment. Second, Punjab must explore innovative revenue models to make projects financially viable and socially impactful. One such model is payment for environmental services (PES), successfully implemented in Costa Rica to incentivise forest conservation through revenue generated by carbon credits and biodiversity offsets. It could be adapted in Punjab's Kandi belt for afforestation and environmental preservation, with potential revenue sources that align economic growth with sustainability. Further output/outcome-based payments (OBP), which link funding to improved healthcare or educational outcomes, could incentivise high-quality service delivery and ensure that projects produce measurable societal benefits.

Expanding the scope of PPPs into high-growth sectors is equally crucial. Renewable energy offers tremendous potential, as Punjab seeks to meet rising energy demands while reducing dependence on fossil fuels. Similarly, education-focused PPPs

could help modernise schools and colleges, emphasising vocational training to address the skill gaps in the workforce. Circular economy initiatives in waste management, recycling and sustainable practices could provide both environmental and economic benefits. Moreover, the food processing industry, with its potential to add value to farmers' produce, should be prioritised as a critical area for PPPs. None of these initiatives can succeed without strengthening the governance and regulatory frameworks. Updating the Punjab Infrastructure Act is essential to modernise the state's regulations, ensuring transparency, streamlined processes and rigorous enforcement of state support agreements. The Surat Municipal Corporation's wastewater recycling project is an example of how robust governance, clear demand forecasting and innovative financing can ensure long-term sustainability and investor confidence.

Engaging citizens, private sector players and experts during the planning and execution stages will help ensure that projects meet public needs while delivering tangible, impactful results. Recent Budget announcements indicate that Punjab recognises the importance of PPP in driving growth. The 2023 Budget emphasised developing tourist destinations through PPP, while the 2022 Budget highlighted sports infrastructure projects. However, these initiatives need to be integrated into Punjab's long-term development strategy. For example, eco-tourism projects should prioritise sustainability and community participation, while sports infrastructure should balance grassroots development with high-performance facilities.

Punjab stands at a crossroads in its PPP journey. While it has recognised the transformative potential of these partnerships, inefficiencies, governance challenges and limited strategic focus continue to hold it back. Punjab must recalibrate its risk-sharing models, adopt innovative financing mechanisms, diversify into high-growth sectors and strengthen governance frameworks. By embracing these reforms, Punjab can modernise its infrastructure, foster sustainable economic growth and improve public welfare. A transparent and inclusive approach will set a new benchmark for PPP success, enabling Punjab to harness the transformative power of these partnerships and pave the way for a brighter, more sustainable future.

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For the Congress, retaining Barnala offers a faint silver lining in an otherwise disappointing performance. Kuldeep Singh Dhillion's victory highlights the party's ability to capitalise on internal discontent within AAP, amplified by rebel candidates splitting votes. However, the loss in Gidderbaha — despite intense campaigning by state chief Amrinder Singh Raja Warring for his wife, Amrita Warring, the Congress candidate — underscores deeper



issues of leadership disconnect and ineffective voter engagement. This setback is particularly damaging as Warring's singular focus on Gidderbaha came at the

expense of other constituencies, further diminishing the party's overall appeal across Punjab. The BJP, meanwhile, remains an outsider in Punjab's rural political landscape, unable to overcome the damage caused by the farm laws. These results come against the backdrop of AAP appointing Aman Arora as its state president, signalling a shift towards consolidating urban and Hindu votes. However, the ruling AAP, facing a midterm reality check, must tread carefully. Issues like drug abuse, economic instability and agricultural distress remain critical and mere electoral wins cannot substitute for policy solutions. The bypoll outcomes offer lessons not only in electoral strategy but also in the pressing need for a governance model that addresses systemic challenges and resonates with the state's aspirations.

## The Constitution has kept the nation united

November 26 is celebrated as Constitution Day of India

In 2015, on the occasion of the 125th birth anniversary of Dr BR Ambedkar, the government decided to celebrate November 26 as the Constitution Day to highlight the importance of the event and commemorate its chief architect.

On this day in 1949, the Constituent Assembly had adopted the Constitution of India which came into effect on January 26, 1950. This is when the foundation for the world's largest democracy was laid. For 75 years, this document has been serving as the guiding light for the running of the country. Among its many remarkable features, the principles of secularism and pluralism stand out as cornerstones of India's democratic identity.

Secularism in the Indian Constitution

A unique model unlike the western model of complete separation between religion and state, the Indian Constitution adopts a model of "equal respect for all religions", ensuring that the state neither favours nor discriminates against any religion. What makes the constitution secular is its key features, namely, freedom of religion (Articles 25-28), equality of all before the law (Articles 14 and 15) and neutrality of the State in matters of religion (Articles 27-28) guarantee the right to freedom of religion, allowing every individual to profess, practice, and propagate their faith. At the same time, these provisions protect individuals from being coerced into following a particular religion. Article 14 guarantees equality before the law and prohibits discrimination based on religion, caste, or gender. Article 15 specifically forbids discrimination on religious grounds. Neutrality of the state is ensured by Article 27 which prohibits the use of public funds for promoting or maintaining any religion and Article 28 that prohibits religious instruction in government-

run educational institutions. Pluralism and diversity are the next distinguishing features of the country mandated by the Constitution which reinforce secularism. India is home to over 1.45 billion people, speaking 22 official languages listed in the Eighth Schedule and practising a multitude of religions. Ethnologue, an encyclopedic reference work cataloging all of the world's 7,111 known living languages, reports India as a home to 398 languages besides thousands of dialects. Article 29 protects the rights of minorities to conserve their language, script, and culture. Article 30, much in the news lately, empowers religious and linguistic minorities to establish and administer educational institutions of their choice. This ensures the preservation of cultural identity. Universal adult suffrage is another important feature that empowers every section of society with right to vote to all adults regardless of caste, religion, gender, or economic status. For protection of the marginalised communities, the Constitution includes provisions for affirmative action, ensuring political, educational, and employment opportunities for Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, and Other Backward Classes. The coexistence of secularism and pluralism are two basic features that are central to India's unity in diversity. By respecting minority rights, the Constitution prevents the dominance of any single group over others, while pluralism fosters inclusivity, ensuring that all communities feel valued and represented in the nation-building process.

I have often said that India is secular because Hindus are secular and the living proof is our constitution.

When the country was partitioned in the name of religion, Pakistan became an Islamic republic whereas India chose to be secular unanimously in the Constituent Assembly where an overwhelming majority (82 per cent) of members were Hindus! The reason India is looked upon by the world community with awe and respect is its unique plural and secular



identity which has kept the exceptionally huge and diverse country united. It is noteworthy that the word "secular" was added to the Preamble of the Indian Constitution by the 42nd Amendment Act, 1976, during the Emergency under Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's government. The amendment inserted the words "secular" and "socialist" into the Preamble, making the description of India as: "Sovereign Socialist Secular Democratic Republic." The

necessity of adding the term "secular" has been debated extensively, especially in the last couple of decades. Was it really necessary when secularism oozes from most articles? One section of the population is fighting for its deletion from the Preamble, especially because it was brought in by their bete noire Indira Gandhi and that too during the

much despised emergency. They overlook the fact that it would not alter the secular character of the Constitution one bit. While some think it is redundant, for others it is reinforcement. Either way the debate is superfluous. Secularism and pluralism are considered parts of the basic structure of the Indian Constitution, as affirmed by various judgments of the Supreme Court. The basic structure doctrine, established in the landmark Kesavananda Bharati v State of Kerala (1973) case, identifies certain fundamental principles of the Constitution that cannot be amended by Parliament, even through its constitutional amending power under Article 368. In the case of SR Bommai v Union of India (1994), the Supreme Court explicitly recognised secularism as a part of the basic structure. The Court ruled that:

Secularism means that the state must maintain neutrality in matters of religion and ensure equal treatment of all religions. Any law or amendment that undermines secularism would be unconstitutional.

Like secularism, pluralism is also a part of the basic structure. Pluralism refers to the coexistence of diverse cultural, linguistic, religious, and social groups in harmony. It is intrinsic to India's identity as a multicultural society.

## बेङ्गल सरकार पिछू हटेछे, बाड़खणु थेके बेङ्गले यानवाहनेर प्रवेश शुरु

प्राय २८ घण्टा पर, बेङ्गल सरकार पिछू हटेछे एबं बाड़खणु थेके बेङ्गले याओरा समस्त पण्यवाही यानवाहनेर प्रवेश शुरु हयैछे। गत सक्ता १८टा पर बेङ्गल सरकारे आदेशे बाड़खणु-बेङ्गल मथन सीमाछे पण्यवाही यानवाहनेर प्रवेश निषिद्ध करा हयैछिल। एर फले रात थेके दूपुर पर्यंत प्राय २० किमी दीर्घ यानजट सृष्टि हय। चालकदेर समस्यार कथा विवेचना करे, MASS बेङ्गल सरकारके चाप देय बाड़खणु सीमाछे थेके बेङ्गले प्रवेश करा समस्त यानवाहन बन्द करार जन्य। एर फले, बेङ्गल सरकार पिछू हटेछे बाध्य हय एबं अवशेषे भारी यानवाहनेर प्रवेश आबार स्वाभाविक हय।

बेङ्गल सरकारे एह अनुमति पर, ट्राक चालकरा शक्तिर निरुध्वास फेलेन। प्राञ्चन निरुध्वास विधायक अरुण च्याटर्जि बाड़खणु मुख्याम्ची हेमन्त सोरनेनेर एह उद्देश्ये प्रशंसा करेन। तनि बलेन, मुख्याम्ची हेमन्त सोरनेने एह विषये क्रमागत शुरुतय छेन। बेङ्गल सरकारे साथे इतिवाचक आलोचना करार पर बेङ्गल सरकार निषेधाज्ञा तुले न्येन। एर पर, सारिते दौड़िये बाका समस्त पण्यवाही यानवाहन बीरे बेङ्गले प्रवेश करत छे शुरु करैछे। NH-९ दीर्घ यानजट एखन सीमित ह्छे एबं यानजट ७ भाङ्गते शुरु करैछे।

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नई दिल्ली तुर और उड़द दाल की खुदरा कीमतों में पिछले तीन महीनों में गिरावट आई है जबकि मंडी में कीमत स्थिर बनी हुई है। यह जानकारी उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य एवं सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्रालय ने दी है। मंत्रालय ने जारी एक बयान में कहा कि उपभोक्ता मामलों का विभाग दालों की मंडी और खुदरा कीमतों के रद्दनों पर विचार-विमर्श करने के लिए भारतीय खुदरा विक्रेताओं के संघ (आरएआई) और संगठित खुदरा श्रृंखलाओं के साथ नियमित बैठकें करता है, ताकि यह सुनिश्चित किया जा सके कि खुदरा विक्रेता खुदरा मार्जिन को उचित स्तर पर बनाए रखें। मंत्रालय ने कहा कि

खुदरा बाजार में सीधे हस्तक्षेप करने के लिए सरकार ने बफर स्टॉक से दालों के एक हिस्से को भारत दाल



ब्रांड के तहत उपभोक्ताओं को सस्ती कीमतों पर खुदरा विक्री के लिए उपलब्ध कराया है। भारत ब्रांड के तहत खुदरा उपभोक्ताओं को रियायती कीमतों पर आटा और

चावल वितरित किया जाता है। इसी तरह प्रमुख उपभोग केंद्रों में स्थिर खुदरा दुकानों और मोबाइल वैन के

को उपभोक्ताओं को सस्ती कीमतों पर उपलब्ध कराने और कीमतों को स्थिर करने में मदद मिली है। उपभोक्ता मामलों के मंत्रालय ने कहा कि घरेलू उपलब्धता बढ़ाने के लिए दालों का सुचारु और निर्बाध आयात सुनिश्चित करने के लिए, तुर और उड़द दाल के आयात को 31 मार्च, 2025 तक कोई शुल्क नहीं लगाया गया है। इसके अलावा सरकार ने घरेलू बाजार में दालों की आपूर्ति को बढ़ाने के लिए 31 मार्च, 2025 तक 35 रुपये प्रति किलोग्राम की दर से वितरित किया जाता है। इन उपायों से दालें, चावल, आटा और प्याज जैसी आवश्यक खाद्य वस्तुओं

की कीमतों में गिरावट आई है। देश के अलग-अलग सराफा बाजारों में सोने की कीमतें 270 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम तक की मजबूती दर्ज की गई है। इस तेजी के कारण देश के ज्यादातर सराफा बाजारों में 24 कैरेट सोना आज 77,660 रुपये से लेकर 77,510 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम के दायरे में कारोबार कर रहा है। इसी तरह 22 कैरेट सोना 71,200 रुपये से लेकर 71,050 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम के बीच बना हुआ है। चांदी के भाव में आज कोई बदलाव नहीं हुआ है, जिसके कारण दिल्ली सराफा बाजार में इसकी कीमत 89,500 रुपये प्रति किलोग्राम के स्तर पर बनी हुई है। देश की राजधानी दिल्ली में 24 कैरेट सोना आज 77,660 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम के स्तर पर कारोबार कर रहा है, जबकि 22 कैरेट सोने की कीमत 71,200 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम दर्ज की गई है। वहीं, देश की आर्थिक राजधानी मुंबई में 24 कैरेट सोना 77,510

## पावर ग्रिड कॉरपोरेशन से बीएचईएल को मिला बड़ा ऑर्डर

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हरिद्वार। भारत हेवी इलेक्ट्रिकल्स लिमिटेड (बीएचईएल) को हिताची एनर्जी इंडिया लिमिटेड के साथ साझेदारी में पावर ग्रिड कॉरपोरेशन ऑफ इंडिया लिमिटेड के प्रोजेक्ट एसपीवी कंपनी से खारवड़ (गुजरात) और नागपुर (महाराष्ट्र) के बीच 800वाट व 6000 क्यू एचवीडीसी लिंक बनाने का महत्वपूर्ण ऑर्डर मिला है। यह जानकारी देते हुए बीएचईएल की हरिद्वार इकाई के संचार एवं जनसंपर्क प्रमुख अजीत अग्रवाल ने बताया कि इस 1200 किमी से अधिक लम्बे एचवीडीसी लिंक के 2029 तक पूरा हो जाने की उम्मीद है। यह वर्ष 2030 तक नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा से 500 गीगावाट बिजली प्राप्त करने के राष्ट्रीय मिशन में महत्वपूर्ण योगदान देगा। साथ ही यह परियोजना भारत सरकार की मेक इन इंडिया पहल के

प्रति बीएचईएल की प्रतिबद्धता को भी दर्शाती है। इस परियोजना के लिए उपकरणों और प्रणालियों की आपूर्ति बीएचईएल की भोपाल और बेंगलुरु



इकाइयों से की जाएगी। उन्होंने बताया कि आज बीएचईएल भारत में ट्रांसमिशन सेगमेंट में एक अग्रणी भूमिका निभा रहा है। इससे पहले बीएचईएल कई राष्ट्रीय एचवीडीसी लिंक जैसे रिहंद-दादरी, चंद्रपुर-पद्मे, बलिया-भिवानी, उत्तर पूर्व-आगरा और रायगढ़-पुनरूर एचवीडीसी लिंक के सफल निष्पादन करने में शामिल रहा है।

## भारतीय अंतरराष्ट्रीय व्यापार मेले के 43वें संस्करण का समापन, दस लाख से अधिक लोग पहुंचे

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नई दिल्ली। प्रगति मैदान में चल रहे भारतीय अंतरराष्ट्रीय व्यापार मेले के 43वें संस्करण का समापन किया गया। इस मौके पर आईटीपीओ के कार्यकारी निदेशक प्रमजित लाल ने खुशी जाहिर करते हुए कहा कि इस वर्ष मेले में प्रतिभागियों की अच्छी संख्या रही। अच्छा व्यापार हुआ। उन्होंने कहा कि मेले में दस लाख से अधिक आगंतुक आए। इस मौके पर विभिन्न श्रेणियों में सभी पुरस्कार विजेताओं को सम्मानित किया। राज्यों और केंद्र शासित प्रदेशों की श्रेणी में पुडुचेरी को स्वर्ण पदक, मेघालय को रजत पदक और कर्नाटक को कांस्य पदक प्रदान किया गया। इसके अलावा पंजाब, पश्चिम बंगाल और त्रिपुरा को विशेष प्रशंसा प्रमाण-पत्र भी प्रदान किए गए। राज्यों की श्रेणी में लिप्यंगत प्रस्तुति में मध्य प्रदेश ने स्वर्ण पदक जीता, ओडिशा को रजत पदक और असम को कांस्य पदक प्रदान किया गया। महाराष्ट्र, पंजाब और तमिलनाडु को विशेष प्रशंसा प्रमाण-पत्र भी प्रदान किए गए। आईआईटीएफ में आईटीपीओ ने

स्वच्छ भारत अभियान का भी पालन किया और प्रदर्शकों तथा आगंतुकों के बीच सफाई और स्वच्छता के बारे में जागरूकता बढ़ाई तथा स्वच्छ



मंडप को भी पुरस्कार दिया गया जिसमें गोवा को स्वर्ण, केरल को रजत, हरियाणा को कांस्य तथा उत्तराखंड और गुजरात को भी प्रशंसा पुरस्कार प्रदान किया गया। विदेशी मंडपों में, ट्यूनीशिया गणराज्य के दूतावास को स्वर्ण पदक से सम्मानित किया गया और मिस्र (मिलानो बाजार) ने रजत पदक जीता, जबकि कांस्य पदक तुर्की, टिल्लो हेडिगेलिक एस्या सनायितिसरेट लिमिटेड सेरकेटी और थाईलैंड (थाई एएसएमई निर्यातक संघ) को प्रदान किया गया। मंत्रालय और विभागों,

पीएसयू, पीएसबी और कर्मांडो बोर्ड श्रेणी में, भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक ने स्वर्ण पदक जीता, पंजाब नेशनल बैंक (पीएनबी) ने रजत पदक प्राप्त किया, जबकि भारतीय स्टेट बैंक (एसबीआई) ने कांस्य पदक जीता। कोल इंडिया लिमिटेड और सेंट्रल बैंक ऑफ इंडिया को विशेष प्रशंसा प्रमाण-पत्र प्राप्त हुए। भारत को सशक्त बनाने के लिए (मंत्रालय एवं सरकारी विभाग/सरस/केवीआईसी/सामाजिक न्याय मंत्रालय) ग्रामीण विकास मंत्रालय (सरस) को स्वर्ण पदक, खादी एवं ग्रामोद्योग आयोग (केवीआईसी) को रजत पदक, सूक्ष्म, लघु एवं मध्यम उद्यम मंत्रालय (एमएसएमई) तथा पंचायती राज मंत्रालय को कांस्य पदक प्रदान किया गया। पंडित दीनदयाल उपाध्याय राष्ट्रीय शारीरिक दिव्यांगजन संस्थान तथा उद्योग एवं आंतरिक व्यापार संवर्धन विभाग (डीपीआईआईटी) और एनएचडीसी-राष्ट्रीय हथकरघा विकास निगम (एनएचडीसी) को विशेष प्रशंसा पुरस्कार प्रदान किया गया।

## सराफा बाजार में चमका सोना, चांदी में कोई बदलाव नहीं

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नई दिल्ली। लगातार दो दिनों की बड़ी गिरावट के बाद घरेलू सराफा बाजार में आज सोने की कीमत में तेजी का रुख है। देश के अलग-अलग सराफा बाजारों में सोने की कीमतें 270 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम तक की मजबूती दर्ज की गई है। इस तेजी के कारण देश के ज्यादातर सराफा बाजारों में 24 कैरेट सोना आज 77,660 रुपये से लेकर 77,510 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम के दायरे में कारोबार कर रहा है। इसी तरह 22 कैरेट सोना 71,200 रुपये से लेकर 71,050 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम के बीच बना हुआ है। चांदी के भाव में आज कोई बदलाव नहीं हुआ है, जिसके कारण दिल्ली सराफा बाजार में इसकी कीमत 89,500 रुपये प्रति किलोग्राम के स्तर पर बनी हुई है। देश की राजधानी दिल्ली में 24 कैरेट सोना आज 77,660 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम के स्तर पर कारोबार कर रहा है, जबकि 22 कैरेट सोने की कीमत 71,200 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम दर्ज की गई है। वहीं, देश की आर्थिक राजधानी मुंबई में 24 कैरेट सोना 77,510

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## एयर इंडिया पांच प्रमुख मार्गों पर विस्तार के ए320 विमान का इस्तेमाल करेगी

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नई दिल्ली। टाटा की अगुवाई वाली एयरलाइन कंपनी एयर इंडिया ने कहा कि वह विस्तार के ए320 विमानों को पांच प्रमुख महानगरों के मार्गों पर तैनात करेगी। इन मार्गों में दिल्ली-मुंबई और मुंबई-हैदराबाद हवाई मार्ग भी शामिल है। एयर इंडिया ने एक बयान में कहा कि वह अपने नेटवर्क अनुकूलन प्रयासों के तहत दिल्ली-मुंबई और मुंबई-हैदराबाद सहित पांच प्रमुख मेट्रो-टू-मेट्रो मार्गों पर विस्तार के ए320 विमानों को तैनात करेगी। इन ए320 विमानों में बेहतरीन नेवे-बॉडी केबिन उत्पाद हैं, जिन्का उपयोग इन मार्गों पर यात्रियों के यात्रा अनुभव को बेहतर बनाने के लिए किया जाएगा। टाटा समूह के स्वामित्व वाली एयरलाइन ने कहा कि कंपनी अपने चल रहे परिवर्तन के हिस्से के रूप में दिल्ली और मुंबई,

दिल्ली और बेंगलुरु, दिल्ली और हैदराबाद के बीच एक-एक बड़े आकार के विमान के साथ एक उड़ान संचालित करना जारी रखेगी। इसके साथ ही इन मार्गों पर बोइंग 777 या



एयरबस ए350 विमान तैनात किए जाएंगे। उल्लेखनीय है कि इस महीने की शुरुआत में एयर इंडिया ने विस्तार के साथ अपना विलय पूरा कर लिया है। ये एक पूर्ण-सेवा वाहक है जो सेवा के उच्चमानकों के लिए जाना जाता है। विस्तार के द्वारा संचालित उड़ानों को अब बुकिंग के समय यात्रियों की सुविधा के लिए 'AI2' उपसर्ग के साथ पहचाना जाता है।

## भारत-फ्रांस मिलकर कृषि और खाद्य प्रसंस्करण का कर सकते हैं विस्तार : गोयल

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नई दिल्ली। केंद्रीय वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्री पीयूष गोयल ने कहा कि भारत और फ्रांस मिलकर नवोन्मेषी टिकाऊ प्रथाओं का उपयोग करके विश्व की खाद्य सुरक्षा के लिए कृषि और खाद्य प्रसंस्करण का विस्तार कर सकते हैं। गोयल ने नई दिल्ली में आयोजित फ्रांसीसी विदेश व्यापार सलाहकारों द्वारा आयोजित एशिया प्रशांत आयोग (एपीसी) 2024 फोरम को संबोधित करते हुए यह बात कही। केंद्रीय वाणिज्य मंत्री ने कहा कि टिकाऊ प्रथाओं का उपयोग करने से जलवायु परिवर्तन और दुनिया भर में इसके उभरते प्रतिकूल प्रभावों पर एक शमन कारक हो सकता है। गोयल ने कहा कि भारत और फ्रांस के पास अक्षय ऊर्जा के क्षेत्र में साझेदारी की अपार संभावनाएं हैं, क्योंकि

अंतरराष्ट्रीय सौर गठबंधन (आईएसए) को अपार सफलता मिली है। गोयल ने कहा कि भारत और फ्रांस के द्वारा सह-प्रयोजित और नेतृत्व वाले



जिसका उद्देश्य है सूर्य ऊर्जा का उपयोग करने से जलवायु परिवर्तन और दुनिया भर में इसके उभरते प्रतिकूल प्रभावों पर एक शमन कारक हो सकता है। गोयल ने कहा कि भारत और फ्रांस के पास अक्षय ऊर्जा के क्षेत्र में साझेदारी की अपार संभावनाएं हैं, क्योंकि

किया। वाणिज्य मंत्री ने एयरोस्पेस क्षेत्र के बारे में कहा कि भारत दुनिया का सबसे बड़ा विमानन बाजार है, जहां 1500 विमानों का ऑर्डर दिया गया है

संस्कार वर्ष 2029 तक 75 और हवाई अड्डे जोड़ने की योजना बना रही है। गोयल ने कहा कि भारत अपने रक्षा क्षेत्र का भी तेजी से विस्तार कर रहा है। केंद्र सरकार दुनिया भर की कंपनियों को भारत में विनिर्माण के लिए प्रोत्साहित कर रही है, जिससे उन्हें अपनी कंपनियों का 100 फीसदी स्वामित्व मिल सके। डिजिटल प्रौद्योगिकी में सहयोग पर गोयल ने बताया कि दोनों देश साइबर सुरक्षा, एआई, ई-कॉमर्स और क्राइम प्रौद्योगिकियों में स्टार्टअप को बढ़ावा दे सकते हैं। उन्होंने कहा कि ऐसे में भारत-फ्रांस नवाचार वर्ष 2026 प्रौद्योगिकी-संचालित विकास को बढ़ावा देने में एक मील का पथर होगा। वाणिज्य मंत्री ने कहा कि ये पहला आईटी, स्वास्थ्य सेवा, नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा और स्मार्ट शहरों में संयुक्त परियोजनाओं को बढ़ावा देगा।

## उतार-चढ़ाव का सामना करने के बाद मजबूती के साथ बंद हुआ शेयर बाजार, निवेशकों को 4.82 लाख करोड़ का मुनाफा

एजेंसी

नई दिल्ली। पूरे दिन उतार-चढ़ाव का सामना करने के बाद घरेलू शेयर बाजार आज बढ़त के साथ बंद हुआ। आज के कारोबार की शुरुआत मामूली तेजी के साथ हुई थी। दिन के पहले सत्र में बाजार पर बिकवाली का दबाव बना रहा, लेकिन दोपहर 12 बजे के बाद खरीदारी के सपोर्ट से शेयर बाजार ने रफ्तार पकड़ ली। पूरे दिन के कारोबार के बाद सेंसेक्स 0.29 प्रतिशत और निफ्टी 0.33 प्रतिशत की मजबूती के साथ बंद हुए। आज के कारोबार के दौरान रिफ्लेक्ट, फार्मास्यूटिकल और आईटी सेक्टर के शेयरों में लगातार खरीदारी होती रही। इसके अलावा ऑथल एंड गैस, ऑटोमोबाइल, एफएमसीजी,

बैंकिंग, कैपिटल गुड्स, कंज्यूमर ड्यूरेबल्स और टेक इंडेक्स भी बढ़त के साथ बंद हुए। ब्रॉड मार्केट में भी आज लगातार खरीदारी होती रही, जिसके कारण बीएसई का मिडकैप इंडेक्स 0.34 प्रतिशत की मजबूती के साथ बंद हुआ। इसी तरह स्मॉलकैप इंडेक्स ने 1.18 प्रतिशत की तेजी के साथ आज के कारोबार का अंत किया। आज शेयर बाजार में आई तेजी के कारण स्टॉक मार्केट के निवेशकों की संपत्ति में पैसे पांच लाख करोड़ रुपये से अधिक की बढ़ोतरी हो गई। बीएसई में लिस्टेड कंपनियों का मार्केट कैपिटलाइजेशन आज के कारोबार के बाद बढ़ कर 444.57 लाख करोड़ रुपये (अरब) हो गया। जबकि पिछले कारोबारी दिन यानी मंगलवार को इनका मार्केट कैपिटलाइजेशन 439.75 लाख करोड़ रुपये था। इस तरह निवेशकों को आज

के कारोबार से करीब 4.82 लाख करोड़ रुपये का मुनाफा हो गया। आज दिनभर के कारोबार में बीएसई में 4,040 शेयरों में एक्टिव ट्रेडिंग हुई। इनमें 2,586 शेयर बढ़त के साथ बंद हुए, जबकि 1,343 शेयरों में गिरावट का रुख रहा, वहीं 111 शेयर बिना किसी उतार चढ़ाव के बंद हुए। एनएसई में आज 2,472 शेयरों में एक्टिव ट्रेडिंग हुई। इनमें से 1,729 शेयर मुनाफा कमा कर रहे निशान में और 743 शेयर नुकसान उठा कर लाल निशान में बंद हुए। इसी तरह सेंसेक्स में शामिल 30 शेयरों में से 17 शेयर बढ़त के साथ और 13 शेयर गिरावट के साथ बंद हुए। जबकि निफ्टी में शामिल 50 शेयरों में से 26 शेयर हरे निशान में और 24 शेयर लाल निशान में बंद हुए। बीएसई का सेंसेक्स आज 116.97 अंक उछल कर 80,121.03 अंक

के स्तर पर खुला। कारोबार के शुरुआत होने के कुछ देर बाद ही बाजार में बिकवाली का दबाव बन गया। दिन के पहले सत्र में बिकवाली लगातार बाजार पर हावी बने रहे, जिसके कारण ये सूचकांक 159.57 अंक की कमजोरी के साथ 79,844.49 अंक तक गिर गया। दोपहर 12 बजे के बाद खरीदारों ने मोर्चा संभाला और चौतरफा खरीदारी शुरू कर दी। इस लिवाली के कारण दोपहर 12 बजे के करीब ये सूचकांक 80,511.15 अंक तक पहुंचने में सफल रहा। हालांकि इसके बाद एक बार फिर मुनाफा वस्तुला का दबाव बना, जिसकी वजह से सेंसेक्स ऊपरी स्तर से 270 अंक से अधिक टूट कर 80,234.28 अंक के स्तर पर बंद हुआ।

## देश के सभी राज्यों और केंद्रशासित प्रदेशों में ई-दाखिल शुरू हुआ, जल्द ही ई-जागृति भी शुरू की जाएगी

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नई दिल्ली। केंद्र सरकार ने उपभोक्ता शिकायत दर्ज करने के लिए लागत प्रभावी और त्वरित प्लेटफॉर्म 'ई-दाखिल पोर्टल' को सभी राज्यों और केंद्रशासित प्रदेशों में सफलतापूर्वक लागू किया है। जल्द ही ई-जागृति भी शुरू की जाएगी। ई-दाखिल पोर्टल उपभोक्ता अधिकारों को बढ़ावा देने और समय पर न्याय सुनिश्चित करने के लिए गैम-चेन्जर है। उपभोक्ता, खाद्य एवं सार्वजनिक वितरण मामलों के मंत्रालय ने एक बयान में बताया कि हाल ही में लद्दाख में ई-दाखिल पोर्टल लॉन्च किया है। इसे देश के सभी राज्यों और केंद्रशासित प्रदेशों में सफलतापूर्वक लागू किया गया है। वहीं, ई-जागृति के शुभारंभ की योजना पर काम चल रहा है। इसका

उद्देश्य केस फाइलिंग, ट्रैकिंग एवं प्रबंधन को और बेहतर बनाना है, जिससे उपभोक्ताओं और हितधारकों को एक सहज अनुभव प्रदान किया जा सके। उपभोक्ता संरक्षण



अधिनियम 2019 को 20 जुलाई, 2020 को अधिसूचित और लागू किया गया था। ई-दाखिल पोर्टल को सबसे पहले 7 सितंबर, 2020 को राष्ट्रीय उपभोक्ता विवाद निवारण आयोग ने लॉन्च किया था। 2023

के अंत तक इसे लद्दाख को छोड़कर 35 राज्यों और केंद्रशासित प्रदेशों में लॉन्च किया गया। अब लद्दाख के उप राज्यपाल बिगोडियर डॉ. बीडी मिश्रा (सेवानिवृत्त) ने 22 नवंबर, 2024 को लद्दाख पोर्टल लॉन्च किया, यह प्लेटफॉर्म महानगरों से लेकर दूरदराज के इलाकों तक भारत के सभी क्षेत्रों के उपभोक्ताओं के लिए सुलभ है। यह व्यापक कवरेज उपभोक्ताओं को सशक्त बनाने और उपभोक्ता शिकायत निवारण प्रणाली की दक्षता बढ़ाने के लिए सरकार की प्रतिबद्धता को रेखांकित करता है। मंत्रालय की मुताबिक 7 सितंबर, 2020 को शुरू किया गया ई-दाखिल प्लेटफॉर्म उपभोक्ता शिकायत निवारण के लिए एक सरलीकृत ऑनलाइन प्रक्रिया की सुविधा देता है। ये उपभोक्ताओं को शारीरिक रूप से उपस्थित हुए बिना शिकायत दर्ज करने में सक्षम बनाता है। इसके तहत अबतक 281,024 उपभोक्ताओं ने पंजीकरण करवाया है, जिसमें 198,725 मामले दर्ज किए गए हैं। इनमें से 38,453 का समाधान में ई-दाखिल पोर्टल लॉन्च किया, यह प्लेटफॉर्म महानगरों से लेकर दूरदराज के इलाकों तक भारत के सभी क्षेत्रों के उपभोक्ताओं के लिए सुलभ है। यह व्यापक कवरेज उपभोक्ताओं को सशक्त बनाने और उपभोक्ता शिकायत निवारण प्रणाली की दक्षता बढ़ाने के लिए सरकार की प्रतिबद्धता को रेखांकित करता है। मंत्रालय ने कहा कि मुताबिक 7 सितंबर, 2020 को शुरू किया गया ई-दाखिल प्लेटफॉर्म उपभोक्ता शिकायत निवारण के लिए एक सरलीकृत ऑनलाइन प्रक्रिया की सुविधा देता है। ये उपभोक्ताओं को शारीरिक रूप से उपस्थित हुए बिना शिकायत दर्ज करने में सक्षम बनाता है। इसके तहत अबतक 281,024 उपभोक्ताओं ने पंजीकरण करवाया है, जिसमें 198,725 मामले दर्ज किए गए हैं। इनमें से 38,453 का समाधान

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## पैन 2.0 करदाता सेवाओं में एक डिजिटल छलांग : वित्त मंत्रालय

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नई दिल्ली। आयकर विभाग की स्थायी खाता संख्या (पैन) 2.0 प्रोजेक्ट को आर्थिक मामलों की कैबिनेट समिति (सीसीईए) ने हाल में मंजूरी दी है। इस परियोजना का उद्देश्य पैन और टैन जारी करने और प्रबंधित करने की प्रक्रिया को सुव्यवस्थित और आधुनिक बनाना है, जिससे इसे अधिक उपयोगकर्ता-अनुकूल और कुशल बनाया जा सके। वित्त मंत्रालय ने जारी बयान में कहा कि पैन लंबे

समय से भारत की वित्तीय और प्रशासनिक प्रणालियों की आधारशिला रही है, जो वित्तीय पारदर्शिता और अनुपालन को बढ़ावा देते हुए लोगों और व्यवसायों को महत्वपूर्ण आर्थिक गतिविधियों से भी जोड़ती है। डिजिटल अर्थव्यवस्था के एक प्रमुख प्रवर्तक के रूप में पैन आवश्यक सर्विस के लिए एक प्रवेश द्वार के तौर पर कार्य कर रहा है, जिससे यह अधिक जीवन में जरूरी हो गया है। मंत्रालय ने कहा कि यूजर फ्रेंडली बढ़ाने और तकनीकी प्रगति के

साथ तालमेल बिटाने के लिए केंद्रीय कैबिनेट ने हाल ही में पैन 2.0 को मंजूरी दी है, जो भारत के विकसित हो रहे डिजिटल और वित्तीय परिदृश्य में पैन की सेवा करने के तरीके को फिर से परिभाषित करने की दिशा आगे बढ़ाया गया एक कदम है। मंत्रालय ने बताया कि पैन 2.0 परियोजना उन्नत ई-गवर्नेंस के माध्यम से करदाता पंजीकरण को आधुनिक बनाने की एक बदलावकारी पहल है। यह 1,435 करोड़ रुपये के वित्तीय परिव्यय के

साथ निर्बाध डिजिटल अनुभव प्रदान करने के लिए पैन और टैन सेवाओं को फिर से तैयार करेगा। मंत्रालय के मुताबिक इस परियोजना का उद्देश्य पैन और टैन जारी करने और प्रबंधित करने की प्रक्रिया को सुव्यवस्थित और आधुनिक बनाना है, जिससे इसे और अधिक यूजर फ्रेंडली तथा कुशल बनाया जा सके। यह परियोजना करदाताओं की जरूरतों को पूरा करती है, जिसमें विभिन्न प्लेटफॉर्म या पोर्टल को एकीकृत करने और पैन और

टैन धारकों को कुशल सेवाएं देने पर ध्यान केंद्रित किया गया है। पैन 2.0 परियोजना के महत्वपूर्ण लाभ निम्नलिखित हैं: उपयोगकर्ताओं के लिए पहुंच को सरल बनाने हेतु सभी पैन/टैन-संबंधी सेवाओं के लिए एक एकल पोर्टल। कामगो कार्रवाई को सीमांत करने लिए पर्यावरण अनुकूल कागज रहित प्रक्रियाएं। पैन कार्ड नि:शुल्क जारी किया जाएगा तथा इसकी प्रक्रिया भी शीघ्र

होगी। व्यक्तिगत और जनसांख्यिकीय डेटा को पैन डेटा वॉल्ट सहित उन्नत सुरक्षा उपायों के माध्यम से संरक्षित किया जाएगा। उपयोगकर्ताओं के प्रश्नों और समस्याओं के समाधान के लिए एक समर्पित कॉल सेंटर और हेल्पडेस्क। मौजूदा पैन कार्डधार



## इस तरह के केमिकल को घर में कभी न रखें, नहीं तों..

घर की साफ-सफाई के लिए हम सभी बाजार से बहुत से ऐसे प्रोडक्ट्स लाते हैं जिनसे सफाई आसानी से हो सके। पर हम सब यह नहीं जानते कि इन प्रोडक्ट्स को घर पर रखना हमारी सेहत के लिए अच्छा नहीं होता क्योंकि इन उत्पादों में बहुत से ऐसे रसायन विषाक्त छुपे होते हैं जिनके कारण घर प्रदूषित होता है। आज हम आपको कुछ ऐसे प्रोडक्ट्स के बारे में बताएंगे जिनहे आप घर पर कभी न रखें।

### खतरनाक केमिकल प्रोडक्ट

1. **बाथरूम में टाइल क्लीनर** हम सभी जानते हैं कि घर में सबसे ज्यादा साफ-सफाई की जरूरत बाथरूम में होती है। बाथरूम को साफ करने के लिए हम सभी बहुत से हाईड्रोजन?लोरिक, एसिड और केमिकल आदि का उपयोग करते हैं। पर आपको बता दें कि इन सब के उपयोग से आपको अस्थमा की दिकत हो सकती है और आपको लीवर भी डैमेज कर सकते हैं। इस लिए आप इसे साफ करने के लिए सिरका, वॉशिंग सोडा या बोरॉक्स का प्रयोग कर सकते हैं।

### 2. क्लीनर और सोप

क्लीनर में ऐसे बहुत से रसायन पाए जाते हैं जो कि प्रतिरक्षा प्रणाली, प्रजनन शक्ति को कमजोर करता है। उसकी जगह पर आप साधारण साबुन या एंटीबैक्टीरियल सोप से ही हाथ धो सकते हैं।

### 3. एयरफ़ेशनर

हम सभी घर को महकाने के लिए जिस रूम फ़ेशनर का इस्तेमाल करते हैं वह हमारे लिए अच्छे नहीं होते हैं। इसका उपयोग करने से हमें एलर्जी, त्वचा रोग, म्यूकस मेंबरन में जलन, जोड़े और सीने में दर्द पैदा हो सकता है। ऐसे में आप घर में फ़ेश हवा को अंदर लाने के लिए दरवाजों व खिड़कियां खोल कर रखें। अगर आप घर को महकाना चाहती है तो आप फूलों का इस्तेमाल भी कर सकती हैं।

### 4. डिशवॉशर

घर में बर्तनों को साफ करने के लिए जिस डिशवॉशर का हम उपयोग करते हैं अगर वह सूखा है तो उसका प्रयोग न करें क्योंकि इसे हमारी आंखों में तकलीफ, त्वचा में जलन और खुजली होनी शुरू हो जाती है। इसलिए हमेशा बाजार से अच्छी क्वालिटी के डिजिटल डिशवॉशर लाकर ही प्रयोग करें।

5. **कार्पेट** को साफ करने के लिए क्लीनर कार्पेट या गलीचे को साफ करने के लिए जिस क्लीनर का हम उपयोग करते हैं उनमें ड्रॉप क्लीनिंग के लिए प्रयोग होने वाला केमिकल इस्तेमाल होता है जो कि इंसान के लीवर, किडनी और नर्वस सिस्टम पर काफी बुरा असर डालता है। ऐसे में आप कार्पेट या गलीचे को साफ करने के लिए नमक, फ्रूट जूस या वाइन का इस्तेमाल कर सकते हैं।



घर छोटा हो या बड़ा इससे कोई फर्क नहीं पड़ता लेकिन यह स्टाइलिश और अच्छे तरीके से सजा-संवरा होना चाहिए ताकि घर का कोना-कोना आपको आकर्षित करें। बढ़िया पेंट, दरवाजे-खिड़कियां और मॉडर्न जमाने का फर्नीचर घर की शोभा बढ़ाते हैं। एक और चीज जो घर की सजावट में अहम रोल निभाती है, वह है कर्टेन यानी की पर्दे। इसके बिना घर खाली खाली सा लगता है। यह डैकोरेशन के साथ-साथ कमरों के पार्टिशन और प्राइवैसी को भी बनाए रखने में मदद करते हैं।

वैसे तो आपको मार्किट में बहुत सारे डिजाइन्स और स्टाइल में हर क्लर का पर्दा आसानी से मिल जाएगा आप ऑनलाइन साइट्स से भी अपने मनपसंद पर्दे चुन कर सकती हैं और मंगवा सकती हैं लेकिन अगर आपको लगता है कि यह आपके बजट में फिट नहीं बैठ रहे और काफी महंगे पड़ रहे हैं तो घरवारी की जरूरत नहीं है क्योंकि आप घर पर ही पर्दे बना सकती हैं जो काफी सस्ते भी पड़ेंगे। वैसे यह काम आसान नहीं है इसके लिए आपको मेहनत तो करनी ही पड़ेगी। चलिए आज हम आपको ईजी वे बताते हैं,

जिसकी मदद से आप आसानी से कर्टेन तैयार कर सकते हैं। चलिए, जानते हैं पर्दे बनाने के तरीके- सबसे पहले आपको कर्टेन का सही नाप और सिलाई करनी आनी चाहिए। आजकल तो फ्रिल वाले और डबल कर्टेन काफी ट्रेंड में चल रहे हैं। इसी के साथ कर्टेन का चुनाव पेंट के हिसाब से करें। अगर कर्टेन किसी और रंग का और पेंट किसी और रंग का होगा तो पूरा कमरा अटपटा सा लगेगा लेकिन आप कंट्रास्ट मैचिंग कर सकते हैं जैसे- ग्रे लाइट दीवारों के साथ ग्रे कर्टेन। -अगर आपके घर में पुरानी साड़ियां पड़ी हैं तो आप उनका इस्तेमाल कर्टेन के तौर पर कर सकते हैं। सिल्क की साड़ियों से बने पर्दे बहुत ही ग्रेसफुल लगते हैं। सिंगल टॉप शिफॉन की साड़ी पर्दों के लिए सबसे बेस्ट मानी जाती है क्योंकि यह घर के फर्नीचर से मिक्स एंड मैच हो जाएगी। -वैसे आजकल तो सर्दी के मौसम में शनील (Shannille Applique) के कर्टेन भी खूब ट्रेंड में हैं। यह देखने में तो आकर्षक लगते ही हैं साथ ही हवा से बचाव करते हैं, जिससे कमरा गर्म रहता है। अगर आप शनील

के कर्टेन नहीं लगाना चाहते तो इसकी जगह पर आप किसी मोटे स्टाफ का इस्तेमाल कर सकते हैं। आजकल लोग इस तरह के कर्टेन को ज्यादा प्रेफर करने लग गए हैं क्योंकि यह सिंपल साँबर और डिसेंट सी लुक देते हैं।

- आपके पास ऐसे बहुत सारे दुपट्टे होंगे, जिसके सूट आप पहनकर खराब कर चुके हैं। इन्हें बेकार मत जाने दें। 3-4 दुपट्टों को आपस में मिलाकर पर्दों के रूप में इस्तेमाल करें। - स्टॉल्स या पुरानी चादरों से भी आप घर के लिए सस्ते पर्दे बना सकते हैं। आप 2 से 3 चादरों या स्टॉल्स को आपस में मिक्स करके भी पर्दे तैयार कर सकते हैं। इन्हें आप चैक या स्ट्रैप्स स्टाइल में भी तैयार करें जो देखने में भी बहुत ही क्लरफुल लगेंगे। दूसरा इन पुरानी चीजों का किसी अच्छी जगह पर इस्तेमाल होता है। - अगर आप चाहते हैं कि कमरों में पर्दे भी लगे हों और रोशनी भी पूरी रहे तो पतले कपड़े में कर्टेन लगाएं और लाइट क्लर को प्रेफर करें। -पहले लोग मेजपोश और सोफों को कवर करने के लिए क्रोशिए से बने छड़ से सजाते थे लेकिन अब तो क्रोशियों के पर्दे भी खूब परसंद किए जा रहे हैं। ये आपके घर को आर्टिस्टिक लुक देते हैं।

## एक बार पहने हुए कपड़ों की इस तरह से करें संभाल...

अक्सर हम सभी कपड़ों को पहनने के बाद उतार कर ऐसे ही अलमारी में रख देते हैं, पर हमें ऐसे नहीं करना चाहिए क्योंकि उतारे हुए कपड़ों में बहुत से संक्रमण होते हैं। अगर आपके कपड़ों में पसीने की गंध नहीं आ रही तो इसका मतलब यह नहीं है कि आपके कपड़े दुबारा पहनने के लायक हैं। अगर आप इन कपड़ों को ऐसे ही पहन लेंगे तो आप बीमार भी हो सकते हैं। तो आइए जानते हैं इन कपड़ों की संभाल करने के बारे में।

1. अगर आप पहने हुए कपड़े को उतारने के बाद में अलमारी में रखते हैं तो ऐसा न करें क्योंकि उन कपड़ों को पहनने से ऐसे संक्रमण आ जाते हैं जो दुसरे कपड़ों में भी फैल सकते हैं। इसलिए पहने हुए कपड़ों को उतार कर अलमारी में रखने की जगह धूप में टांग कर सुखाएं।

मिल रही हो तो उतारे हुए कपड़ों को हैंगर में टांग कर पखे की हवा से सूखा सकते हैं। ऐसे में आपके कपड़ों में बदबू नहीं रहेगी।

3. कपड़ों को सुखाने के लिए धूप में सिर्फ एक घंटे तक ही रखें क्योंकि ज्यादा समय तक धूप में रखने से कपड़ों का रंग खराब हो सकता है। कपड़े के सूख जाने पर अलग अलमारी में ही रखें।

4. अगर कपड़ों को ऐसे ही उतार कर छोड़ देगे तो आपके कपड़े दुबारा पहनने के लायक नहीं रहते।

5. अपने घर में कोई ऐसी जगह जैसे कि कोई खूटी या फिर दरवाजे के पीछे लगी खूटी हो तो उस पर उतारे हुए कपड़ों को लटका सकती हैं।

ऐसा करने से गंदे कपड़े साफ कपड़ों के साथ नहीं मिल पाएंगे।



2. अगर मौसम ठीक न हो और सूरज की रौशनी न

अक्सर देखा गया है कि किचन में जब लकड़ी के बर्तनों पर दाग लग जाते हैं तो वह आसानी से नहीं निकलते हैं। ऐसे में बर्तनों का नया पन खो जाता है। कभी-कभी ऐसे बर्तनों में से सब्जियों की गंध बहुत ज्यादा आती है जिससे बनाई जाने वाली दुसरी सब्जी में से भी उसकी महक आती है। आज हम आपको कुछ स्पेशल टिप्स देंगे जिससे अपनाकर आप घर पर आसानी से लकड़ी के बर्तनों की गंध को दूर करके उन्हें चमका सकते हैं।

1. लकड़ी के बर्तनों को नींबू से साफ करें अगर लकड़ी के बर्तनों में से बहुत ज्यादा गंद आती है तो आप नींबू लेकर उसके रस को निकाल लें। अब इस रस में पानी को मिला कर इसके घोल में बर्तन को डुबों कर 15 मिनट कर रख दें। धोने के बाद में इसे सूखाने के लिए सूती कपड़ा लेकर इसे पोंछ दें।

2. सिरका और शहद कभी-कभी बर्तन इतने ज्यादा गंदे हो जाते हैं कि साफ करने में बहुत दिकत आती है। ऐसे में आप थोड़ा सा सिरका लेकर उसमें शहद मिला कर दोनों का मिश्रण बना लें। अब इस मिश्रण में सूती कपड़े को भिगो कर बर्तनों को अच्छे से रगड़ें/ऐसे करने से आपके बर्तनों में चमक भी आ जाएगी। धोने के बाद में आप इन बर्तनों को धूप में भी सुखा सकते हैं।

3. पानी में नमक डालकर आप पानी उबले हुए पानी में नमक डालकर इन बर्तनों को 5 मिनट के लिए भिगो कर रख दें। बाद में उन्हें निकाल कर आप किसी कपड़े से पोंछ कर

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सूखने के लिए धूप में रख दें।

### 4. साइट्रस फ्रूट

साइट्रस फ्रूट में साइट्रस की मात्रा ज्यादा होती है, जिसके कारण वह खट्टे होते हैं। इसके खट्टे से भी आप लकड़ी के बर्तनों को साफ कर सकती हैं।

5. बेकिंग सोडा में नींबू का रस इन लकड़ी के बर्तनों में से गंध और चिपचिपापन हटाने के लिए आप एक कटोरी में बेकिंग सोडा और नींबू का रस लेकर बर्तनों को इस मिश्रण से साफ करें। साफ करने के बाद इसकी शाइन नए जैसे बनाए रखने के लिए इन बर्तनों को धूप में सुखाएं।

### 6. पानी

आप जब भी लकड़ी के बर्तनों को साफ करे तो ध्यान दे कि पानी गुनगुना होना चाहिए। ऐसा करने से गंध और चिकनाई वाले बर्तन आसानी से साफ हो जाते हैं और समय भी कम लगता है।



NEWS BOX

**India not playing cricket in Pakistan is unacceptable: PCB chief Mohsin Naqvi**

**New Delhi.** Pakistan Cricket Board chairman Mohsin Naqvi has hit out at India once again ahead of the Champions Trophy 2025. Speaking at a press conference on Thursday, November 28, Naqvi said that it was not acceptable that India do not come to play an ICC tournament in Pakistan, despite the Pakistani side travelling to India for the 2023 ODI World Cup. Naqvi, who is struggling to keep the Champions Trophy entirely in Pakistan due to political differences between the two countries, said that he will do what is best for Pakistan cricket. He said that he was in touch with the ICC delegates on the matter and that the PCB was clear that they wanted to host the entire tournament in Pakistan.

"I promise we'll do what is best for Pakistan cricket. I'm constantly in touch with the ICC chairman and my team is talking to them constantly. We're still clear in our stance that it's not acceptable that we play cricket in India, and they don't play cricket here.



Whatever will happen, will happen on the basis of equality. We've told the ICC very clearly, and what happens next we'll let you know," Mohsin Naqvi said in the press conference on November 28. Naqvi further confirmed that they had not received any written communication from the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) about not travelling to Pakistan. "Whatever we do, we will make sure the best outcome for Pakistan is achieved," Naqvi said. "But I repeat, and I am sure you know what I mean, it's not possible that Pakistan play in India, and they don't come here." The ICC is set to hold its board meeting on Friday, 29 November, to discuss the Champions Trophy and finalise the schedule for the eight-team event, which is slated to take place early next year, India Today has learnt. The announcement of the fixtures for this marquee ODI tournament has been delayed. Pakistan holds the hosting rights for the Champions Trophy, but India's decision not to send its cricket team to play in Pakistan has created an impasse. The PCB has been adamant about not adopting a hybrid model, which would involve hosting some matches at a neutral venue.

**Royal Challengers Bengaluru face backlash over launch of X account in Hindi**

**New Delhi.** Days after the Bengaluru-based IPL team, Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB), launched a Hindi account on X, the decision has sparked a heated debate among fans and pro-Kannada activists. The social media account, which was started in October 2024, has only five tweets in it. As of November 28, the @RCBinHindi account has nearly 2,500 followers. Several pro-Kannada groups and fans have criticised the move, accusing RCB management of imposing Hindi on Kannada-speaking followers. Many have taken to social media to express their displeasure, with some even initiating an online petition urging the management to reconsider the decision. The social media account currently has AI videos



of the recent players that RCB bought in the IPL Auction. In one of the videos, England batter Liam Livingstone can be seen greeting the fans in Hindi.

**HINDI SPEAKERS FACE DISCRIMINATION**

Recently, many Hindi speakers have faced discrimination on the basis of language in Bengaluru, the city that RCB is based out of. Videos have gone viral of auto and cab drivers demanding passengers to either speak in Kannada or leave their state.

A Twitter user, by the name of Shaani Nani spoke about her struggles in Bengaluru.

"I was working in Bengaluru for 1.5 years. Married in Punjab, I wore choora for the entire 1 year as it is a part of my tradition. It was clearly evident I was from North India (sic)," she said. Explaining how she had a very bad experience with locals, the woman said, "What a harassment it was to commute in auto from flat to office and back. The audacity of local auto drivers to strike a conversation on why I was in Bengaluru when I belonged to North, if I was learning Kannada, asking if I like anything apart from weather, asking for more money as I was newly married and pretending not to understand a word when I would talk in Hin/Eng (sic).

**Rishabh Pant's ambitions are clear, he wants to captain India: DC co-owner**

**Delhi Capitals co-owner Parth Jindal said that Rishabh Pant is very clear in his ambition. Jindal said that Pant one day, wants to captain the Indian cricket team.**

**New Delhi.** Delhi Capitals co-owner Parth Jindal has revealed that Rishabh Pant has his eyes set on becoming the captain of the Indian cricket team. Speaking to ESPNcricinfo after the Indian Premier League auction, Jindal said that he knows very clearly what Pant wants to achieve in his life.

Rishabh Pant was bought by Lucknow Super Giants in the IPL mega-auction. The franchise shelled out a record Rs 27 crore for the wicket-keeper batter. It is expected that Pant will be captaining

the LSG side. "We were quite clear that we know his ambitions, we know where he wants to go. He's made it amply clear that his dream and desire is to captain India and that starts with captaining an IPL team," Parth Jindal recalled a chat between Pant and the DC team owners. Jindal also opened up on the next captaincy candidates in the Delhi side and said that Axar Patel and KL Rahul are equally good candidates for the job. Jindal spoke in details about Axar, who is known to be a jolly fellow in the dressing room. The DC co-owner said that Axar knew the culture of the Delhi team and was the best all-rounder in T20 cricket at the moment.

"Axar has been with the franchise for a long period of time. He has been a tremendous player for the franchise. He is probably the best all-rounder in the game today in T20s. Obviously, the successor to Jaddu (Ravindra Jadeja) is Axar in all respects. So he's been phenomenal for us and he's done a great job as the vice-captain of the franchise.



Whenever Rishabh was not available, whenever Rishabh was injured, Axar did step in and play a big role. He's a jovial fellow, he keeps the dressing room very light. He's an uncomplicated character and he's someone who, I think, can do a great job. So we have to take a decision, but I haven't even spoken to Axar about it. I haven't spoken to anybody about it, but he's definitely someone we consider to read

the game very well. He's definitely someone who keeps the dressing room together, which are good characteristics for a leader," Jindal concluded on Delhi's captaincy. Delhi Capitals' co-owner Parth Jindal bid an emotional goodbye to Rishabh Pant with a heartfelt note on social media. Jindal hoped that he would reunite with Rishabh in the future. "To Rishabh Pant, you are and will always remain my younger brother - from the bottom of my heart I love you and I have tried everything to make sure you are happy and have treated you like my family. I am very sad to see you go and I am very emotional about it. You will always be in DC and I hope one day we can reunite. Thank you for everything Rishabh and remember that we will always love you - go well champ, the world is at your feet. Best wishes from all of us at Delhi Capitals - other than when you play DC I will be cheering and hoping for the best for you!" Parth Jindal wrote on Twitter.

**Rohit Sharma all smiles as Indian team lands in Canberra for 2nd Test**

**New Delhi.** The official social media handle of the BCCI shared a special video of Team India's travel day out. The Indian team, led by captain Rohit Sharma, landed in Canberra from Perth. The players looked in a very relaxed and chilled out mood as they arrived for the 2nd Test in Australia's capital. The Indian team were donning their travelling kit and looked stylish yet comfortable in their airport look. India will face Australia in the 2nd Test match at the Adelaide Oval. The much-anticipated Test match will start on December 6 and will be played with Pink ball. India boast of a decent record in the Pink ball Test, although they have not played a lot of it. India has played four matches and won three of those. However, India's only loss in pink ball Test came against Australia in 2020. India infamously bundled out to their lowest total in Test cricket for just 36 runs as



Australia won the 1st Test by 8 wickets. Meanwhile, India hosted three Pink ball Tests at home and won all of them against

**The Indian team travelled from Perth to Canberra for the 2nd Test match, set to be played in Adelaide. The Pink ball Test will begin on December 6, Thursday.**

Bangladesh, England and Sri Lanka. India beat Australia in the 1st Test match to take 1-0 lead in the 5-match series of the Border Gavaskar Trophy. India registered a 295-run victory over Australia in the 1st Test at Optus Stadium in Perth. They managed to breach the Perth fortress to become the first-ever visiting team to

**KL Rahul hopes to win IPL with Delhi Capitals, wants love and respect: Parth Jindal**

**New Delhi.** Delhi Capitals co-owner Parth Jindal revealed that he spoke to KL Rahul after the IPL auction. Rahul, who was bought by DC for Rs 14 crore by DC is still hunting for the elusive Indian Premier League title, having played for multiple franchises. Including DC, Rahul has played for 5 IPL franchises. Speaking to ESPNcricinfo, Parth Jindal said that he knew KL Rahul and his wife Athiya Shetty personally and had been friends with them for years. Jindal said that Rahul told him that he wants to win the IPL with DC and wants love and respect from the management and the fans. "He's very happy, very excited to be part of Delhi. He knows me for a long time. He's a Bangalore (Bengaluru) boy. I own Bengaluru FC (in the Indian Super League), so he's watched a few games with me. I know his wife Athiya (Shetty) really well. She's been a close family friend growing up in Mumbai. So he (Rahul) was like, "I just want to play cricket. I just want to get the love and support from the franchise. I just want to get the respect and I know Parth from you, I

**Virat Kohli will have a big series: Rahul Dravid warns Australia**

**Star India batter Virat Kohli will have a big series in Australia, said Rahul Dravid ahead of the 2nd Test match at Adelaide. Dravid said that Kohli has been batting really well overseas and getting a hundred early against Australia will free him up.**

**New Delhi.** Senior India batter Virat Kohli will have a big series in Australia, said former India head coach Rahul Dravid. Speaking on Star Sports, Dravid said that Kohli had been batting well on difficult pitches overseas and could end up tormenting Australia in the ongoing Border Gavaskar Trophy.

The Indian talisman hit a gritty century on the first Test match against Perth in Australia. Kohli was sensational in the second half of that innings, after his initial struggles. Kohli became the fourth Indian batter to hit 30 centuries in Test cricket after Sachin Tendulkar, Rahul Dravid and Sunil Gavaskar. "He's been batting really well, even in South Africa a few months ago when



we were there, I thought he was batting really well on a couple of difficult wickets. It's just nice for him to be able to get that hundred at the start of the series. I think he could have a big series," said Dravid on Star Sports. During the Perth Test match, former India cricketer Sunil Gavaskar had spoken about the visible difference in Virat Kohli's approach with the bat in Perth.

"His body was completely relaxed when he came into bat in the second innings. In the

first innings, he came out to bat when India had lost two early wickets, he might have been under pressure. In the second innings, I think he gave himself a little more time to play the ball and, apart from the wider stance, I think he allowed himself to play the bounce by being a little bit more upright," Gavaskar told the broadcasters at the end of the Perth Test. Coming into the Test series, Kohli had a terrible outing against New Zealand at home, scoring just 93 runs across 3 Test matches. The batter changed his stance, worked on his game and tried to dominate Australia from the go in the first Test match at Perth. Kohli's hundred, combined with terrific performances from Yashasvi Jaiswal, KL Rahul and Jasprit Bumrah, helped India secure their first-ever win at the Optus Stadium by a massive 295-run margin. In fact, this was Australia's first Test match loss at the Optus. India will next play a Pink Ball Test match against Australia in Adelaide, starting on 6 December.



will get that and just can't be more excited to play for a friend and let's make Delhi win. I have never won (IPL). Delhi has never won. Let's do it together," Parth Jindal told ESPNcricinfo. But who will captain Delhi in the IPL 2025? Jindal remained coy on the plans and said that there were two captaincy candidates - KL Rahul and Axar Patel and the final decision will be made after a meeting of owners and team management. Earlier, Jindal had said after the auction that both KL Rahul and Axar Patel were going to lead the side. "We were looking for stability in the top order, someone with experience who can build the innings. And, I think KL Rahul, given his record in the IPL, he's someone who's consistently given more than 400 runs every season. I think with the Kotla wicket, it is going to suit his game.

**Who is Beau Webster: Uncapped Australian all-rounder added to Adelaide Test squad**

**AUS vs IND: Tasmanian all-rounder Beau Webster has been added to Australia's squad for the 2nd Test vs India. He came into the squad amid fitness concerns for Mitchell Marsh.**

**New Delhi.** Tasmanian all-rounder Beau Webster has been added to Australia's squad for the second Test against India, set to begin on December 6 in Adelaide. Webster's selection comes as cover for Mitchell Marsh, who experienced soreness after Australia's 295-run loss in the first Test in Perth. While Marsh remains in contention to play as a specialist batter, concerns over his bowling fitness prompted Webster's



inclusion. Webster's rise to the national squad is the result of consistent performances in domestic cricket. Named the Sheffield Shield Player of the Year last summer, the 30-year-old achieved a rare milestone by scoring over 900 runs and

taking 30 wickets in a single season—matching a feat previously accomplished only by Sir Garry Sobers. His form has continued this summer, with 448 runs at an average of 56 and 16 wickets, including key contributions for Australia A

against India A. In the recent Sheffield Shield match against New South Wales, Webster scored 61 and 49, and his late two-wicket burst sealed Tasmania's first win of the season.

**Who is Beau Webster**

He also boasts of being a versatile cricketer. Webster transitioned from an off-spinner to a medium pacer four years ago. He now combines his seam-bowling prowess with occasional off-spin when conditions demand it. Additionally, he is regarded as one of the finest slip catchers in Australian cricket, which further enhances his value to the team. To get a few runs and wickets (for Australia A) was pleasing against a strong Indian side," Webster said ahead of the announcement. "Any time you're playing 'A' cricket, it's the one step below Test level, so it does hold you in good stead." To get the call from 'Bails' (men's selection chair George Bailey) at the end of the NSW game was a really proud moment and.

# Tara Sutaria

Attends Ex Aadar Jain's Pre-Wedding Ceremony? Here's The TRUTH



Bollywood actress Tara Sutaria stepped out amid her ex-boyfriend Aadar Jain's roka ceremony. The actress was seen decked up to attend a wedding in Mumbai. In a video shared online, Tara looked stunning in a golden saree, which she styled with a matching blouse. She wore a heavy choker and a pair of statement earrings. The Student Of The Year 2 star completed her look by tying her hair into a neat bun and topping it with jasmine flowers. She was also seen wearing bangles and carrying a golden purse. Her decked up appearance has led to the confusion that she is attending Aadar's pre-wedding ceremony.

However, the truth is that she was attending a friend's wedding. The ceremony was also attended by Sanjana Sanghi. Check out the video below: Amid Aadar's pre-wedding celebrations, Tara's Instagram Stories have caught everyone's attention. The actress shared a post in which she revealed she is going to start reading a book that is titled, "Karma Is A B\*\*ch." She shared a picture of the book and wrote, "Just got my hands on Shome Mak's new book, Karma Is A B\*\*ch. I cannot wait to start reading. Everyone grab your copy now!" Tara was previously dating Aadar Jain. The couple dated for a few years before they parted ways in 2023. In an exclusive chat with News18 Showsha, Tara confirmed the relationship has indeed ended Tara and Aadar parted amicably and have decided to remain friends. However, they haven't been spotted together in recent times.

She is now rumoured to be dating Arunoday Singh. The actor has been seen in films such as Main Tera Hero and Yeh Saali Zindagi. Tara is yet to comment on the rumours. Meanwhile, Aadar is getting married to Alekha Advani.

# Kareena Kapoor

Decks Up For Cousin Aadar Jain's Roka, Performs Sisterly Duties

Bollywood actress Kareena Kapoor attended her cousin Aadar Jain's roka ceremony on Saturday night. In videos shared online, Kareena was seen wearing a gorgeous blue saree for the ceremony. She let her hair down, reminding of her Kabhi Khushi Kabhie Ghum era. She completed her look with a choker and a little potli style handbag. In the video shared online, Kareena was seen greeting the Jain family members and even participating in the ceremony. She was handed a plate of the puja items needed for the ceremony. Kareena attended the ceremony sans her husband, actor Saif Ali Khan and their sons, Taimur and Jeh.

**Who Is Aadar Jain Marrying?**

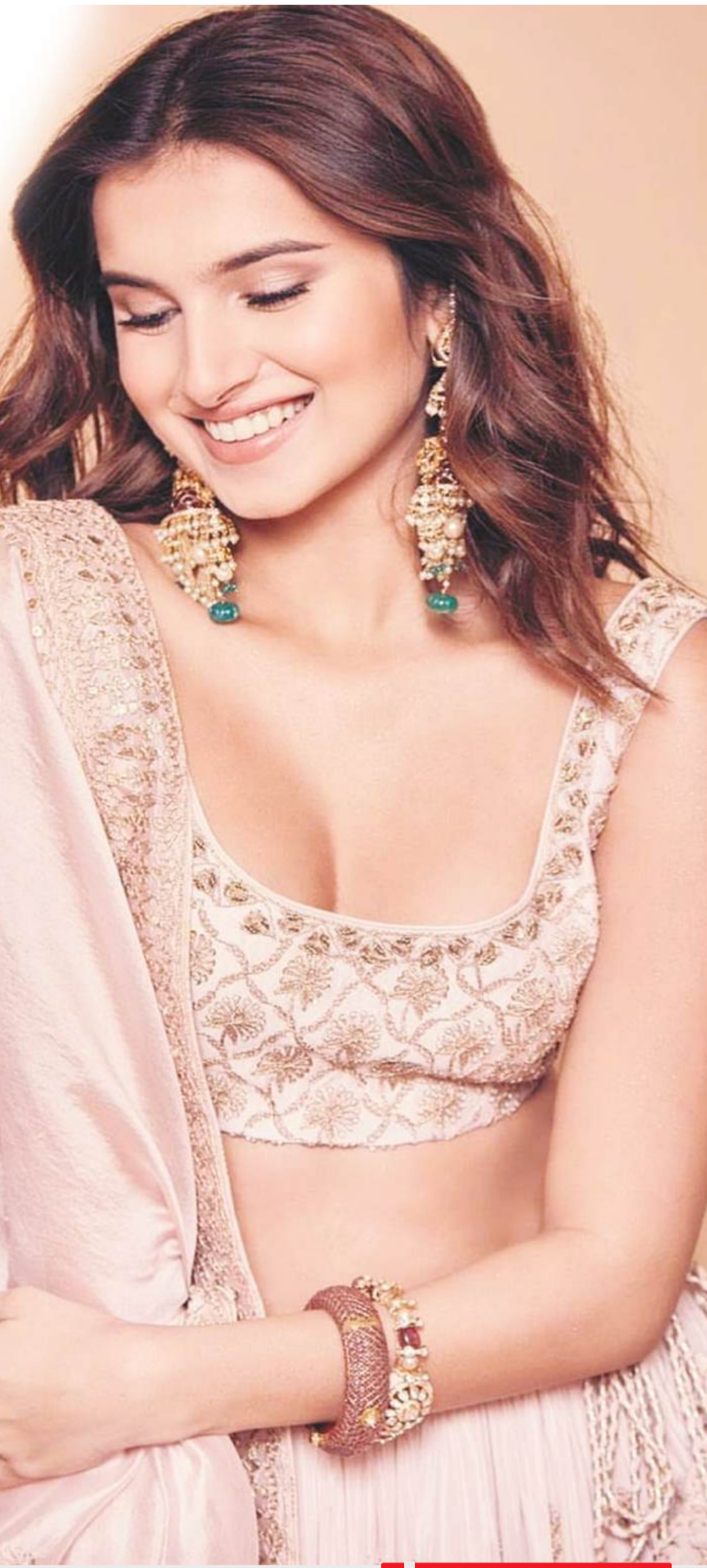
Aadar Jain is dating Alekha Advani. The couple got engaged in September this year. They took to their social media accounts and shared the happy news. Aadar admitted Alekha was his first crush. "My first crush, my best friend & now, my forever," he captioned the post.



Kareena Kapoor, Karisma Kapoor, Ananya Panday, Riddhima Kapoor Sahni, Maheep Kapoor, Anshula Kapoor and Shanaya Kapoor flooded the comments with congratulatory messages. Kareena Kapoor made a reference to the iconic DDLJ song in a cheerful comment that read, "Yayyyyyyyy. Mehendi laga ke rakhna, doli saja ke rakhna." Karisma Kapoor also congratulated the couple by adding "Congratulations you both," accompanied by heart and ring emojis. Ananya Panday praised the couple, commenting, "Congratulations. Soooooo beautiful." Riddhima Kapoor

Sahni and Shanaya Kapoor, also cousins of Aadar, joined in with several heart emojis in the comments section.

Aadar Jain was dating Tara Sutaria before he dated and got engaged to Alekha. Aadar and Tara made a few joint appearance. Tara also attended a couple of Kapoor family Christmas lunches and his brother, Armaan Jain's wedding celebrations as well. However, they parted ways in 2023. Aadar Jain, the son of Rima Jain and the grandson of Bollywood legends Raj Kapoor and Krishna Kapoor, made his Bollywood debut with the 2017 film Qaidi Band and was last seen in the film Hello Charlie.



## AR Rahman Issues Legal Notice Against 'Slanderers'; Abhishek Bachchan On Being A 'Girl Dad' To Aaradhya



AR Rahman, who announced his separation with wife Saira Banu, has issued a notice to 'slanderers', demanding removal of objectionable, defamatory content, and concocted stories about the couple that surfaced post the divorce announcement. AR Rahman's counsel stated that failing to do so will result in legal action, and that an appropriate defamation suit will be filed against anyone who has contributed to such false content. Post Rahman and Saira Banu's separation announcement, several defamatory theories and rumours surfaced on the Internet. In the latest episode of KBC, Abhishek spoke with his father, Amitabh Bachchan, about his role in I Want To Talk, a film that explores the emotional journey of a single father navigating a troubled relationship with his daughter. The actor spoke candidly about his relationship with his own daughter, Aaradhya. "Aaradhya is my daughter, and Shoojit da has two daughters. We are all 'girl dads,' and we truly understand that emotion," he shared.

Swara Bhasker reacted to her husband Fahad Ahmad losing in the Maharashtra Election s 2024. Fahad contested from Maharashtra's Anushakti Nagar as a candidate of Sharad Pawar-led NCP faction. He was contesting against Ajit Pawar's NCP nominee Sana Malik. After it was revealed that Fahad was trailing by a large number, Swara took to X and questioned the Election Commission about the EVMs, blaming them for Fahad's loss.

At a recent event, Barkha Dutt said that while Sanjay is well-known in the business world, he is now also known as "Shalini Passi's husband". When asked how he felt about this tag, Sanjay said, "I feel proud about it. When someone asks me, 'Are you Shalini Passi's husband?' I say yes." Sanjay's response won many hearts and fans even praised him for supporting Shalini. After Vinta Nanda lashed out at Imtiaz Ali over his comments on casting couch in the film industry, the latter has issued a clarification about the same. He wrote, "I haven't denied or disputed the tons of harassment cases that Vinta ji and many other friends have spoken about; in fact these incidents are deeply disturbing and must be dealt with severely and consistently."

## Fabulous Lives' Shalini Passi's Husband Sanjay Passi On Her Success: 'She Is A Queen..'



Shalini Passi's sensational debut in Fabulous Lives vs Bollywood Wives has catapulted her into newfound fame. As fans remain intrigued by her personal life, her husband, Sanjay Passi, has also stepped into the spotlight. A renowned businessman and chairman of Pasco Group, Sanjay is now widely recognised as "Shalini Passi's husband," a title he wears with pride. At a recent event moderated by journalist Barkha Dutt, Sanjay Passi opened up about his wife's rise to stardom. When asked about her becoming a "national pride," he expressed his surprise and admiration. "I mean, it was a surprise for me. I mean, overnight I could not have imagined that what she's done. It's amazing. I really feel very proud of her."

When Dutt remarked on Sanjay's successful entrepreneurial journey but his new identity as "Shalini Passi's husband," he responded warmly, "I feel very proud about it. Yes, when people say, are you Shalini Passi, I say yes." The conversation also touched on how this sudden stardom had impacted their household. Shalini chimed in confidently, "I was always a star at home. It's the same. For me, it's the same. Like, I'm the same person I always was from school till now. I've always lived in my own universe. Now everybody, like people know me now, which is different. And I hope I can keep delivering and I hope I can keep, you know, following my dreams and make everybody happy while I'm doing it."

Sanjay also offered a heartfelt glimpse into their relationship when asked to share something about Shalini not seen on the show. "She is a queen. What can I say about a queen? I'm just there to serve her," he said.

While Shalini has become an internet sensation, Sanjay remains a respected figure in the business world. Pasco Group, under his leadership, is a leading name in Tata Motors-certified dealerships in North India. The couple, who shares a son named Robin Passi, showcased their evident love and support for each other in Fabulous Lives vs Bollywood Wives.