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## NEWS BOX

### Brazil's Bolsonaro hoping Trump will aid political comeback: Report

WASHINGTON. Brazil's ex-president Jair Bolsonaro is hoping that incoming US leader Donald Trump will support his political comeback in 2026 elections, according to an interview published Thursday, despite facing charges over an alleged coup plot.

The Wall Street Journal reported that Bolsonaro is banking on Trump pressuring Brazilian judges to delay enforcing a court ruling that bars him from office until 2030 for baselessly trashing Brazil's voting system ahead of the 2022 elections he lost.

"Trump is back, and it's a sign we'll be back too," said Bolsonaro, who the newspaper reported had been in close contact with the Republican since his US election victory in early November. A spokesperson for Trump's incoming administration did not respond to a request for comment, the Wall Street Journal said.

Bolsonaro -- a hard-right populist widely dubbed the "Tropical Trump" during his 2019-2023 term -- has remained politically active since leaving office, recently campaigning for the right-wing Liberal Party ahead of October municipal elections. Like Trump, he has blamed his legal issues on apparent political persecution. Brazilian police have accused Bolsonaro of participating in a 2022 plot to prevent President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva from taking office, and of being aware of an alleged plan to assassinate the incumbent. He is accused alongside 36 other people named as co-conspirators in a police report made public this week. Brazil's attorney general is examining the allegations to see if the evidence supports the charges.

### Taiwan Reports Surge In Chinese Military Activity, Detects 33 PLA Aircraft

World Taiwan's Ministry of National Defense (MND) on Friday reported an increase in Chinese military activity around the island, detecting over 30 PLA aircraft and 8 PLAN vessels around Taiwan.

The details were shared in a post on X.

"33 PLA aircraft and 8 PLAN vessels operating around Taiwan were detected up until 6 a.m. (UTC+8) today. 21 of the aircraft crossed the median line and entered Taiwan's northern, southwestern and eastern ADIZ. We have monitored the situation and responded accordingly." Chinese incursions around Taiwan have increased recently. In response, Taiwan has stepped up security along its maritime borders. Taiwan's armed forces conducted a comprehensive air defense drill on Thursday as China reportedly prepares for its third large-scale military exercise, Joint Sword-2024C, near Taiwan. The drill, which involved air, naval, and missile defense units, was conducted to strengthen readiness against potential aerial and missile threats, according to Taiwan News. The Air Force Command stated that the exercise took place from 5 am to 7 am, deploying fighter jets, naval vessels, and air defence missile systems. Aircraft such as the Indigenous Defence Fighter (IDF), Mirage 2000, F-16, and C-130 transport planes were utilised, along with ground-based air defence missile units. Recently, Taiwanese President, Lai Ching-te attended the completion ceremony for the #ROC-N Shuei-Sing Barracks. The base will serve as the new home for the Taiwanese Navy Underwater Operations Unit and enhance its training capabilities.

Taiwan President Lai Ching-te convened a high-level national security conference in which he assured the public about the government's commitment to neutralising any threat to Taiwan's democracy and security after China staged a large-scale military drill around the island. He made his remarks in response to the Chinese People's Liberation Army's (PLA) announcement of military drills, named "Joint Sword-2024B," in the Taiwan Strait and surrounding areas, which were described as a "stern warning" to advocates of Taiwan independence, according to the Taipei Times.

### Putin: Russia will use all weapons at disposal if Ukraine gets N-arms

World President Vladimir Putin said Thursday that Russia would use all weapons at its disposal against Ukraine if Kyiv were to acquire nuclear arms. The NYT reported last week that some unidentified Western officials had suggested US President Joe Biden could give Ukraine nuclear weapons before he leaves office. If the country which we are essentially at war with now becomes a nuclear power, what do we do? We will use all means of destruction available to Russia," Putin said at a presser in Kazakhstan. "If officially someone were to transfer something, then that would mean a violation of all the non-proliferation commitments they have made," Putin said. He also said it was practically impossible for Ukraine to produce a nuclear weapon, but that it might be able to make some kind of "dirty bomb", a conventional bomb laced with radioactive material. In that case, Russia would respond appropriately, he said. Putin also said that Russia may use its new Oreshnik hypersonic missile to attack "decision-making centres" in Kyiv in response to Ukraine's firing of Western missiles at Russian territory. Russia has not so far struck Ukrainian ministries, parliament or president's office in the 33-month war.

Kyiv is heavily protected by air defences, but Putin says the Oreshnik, which Russia fired for the first time at a Ukrainian city last week, is "incapable of being intercepted." "At present, the ministry of defence and the general staff are selecting targets. These could be military facilities, defence and industrial enterprises, or decision-making centres in Kyiv." Putin praised US Prez-elect Trump as an experienced and intelligent politician, but said he did not believe he was safe. Putin said he had been shocked by the way the US election campaign had unfolded.

## Saudi Arabia to host UN talks on drought, desertification

**Saudi Arabia is aiming to restore 40 million hectares of degraded land.**

**A picture shows a view of the Al-Ghat National Park on November 28, 2024.**

RIYADH. Saudi Arabia will host the COP16 UN conference on land degradation and desertification next week as the top oil exporter pitches itself as an environmental defender despite criticism of its role at climate talks. UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres has called the meeting for the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) a "moonshot moment" to protect and restore land and respond to drought. Activists accused Saudi Arabia, the world's biggest oil exporter, of trying to water down calls to phase out fossil fuels at last week's COP29 UN climate talks in Azerbaijan.

However, the subject of desertification is

close to home for the Gulf kingdom, which has one of the biggest deserts on the planet. "We are a desert country. We are exposed to the harshest mode of land degradation which is desertification," deputy environment minister Osama Faqeha told AFP. "Our land is arid. Our rainfall is very little. And this is the reality. And we have been dealing with this for centuries." Land degradation disrupts ecosystems and makes land less productive for agriculture, leading to food shortages and spurring migration. Land is considered degraded when its productivity has been harmed by human activities like pollution or deforestation. Desertification is an extreme form of degradation. The last gathering of parties to the convention, in Ivory Coast in 2022, produced a commitment to "accelerating the restoration of one billion hectares of degraded land by 2030". But the UNCCD, which brings together 196 countries and the European Union, now says 1.5 billion hectares (3.7 billion acres) must be restored by decade's end to combat crises including escalating droughts. Saudi Arabia is aiming to restore 40 million hectares of degraded land, Faqeha told



AFP, without specifying a timeline. He said Riyadh anticipated restoring "several million hectares of land" by 2030. So far 240,000 hectares have been recovered using measures including banning illegal logging and expanding the number of national parks from 19 in 2016 to more than 500, Faqeha said. Other ways to restore land include planting trees, crop rotation, managing grazing and restoring wetlands. The COP29 climate talks yielded a hard won \$300 billion climate finance deal that poorer nations most at risk of worsening disasters dismissed as insultingly low. UNCCD executive secretary Ibrahim Thiaw told AFP he hoped COP16 would result in an agreement to

accelerate land restoration and develop a "proactive" approach to droughts. "We have already lost 40 percent of our land and our soils," Thiaw said. "Global security is really at stake, and you see it all over the world. Not only in Africa, not only in the Middle East." Faqeha said he hoped the talks would bring more global awareness to the threat posed by degradation and desertification. "If we continue to allow land to degrade, we will have huge losses," he said. "Land degradation now is a major phenomenon that is really happening under the radar." Saudi Arabia's high oil production, resulting in eye-watering profits for oil giant Aramco, routinely draws the ire of climate activists. But its exposure to desertification could give it more credibility during the Riyadh talks. "With the desertification fight, (Saudi Arabia is) not necessarily directly contributing to the problem, whereas with climate change, it obviously is," said Patrick Galey, senior fossil fuels investigator for Global Witness.

"Saudi Arabia can, with some legitimacy, claim to be standing up for the little guy when it comes to desertification, because it is directly affected."

## No Minority Feels Safe In Bangladesh': Former USCIRF Commissioner Says Muhammad Yunus Is 'Failing'

Washington DC. Johnnie Moore, former Commissioner of the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF), has slammed the Bangladesh interim government over the situation of Hindus and other minorities in Bangladesh, saying "there isn't a minority in the country that doesn't feel under threat right now" and that "Muhammad Yunus is failing."

In an interview with ANI, Moore said it is the government's first responsibility to protect those under threat. He also said that this is a moment of "existential threat not only for the minorities of Bangladesh but for the entire country". Moore criticised the arrest of priest Chinmoy Krishna Das by Bangladesh Police and said perception among minorities is "if they'll go after him, they'll go after any of us". The former USCIRF Commissioner said the global Christian community stands with the Hindu community in Bangladesh.

"Bangladesh isn't just a Muslim country. It's a Muslim-majority country that has many, many minorities. There isn't a minority in the country that doesn't feel under threat right now. That's been globally evident in recent days as this high-profile arrest has taken place of not just a leader of the Hindu

Bangladeshi community, but really a very serious religious figure. I think the perception is if they'll go after him, they'll go after any of us. I want to be crystal clear, that the global Christian community stands with the Hindu



community in Bangladesh. It is the first responsibility of a government to protect those under threat. The religious minorities of Bangladesh are really feeling it now and they deserve our support," he said. We're not sure who's really doing this, but let me just say, the way I see it, Muhammad Yunus is failing. That's what's happening in Bangladesh now. As, the leader of the country, as the interim leader of the country, there are no aspirations for the Bangladeshi people. If you can't manage a very, very simple component

of civil society, which is you have to protect people, people have to be safe. If the rule of law becomes so inefficient that instead of getting due process, a lawyer is killed. This is unbelievable, I was astonished by the response of Mr Yunus in the Bangladeshi government. They're saying this isn't as big a deal as it seems," he added.

Moore said the visuals and the reports that are coming out of Bangladesh show that how a Hindu priest was first arrested then he was denied bail by the local court. "Then the lawyer defending the priest was killed amid protests outside the court where the lawyer was hacked to death by protesters, dragging him out of his chamber. It's become a major rallying point in the country," Moore said.

"As the leader of the country, as the interim leader of the country, there are no aspirations for the Bangladeshi people if you can't manage a very, very simple component of civil society, which is you have to protect people. People have to be safe. And you certainly, you certainly cannot have a vibrant democratic country...if the rule of laws becomes so inefficient that instead of getting due process, a lawyer is killed," he added.

## Donald Trump's call for 'energy dominance' is likely to run into real-world limits

WASHINGTON. President-elect Donald Trump is set to create a National Energy Council that he says will establish American "energy dominance" around the world as he seeks to boost U.S. oil and gas drilling and move away from President Joe Biden's focus on climate change. The energy council -- to be led by North Dakota Gov. Doug Burgum, Trump's choice to head the Interior Department -- will be key in Trump's pledge to "drill, drill, drill" and sell more oil and other energy sources to allies in Europe and around the globe. He new council will be granted sweeping authority over federal agencies involved in energy permitting, production, generation, distribution, regulation and transportation, with a mandate to cut bureaucratic red tape, enhance private sector investments and focus on innovation instead of "totally unnecessary regulation," Trump said.

But the president-elect's energy wishes are likely to run into real-world limits. For one, U.S. oil production under Biden is already at record levels. The federal government cannot force companies to drill for more oil, and production increases could lower prices and reduce profits. A call for energy dominance -- a term Trump also used in his first term as president -- "is an opportunity, not a requirement," for the oil industry to move forward on drilling projects under terms that are likely to be more favorable to industry than those offered by Biden, said energy analyst Kevin Book. Whether Trump achieves energy dominance -- however he defines it -- "comes down to decisions by private companies, based on how they see supply-demand balances in the global marketplace," said Book, managing partner at ClearView Energy Partners, a Washington research firm. Don't expect an immediate influx of new oil rigs dotting the national landscape, he said. Trump's bid to boost oil supplies -- and lower U.S. prices -- is complicated by his threat this week to impose 25% import tariffs on Canada and Mexico, two of the largest sources of U.S. oil imports. U.S. The oil industry warned the tariffs could raise prices and even harm national security. "Canada and Mexico are our top energy trading partners, and maintaining the free flow of energy products across our borders is critical for North American energy security and U.S. consumers," said Scott Lauerermann, speaking for the American Petroleum Institute, the oil industry's top lobbying group. American Fuel & Petrochemical Manufacturers, which represents U.S. refineries, also opposes potential tariffs, saying in a statement that "American refiners depend on crude oil from Canada and Mexico to produce the affordable, reliable fuels consumers count on every day." Scott Segal, a former Bush administration official, said the idea of centering energy decisions at the White House follows an example set by Biden, who named a trio of White House advisers to lead on climate policy. Segal, a partner at the law and policy law firm Bracewell, called Burgum "a steady hand on the tiller" with experience in fossil fuels and renewables.

## Israeli Fighter Jet Launches Airstrike In Lebanon Amid Ceasefire

Jerusalem. An Israeli fighter jet launched an airstrike in southern Lebanon, said the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) in a statement, claiming the attack aimed to "thwart a threat."

This is reportedly the first strike of its kind took place on Thursday since the ceasefire deal between Israel and Hezbollah in Lebanon took effect early Wednesday morning, Xinhua news agency reported. The IDF statement said that "terrorist activities were identified in a facility used by Hezbollah to store mid-range rockets in southern Lebanon," adding, "The IDF troops are deployed in southern Lebanon, operating to prevent any violation of the ceasefire." Earlier on Thursday, the IDF confirmed that it conducted a drone strike in southern Lebanon in the morning, describing it as a warning shot. The IDF said several "suspects," some with vehicles, entered areas in



southern Lebanon, violating the ceasefire agreement. In response, the military fired a warning shot near a vehicle in the Markaba area, aiming to deter it without causing casualties. However, Lebanese military sources reported that at least two individuals were injured due to the strike.

Meanwhile, unnamed official and military sources in Lebanon reported four additional injuries in a series of

Israeli attacks on the village of Taybeh in southern Lebanon, accusing the Israeli army of breaching the truce.

They added that more such attacks took place in the towns of Al-Bissariye, Shebaa, and Khiam, as well as in the villages of Kfarhouba, Halta, Tayr Harfa, Mays al-Jabal, Kafir Kila, and Aitaroun.

Although a cautious calm prevailed across the border areas in southern Lebanon since the entry into force of a ceasefire between Hezbollah and the Israeli army at 4:00 a.m. local time on Wednesday, the two sides have been trading accusations of ceasefire violations. Stay informed on all the latest news, real-time breaking news updates, and follow all the important headlines in india news and world News on Zee News.

## Israel launches airstrike on Lebanon day after ceasefire, says Hezbollah violated truce

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BEIRUT. The Israeli military on Thursday said its warplanes fired on southern Lebanon after detecting Hezbollah activity at a rocket storage facility, the first Israeli airstrike a day after a ceasefire between Israel and Hezbollah took hold. There was no immediate word on casualties from Israel's aerial attack, which came hours after the Israeli military said it fired on people trying to return to certain areas in

southern Lebanon. Israel said they were violating the ceasefire agreement, without providing details. Lebanon's state-run National News Agency said two people were wounded. The back-to-back incidents stirred unease about the agreement, brokered by the United States and France, which includes an initial two-month ceasefire in which Hezbollah militants are to withdraw north of the Litani River and Israeli forces are to return to their side of the border. The buffer zone would be patrolled by Lebanese troops and U.N. peacekeepers.

On Thursday, the second day of a ceasefire after more than a year of bloody conflict between Israel and Hezbollah, Lebanon's state news agency reported that Israeli fire targeted civilians in Markaba, close to the border, without providing further details. Israel said it fired artillery in three other locations near the border. There were no immediate reports of casualties. An



Associated Press reporter in northern Israel near the border heard Israeli drones buzzing overhead and the sound of artillery strikes from the Lebanese side. The Israeli military said in a statement that "several suspects were identified arriving with vehicles to a number of areas in southern Lebanon, breaching the conditions of the ceasefire." It said troops "opened fire toward them" and would "actively enforce violations of the ceasefire agreement." Israeli officials have said forces will be withdrawn

gradually as it ensures that the agreement is being enforced. Israel has warned people not to return to areas where troops are deployed, and says it reserves the right to strike Hezbollah if it violates the terms of the truce. A Lebanese military official said Lebanese troops would gradually deploy in the south as Israeli troops withdraw. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to brief media. The ceasefire agreement announced late Tuesday ended 14 months of conflict between Israel and Hezbollah that began a day after Hamas' Oct. 7, 2023 attack on Gaza, when the Lebanese militant group began firing rockets, drones and missiles in solidarity. Israel retaliated with airstrikes, and the conflict steadily intensified for nearly a year before boiling over into all-out war in mid-September. The war in Gaza is still raging with no end in sight.

# Mahakumbh Mela a Symbol of Global Unity

*\*Drone surveillance of railway tracks during the Maha Kumbh Mela\**

**RNS I Lucknow:** Union Minister of Tourism and Culture, Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, highlighted the Mahakumbh Mela as a symbol of global unity, during the curtain raiser event for the Mahakumbh 2025 prelude. Addressing the gathering, Shekhawat emphasized that the event, taking place in Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh, offers a unique opportunity for cultural, artistic, and craft exchanges on a global scale. He described the Mahakumbh as a celebration of diversity and reiterated the government's commitment to ensuring top-quality accommodation, transportation, and tour services for visitors from around the world. Uttar Pradesh Minister for Tourism and Culture, Jaiveer Singh, also spoke at the event, encouraging foreign del-



egates to invite their friends and family to experience the Mahakumbh. He praised the collaborative efforts of both the central and state governments in making the event welcoming for international guests. The curtain raiser was at-

tended by ambassadors and high commissioners from various countries, including Bhutan, Nepal, Indonesia, Sri Lanka, the USA, Malaysia, Myanmar, the UK, Mauritius, South Africa, Australia, Saudi Arabia, Poland, Brazil, Nigeria, and Japan. The Mahakumbh 2025 is scheduled to begin on January 13 and will conclude on February 26 next year. **Drone surveillance of railway tracks during the Maha Kumbh Mela** In view of the security during the Maha Kumbh Mela,

which is set to begin in Prayagraj on January 14, the Mela Authority has started focusing its attention on the railway tracks. Surveillance will be carried out on every railway track using drones. The live footage from the drones will be connected to the railway control room. Security personnel will monitor every activity on large screens. If any major intrusion or suspicious activity is detected on the railway track, an alert will be issued, and the RPF's Quick Response Team will be dispatched immediately. The railway administration and the Mela administration have also stated that they are not ignoring the discovery of suspicious items on the tracks and plots to derail trains in recent months. During the Maha Kumbh, security will

be at its highest level. Civil police assistance has been requested for the security of the railway tracks. The RPF will monitor the area around the railway station, and drones will also keep an eye on it. However, the major responsibility of monitoring the railway tracks far from the station has been assigned to the civil police. In a meeting between the police and Mela Authority, it was decided to identify all locations from where people could access the railway tracks. These unwanted elements, when the crowd increases, may take these routes to reach the station to catch a train. To ensure that only the designated routes are used for entry inside the railway station, necessary arrangements will be made.

## ED Raids Kanpur House Linked to Raj Kundra's Associate in Pornography Case



**Kanpur:** On Friday, the ED conducted a raid at the Kanpur residence of Arvind Srivastava, who handles the business operations for Raj Kundra in Singapore. The house, located in Shyam Nagar, belongs to Srivastava's in-laws, and the ED also detained his father for questioning in connection with the case.

Arvind Srivastava, who resides in Singapore with his wife Harshita Srivastava, has been associated with Raj Kundra Productions. Sources confirm that the ongoing investigation is linked to the pornography case that has implicated Kundra and his wife, Shilpa Shetty. As part of the probe, ED officials have been conducting searches at both residential properties and offices connected to Srivastava. Reports indicate that Arvind Srivastava's wife, Harshita, has ties to Kanpur, where her maternal home is located in MIG Block A, Barra-8. A joint bank account with her mother was opened in 2008 at a PNB branch in Barra, with an initial balance of just Rs 20,000. However, between May 2019 and 2021, the account saw a large influx of funds, amounting to Rs 2.33 crore. These financial transactions are now under scrutiny as part of the investigation. As of now, Arvind Srivastava's father is also being interrogated by the ED in connection with the case, while the authorities continue their efforts to uncover further details. The raids in Kanpur have heightened tensions, as the investigation into Raj Kundra's alleged illegal activities intensifies.

## Half a dozen BJP candidates in the race for Milkipur by-election ticket

by Ajay Kumar

**Lucknow:** After the results of the by-elections to nine assembly seats in Uttar Pradesh, political pundits' attention is now focused on the Milkipur seat in Ayodhya. Although the election date has not yet been announced, the Samajwadi Party has already declared its candidate for the seat. The Samajwadi Party has fielded Ajit Prasad, the son of MP Awadhesh Prasad, as their candidate.

The name of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) candidate has not yet been revealed, but there is a long list of contenders for the ticket. While the BJP has not announced its candidate yet, ministers have started focusing on Milkipur again to win over voters. This process began with the visit of the district in-charge minister, Surya Pratap Shahi. The political activity in Milkipur had slowed down due to the by-elections for nine assembly seats, but it has now picked up again.

It is worth noting that along with Minister Surya Pratap Shahi, the Minister of Sports Girish Yadav, State Minister of Food and Supplies Satish Sharma, and State Minister Mayankeshwar Sharan Singh have been assigned the responsibility of the Milkipur by-election. It is believed that other ministers will also set up camp in Milkipur within the next two to three days. More than half a dozen BJP leaders are vying for the ticket in the Milkipur by-election. Former MLA Gorakhnath Baba, who has previously represented Milkipur, is a natural contender. District Secretary Radheshyam Tyagi is also seeking the ticket, having held several positions in the organization. Along with him, Deputy Commissioner of Transport Surendra Kumar Rawat, former MLA Ramu Priyadarshi, Chandra Bhanu Paswan, Vinay Rawat, Chandra Ketu, and Brajesh Kumar Paswan are also in the race for the ticket.

It is important to note that the by-election for the Milkipur assembly seat had not been held earlier due to a legal dispute in the High Court, but now the dispute has been resolved. After the path for the Milkipur by-election was cleared, political accusations and counter-accusations between the BJP and Samajwadi Party have intensified. The court accepted and dismissed the petition for withdrawal filed by former MLA Gorakhnath Baba, as there were no objections. In fact, in the 2022 assembly elections, Awadhesh Prasad, from the Samajwadi Party, was elected as the MLA for Milkipur. BJP candidate Gorakhnath Baba had challenged his election in the High Court. Due to this petition being under consideration, the Election Commission had not announced the Milkipur by-election along with the by-elections for the other ten assembly seats in the state.

## Nine elected MLAs from UP take oath with 'Nation First' commitment



by Sanjay Saxena

**Lucknow:** After the results of the nine assembly seats in Uttar Pradesh, all the newly elected MLAs were sworn in today, Friday, by the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, Satish Mahana. After the ceremony, the BJP legislators went to the party office where they were honored. During the oath-taking ceremony, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath congratulated the winning candidates, calling their victory a triumph for the state's development and the people's trust.

Out of the nine newly elected, seven were from the BJP and two from the Samajwadi Party. The victorious candidates who took the oath included Ramveer Singh from Kundarki, Deepak Patel from Phulpur, Surendra Singh from Khair, Sanjeev Sharma from Ghaziabad, Dharmraj Nishad from Katehari, Suchismita Maurya from Majhwan, and Mithlesh Pal from Mirapur of RLD. All of these candidates expressed their gratitude to the public for their trust and support and emphasized prioritizing the development of their constituencies. All of them reaffirmed their commitment to "Nation First" and, in unison, seven out of the nine elected MLAs expressed their loyalty to the leadership of Modi and Yogi.

After the oath-taking ceremony, Speaker Mahana addressed the newly elected members, stating that being a member of the Uttar Pradesh Legislative Assembly is a matter of pride. He said, "You have been given the opportunity to serve the public." Mahana told the BJP legislators that if they go among the people to discuss the work of the Chief Minister, they will win every time. "You have two and a half years; spend as much time as possible among the people. Also, your presence should be visible in the assembly. Your performance here will be a message to the public of your active involvement." During the oath ceremony, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, Deputy Chief Minister Keshav Prasad Maurya, and Brajesh Pathak, along with many other BJP leaders and workers, were present.

## DPS Bokaro Celebrates 'Sangam' - The Biennial House Function in Grand Style

**Bokaro:** DPS Bokaro marked the grand celebration of its Biennial House Function, 'Sangam', with vibrant performances and cultural displays on Friday evening.

The event, themed "Sanskritik Virasat", celebrated the harmony of creativity and tradition, showcasing the cultural richness of the school's Chenab, Sutlej, and Jhelum Houses. The ceremony was graced by distinguished guests, including Chief Guest R.K. Mallick, Director General of Police, Jharkhand; Dr. Michaelraj S., Inspector General of Police; Surendra Kumar Jha, Deputy Inspector General of Police; and Manoj Swargiary, Superintendent of Police, Bokaro. Notable school principals from across the city were also in attendance.

The evening began with a symbolic tree plantation, followed by the lighting of the lamp and performances of the welcome song and school anthem. The cultural performances featured energetic dance routines, including a 'Hanuman Chalisa' dance by Jhelum House, a traditional 'Yakshagana' folk dance by Chenab House, and an Odisha folk dance by Jhelum House highlighting women's welfare and nature's bond with womanhood. Sutlej House captivated the audience with a Bhojpuri folk song, and



the evening culminated in a lively Carnival Dance by Sutlej House. The event also saw the release of "Zenith", the school's quarterly compendium, showcasing the students' talent. The wardens of each house highlighted the academic and cultural achievements of their students, while the vote of thanks was delivered by Jhelum House wardens. In his address, Mallick emphasized the transforma-

power of education and the importance of holistic learning, commending DPS Bokaro's efforts in nurturing young minds. Principal Dr. A.S. Gangwar also urged parents to engage with their children's growth through open communication and creative involvement. The programme concluded with the National Anthem, leaving a lasting impression on all attendees.

## Navanita Saha IIT-ISM Scholar Wins Early Career Research Award

**Dhanbad:** The Department of Applied Geology at the Indian Institute of Technology (Indian School of Mines) Dhanbad is pleased to announce that Navanita Saha, a Junior Research Fellow (Adm. No. 22DR0146), has been awarded the prestigious Early Career Research Award for her exceptional oral presentation at the International Conference on Meteoroids, Meteors and Meteorites - Messengers from Space (MetMess). The conference, held from November 20 to 22, 2024, at the Physical Research Laboratory in Ahmedabad, brought together leading experts in planetary science. Navanita's presentation, titled "Characterization of Hydrous Sulphate in Metano-



madh Formation: A Martian Analog," highlighted her innovative research into the geological properties of hydrous sulphate minerals. These minerals are key to understanding the history of water on Mars and the planet's geological evolution. Her findings, which offer insights into the potential for past water activity on Mars,

are set to make a significant impact in the field of planetary science. The Early Career Research Award recognizes Navanita's exceptional dedication, hard work, and the high quality of her research, which has earned recognition from experts across the globe. The MetMess conference serves as a vital platform for scientists to present their work and foster collaboration in the study of meteoroids and extraterrestrial bodies. The Department of Applied Geology at IIT-ISM Dhanbad congratulates Navanita on this well-deserved honor and looks forward to her continued contributions to scientific advancements in planetary exploration.


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# "Positive": Eknath Shinde On Meeting Amit Shah Amid Maharashtra Suspense



**New Delhi.** Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde on Friday said he had "good and positive" discussions with Union Home Minister Amit Shah and BJP chief J.P. Nadda on the issue of government formation in the state. Speaking to reporters here before leaving for Mumbai, Mr Shinde said the decision on the next chief minister of Maharashtra will be taken "in a day or two" in another meeting of the Mahayuti coalition in the state capital. Mr Shinde, along with Deputy Chief Ministers Devendra Fadnavis and Ajit Pawar, met Mr Shah and Mr Nadda late Thursday to thrash out a power-sharing pact for the next government in Maharashtra after the BJP-led coalition registered a

thumping majority in the Assembly elections. "We will take a decision (on Maharashtra CM) in a day or two. We have held discussions, and the discussions will continue. You will get to know when we take a final decision," the outgoing chief minister said. Mr Shinde said that he would not be an obstacle in the government formation in the state and abide by the decision taken by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Mr Shah. "This 'ladka bhau' (beloved brother) designation is higher than anything else for me," he said. Mr Shinde said the meeting with Mr Shah and Mr Nadda was "good and positive". "We all discussed the formation of government. There is good coordination between the allies, we

► **The three key leaders of the Mahayuti -- Eknath Shinde, Devendra Fadnavis and Ajit Pawar -- met Amit Shah and J.P. Nadda in Delhi.**

are all very positive and we will honour the clear-cut mandate given to us by the people. We will form the government soon," he said. "The meeting was good and positive. This was the first meeting. There will be another meeting of the Mahayuti in Mumbai," Mr Shinde told reporters early Friday. The Shiv Sena leader said the people of Maharashtra have re-elected them with a thumping majority and respecting the mandate is the topmost priority, not "running after posts". Recovering from its Lok Sabha elections losses, the BJP bagged 132 Assembly seats, the highest among all constituents of the Mahayuti alliance. Mr Shinde's Shiv Sena and Ajit Pawar's NCP also performed well. Sena won 57 while NCP bagged 41 seats. The Congress-led Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) suffered a setback with the grand old party registering one of its worst performances in the Assembly polls as it won only 16 seats.

# Raghav Chadha's Rajya Sabha Move To Discuss "Atrocities On Hindus In Bangladesh"

**New Delhi.** Aam Aadmi Party MP Raghav Chadha on Friday gave a Suspension of Business notice in Rajya Sabha to discuss "atrocities on Hindus in Bangladesh and arrest of ISKCON priest Chinmoy Krishna Das." "Under Rule 267 (Notice of Motion for Suspension of Rules) of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Council of States (Rajya Sabha), I hereby give notice of my intention to move the following motion," Raghav Chadha stated in the notice to motion.

release. Earlier, Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) leaders Manish Sisodia and Saurabh Bharadwaj met Vrajendra Nandan Das, Communication Director of ISKCON, in the national capital. Manish Sisodia, a senior AAP leader, also expressed concern over the situation in Bangladesh following Chinmoy Krishna Das's arrest. "Whatever is happening with ISKCON in Bangladesh is deeply worrying. ISKCON has delivered a

He further demanded that the house discuss and condemn the detention of ISKCON priest Chinmoy Krishna Das.

"That this House do suspend Zero Hour and relevant rules relating to Question Hour and other business listed for the day to discuss the atrocities on Hindus in Bangladesh and the arrest of ISKCON priest Chinmoy Krishna Das. Further, I demand that this house collectively discusses and condemns the detention of ISKCON priest Chinmoy Krishna Das," he added. Chinmoy Krishna Das Brahmachari was arrested on charges of sedition for allegedly raising a flag on a stand displaying Bangladesh's national flag. He was presented before a Chittagong court on November 25. The court denied his bail plea and sent him to custody. The arrest has sparked widespread outrage, with many calling for his immediate



message of love and harmony to the entire world--it cannot be a terrorist organisation. These people cannot be radical, and such allegations will not be accepted globally, let alone in India. I urge the Government of India to take all necessary action," Mr Sisodia said to reporters.

# Genocide of Hindus by your friend: Mohandas Pai jabs businessman for backing Yunus

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**New Delhi.** Former Infosys executive Mohandas Pai hit out at Indian-American businessman Vinod Khosla for not speaking up against the "genocide of minority Hindus" in Bangladesh led by his "very close friend" Nobel laureate Muhammad Yunus. Pai's remark was to an August 7 post by Khosla in which the businessman expressed enthusiasm on Muhammad Yunus being chosen to lead the interim government in Bangladesh after the fall of the Sheikh Hasina regime. "Will you please stand up and protest against the genocide of minority Hindus in Bangladesh led by your very close friend Muhammad Yunus? Hindus are being beaten and killed by jihadi extremists in the streets



and Yunus is basking in glory at the admiration of people like you. Please stand up for human rights," Pai, who is very vocal on social media on pressing issues, tweeted. On August 7, Khosla, while sharing a report, wrote, "Nobel laureate Muhammad Yunus to lead Bangladesh's interim government. Excited as I am a big fan." Even then,

the co-founder of Sun Microsystems had faced backlash for not raising his voice on the violence in Bangladesh. In 2023, Khosla was among a group of global leaders who wrote an open letter to then Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina expressing "deep concern" for the well-being of Muhammad Yunus. In several opinion pieces, Khosla has mentioned he considers Yunus a friend whom he has known for decades. Pai's remark comes amid a fresh wave of unrest in Bangladesh over the arrest of a Hindu leader, Chinmoy Krishna Das, and the targeting of temples by radical Islamic outfits. In fact, the past two months have seen over 200 temples being targeted.

# Traditional to open-chested position: Jaishankar's cricket analogy on Pak policy

**New Delhi.** External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar used a cricket analogy to explain India's foreign policy towards Pakistan, saying it has moved from the "traditional side-on position" to an "open-chested position". Speaking at an event on the release of Mohinder Amarnath's memoir 'Fearless', Jaishankar referred to the former cricketer's views on India's cricket tour to Pakistan in 1982-83. "You said you played them better because from the traditional side-on position, you now move to an open-chested position. I couldn't have found a better description for a Pakistan policy that time," Jaishankar said. In the 1982 tour, India lost 3-0 to Pakistan in a six-Test match series. Apart from Amarnath, the Indian side featured cricketing legends like Kapil Dev and Sunil Gavaskar. The Union Minister also drew intriguing parallels between cricket and the evolution of India's foreign policy, and called the team's World Cup victory in 1983 as the "inflection point". "It was not just the inflection point, but the man of the match of the



inflection point. Pakistan won it at one point and Sri Lanka won it at one point. But nowhere else was it as big an inflection point as it was in the history of cricket. Because, if you look at India's role in world cricket after 1983, it fundamentally changed," Jaishankar said. He also highlighted that while the world was intensely competitive, respect had to be earned. This aspect was also explained by Jaishankar using a cricketing incident. "So the same Clive Lloyd in 1976, who did not spare any of you from body line bowling, was also the fielding captain who was generous enough to declare that pitch unfit in 1983. And that, in many ways, was respect earned," he said. Jaishankar, known for his extraordinary sharpness and efficiency on the diplomatic pitch, said foreign policy was more like cricket rather than chess.

# Form 'teen-murti' temple: Sanjay Raut mocks Maharashtra Chief Minister deadlock

**New Delhi.** Shiv Sena (UBT) leader Sanjay Raut on Friday mocked the Mahayuti alliance's victory in Maharashtra and the apparent deadlock over the chief minister post, calling it a "wonder of EVMs". He proposed building a 'teen-murti' temple featuring an electronic voting machine (EVM) at the centre, along with PM Modi and Amit Shah. Raut also claimed that all key decisions for the state would be made in Delhi, with Eknath Shinde and Ajit Pawar needing to seek approval from the central leaders. "All matters related to Maharashtra will be decided in Delhi... Eknath Shinde and Ajit Pawar will have to come to Delhi again and again to present their issues... they will have to listen to PM Modi and Amit Shah," Raut said, as the BJP-Shiv Sena-NCP alliance leaders held discussions in Delhi regarding the chief minister's post. In a dig at NCP leader Ajit Pawar, Raut said,



"He was always the Deputy CM, and he will continue to be the Deputy CM... The brightness of his face, which had disappeared after the Lok Sabha polls, has now returned--it's the wonder of EVMs." "A 'teen-murti' temple should be built,

with an EVM at the centre, PM Modi on one side, and Amit Shah on the other," the Uddhav Sena leader said. The incumbent Mahayuti alliance swept the Maharashtra assembly elections by winning 233 out of 288 seats. The BJP emerged as the largest party with a record 132 seats, while Shiv Sena and NCP also strengthened their positions, securing 57 and 41 seats, respectively. However, even after six days of results, the alliance is yet to reach a consensus on who would be the next chief minister. Multiple deliberations were held in Maharashtra, and alliance leaders--caretaker Chief Minister Eknath Shinde, BJP leader Devendra Fadnavis, and NCP leader Ajit Pawar--met Amit Shah in Delhi. However, the stalemate continued even after the meeting.

# Big mystery why govt not resisting Parliament adjournments, it has much to feel defensive: Congress

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**NEW DELHI.** With Parliament facing repeated adjournments, the Congress on Friday said the big mystery is why the government is not resisting the interruptions and instead facilitating the aggression of the INDIA parties especially on the Adani issue. Congress general secretary in-charge communications Jairam Ramesh said the government has much to feel defensive and apologetic about. "Yet another day of a washout in the Parliament on the Modani issue. Both Houses adjourned today after only a few minutes. The big mystery is why the government is not resisting the adjournments," Ramesh said in a post on X. On the contrary, the government is facilitating the aggression of the INDIA parties on Modani especially - as also on Manipur, Sambhal, and Delhi's law and order. Clearly it has much to feel defensive and apologetic about," the Congress leader said. His remarks came soon after Rajya Sabha proceedings were adjourned for the day on Friday as opposition MPs protested the resignation of

adjournment notices for a discussion on allegations against the Adani Group, and the violence in Manipur and Sambhal. Soon after laying of listed papers in the morning session, Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar said he had received 17 notices for adjournment of scheduled business under Rule 267 of the House. The Chairman said he was rejecting all the notices. This led to a protest by several opposition MPs who began raising slogans. Expressing anguish, Dhankhar said, "I call upon you (MPs) for deep reflection. Rule 267 is being weaponised as a mechanism of disruption". The remark was protested by opposition MPs including those belonging to the Congress.

Before adjourning the proceedings for the day, he said similar issues had been raised repeatedly, leading to a loss of three working days. Lok Sabha proceedings were adjourned till noon on Friday following vociferous protests by Opposition members over the Adani controversy and the recent violence in Sambhal in Uttar Pradesh.



## Punjab's road initiative shows the way to safer highways

To tackle road safety issues and the alarming number of road fatalities in the state, one of the major challenges of Punjab, Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann held a meeting of the Chief Secretary, Transport Minister, Director General of Police (DGP), ADGP (Traffic) and Traffic Adviser, Punjab, in April, 2023. Around 12 to 13 persons die in mishaps every day. An innovative and determined approach to reduce the accidents was decided upon. The Punjab Road Safety and Traffic Research Centre (PRSTRC) was directed to identify accident-prone routes using a real-time data-driven approach. The PRSTRC mapped 144 critical routes spanning 4,100 km, where at least 60 per cent of the mishaps happened, usually between 6 pm and midnight, when the enforcement was lean. With only 1,800 traffic personnel for over 1.3 crore vehicles, 180 cities and towns and more than 72,000 km of highways, Punjab's 15-year-old highway patrol system, with its ageing fleet and outdated gadgets, was ill-equipped to handle the rising challenges.

Determined to find a speedy solution, the financial and procedural obstacles were cleared by the CM. On August 11, 2023, the Cabinet approved the creation of the Sadak Surakhya Force (SSF). Designed for 24/7 patrolling on the identified high-risk routes, the SSF was set up with 1,600 personnel in its first phase, including 1,255 fresh recruits. They underwent a rigorous six-month training. The SSF team has an average age of 22, with women constituting 28 per cent of the strength, marking a significant step towards gender equality in law enforcement.

Women were earlier excluded from vehicle driving and maintenance training due to outdated norms. The SSF became the first Punjab Police unit to have 350 women in motor transport training. Incidentally, all of them had volunteered for it. A 12-module course was introduced, covering crash investigation, emergency response, road engineering basics and advanced navigation technology. Conducted at the in-service training centre in Kapurthala, it focused on imparting practical skills. Data from the National Crime Records Bureau reveals that 650 to 700 police and paramilitary personnel lose their lives every year while on duty and 80 to 90 per cent of these fatalities are due to road accidents. These numbers underscore the critical need for improved road safety, especially for those enforcing it. To address this issue, uniforms and vehicles were designed for enhanced visibility and safety, particularly for night operations. The uniforms feature retroreflective piping and jackets with reflective bands. The vehicles, Toyota Hilux models, selected for their safety standards and off-road capabilities, are also equipped with retroreflective markings and painted in white, red and yellow colours, ensuring maximum visibility in foggy and low-light conditions, commonly experienced during the winter months. The SSF was officially launched in January this year. Operational since February 1, it has been providing round-the-clock patrolling in all 144 high-risk routes. Each team has four members, including at least one woman, and stationed every 30 km to ensure that accident victims receive medical care within 15 minutes.

Strategic halting points, that have been determined by using three years' accident data, ensure optimal coverage and response time. Patrolling routes and schedules (morning, evening, late night and lean hours) are planned using crowd-sourced data from Google Maps and TomTom, ensuring near-real time response and comprehensive coverage. The second phase will focus on enforcing violations such as speeding, drunk driving, use of mobile phone while driving and non-compliance with helmet and seatbelt laws. The SSF vehicles are equipped with night-vision speed guns and public address systems to guide the road users. This evidence-based data-driven strategy has shown immediate results. Within eight months, the SSF has reduced the average emergency response time to just six minutes and 41 seconds, saving numerous lives.

## Why scaling back troops on LAC is risky

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INDIA and China appear to be moving swiftly towards the normalisation of relations following the meeting between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Xi Jinping on October 23 in Kazan, Russia, held on the sidelines of the BRICS Summit. A key outcome of the talks was the initiation of Coordinated Joint Patrolling along the Line of Actual Control (LAC). India's stance on its relationship with China in recent years has been firmly anchored in the principle of resolving friction points along the LAC as a precondition for any meaningful progress. Experts have long stressed the importance of a structured approach to normalisation, involving de-escalation, disengagement and the eventual de-induction of troops from sensitive border areas.

However, given the deep trust deficit between the two Asian powers, any move to revert the troop levels to the pre-2020 conditions poses significant risks for India. Recent weeks have seen a substantial momentum in multilateral diplomacy, with platforms like the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit and the G20 meetings fostering an environment conducive to breakthroughs between the two nations. Agreements reportedly under discussion include the resumption of direct flights, reciprocal accreditation of journalists and improved visa facilities, signalling a potential thaw in bilateral relations. While these developments are welcome, they represent only the low-hanging fruit. Any temptation to scale back troop deployments to the pre-2020 levels must be resisted as such a move could prove disastrous. This caution is rooted in China's history of violating border agreements, including the Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence (1954), the Border Peace and Tranquillity Agreement (1993), the Agreement on Confidence-Building Measures (1996), the Protocol for the Implementation of Military Confidence-Building Measures (2005) and the Working Mechanism for Consultation and Coordination (2012). Despite 31 rounds of talks under the Working Mechanism for Consultation and Coordination framework and 21 Corps

Commander-level discussions yielding some progress, these mechanisms have failed to prevent incidents like the 1962 war, the 1967 Nathu La conflict, the 1975 firing incident and the more recent



confrontations at Sumdorong Chu, Chumar, Depsang, Doklam, Galwan and Yangtse. This history underscores the need for continued vigilance in managing bilateral relations and securing the LAC. The critical question for India is how much trust can be placed in Xi Jinping's leadership. Time and again, China has embarrassed India by expanding its claims to previously undisputed areas. For instance, Galwan Valley, once considered uncontroversial, became a flashpoint. Similarly, in Bhutan, China arbitrarily raised the Sakteng Wildlife Sanctuary as a disputed area to pressure India. Disputes along the LAC are categorised as either contested areas or zones of differing perceptions of the boundary. Beyond territorial issues, China's "grey zone" tactics include cyberattacks — India is the second-most targeted country in Asia after Taiwan — causing losses amounting to billions of dollars. Moreover, China actively interferes in India's neighbourhood, straining relations with Nepal, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, the Maldives and, to a lesser extent, Bhutan.

Instances like its near-success in turning the Maldives against India, gaining port access in Sri Lanka, and suspected military activity on Myanmar's Coco Islands highlight China's strategic manoeuvring to contain Indian influence in the Indian Ocean region. In this complex and high-stakes environment, it is difficult to trust China's overtures or confidence-building measures. India must ask: What assurances, if any, has Xi Jinping provided to guarantee that China will not engage in future conflicts? Without credible commitments, any premature de-induction of troops could embolden Beijing to initiate further incursions, forcing India into a settlement on unfavourable terms. At a time when trust between India and China is at its nadir and China holds an upper hand in economic, military, intelligence and technological domains, troop de-induction from the LAC must not be entertained under any circumstances. For the first time since Independence,

Chinese troops are deployed outside their peacetime accommodations in the challenging high altitudes of the Great Himalayan ranges. This has created significant challenges for Beijing, including backlash from families due to the one-child policy, high sickness rates among Han Chinese soldiers and the need to recruit local troops better suited to the harsh conditions of Tibet and Xinjiang. Despite efforts at theatreisation, the Tibetan and Xinjiang military regions remain distinct, reflecting Beijing's logistical and organisational challenges. India must maintain consistent military and diplomatic pressure to compel China to resolve the border issue on favourable terms. Any haste to normalise relations by withdrawing troops will only encourage China to launch another major incursion (the Big One), further undermining India's position. While economic ties with China — India's largest trading partner — offer short-term benefits, these gains should not come at the cost of national security and military readiness.

## Guiding the way

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DISCIPLINE in India is undergoing a transformative shift. In Faridkot, Punjab, a group of rowdy students, who allegedly endangered police officers during a clash recently, were met with an unusual punishment: a week of assisting the traffic police for two hours daily after school. This innovative disciplinary approach aims to teach civic responsibility while deterring future misconduct. In Srinagar, a tragic car accident involving underage drivers in mid-November led to a crackdown on violations. The authorities seized vehicles and implemented stricter licensing policies while counselling parents and students to address the root causes of rash behaviour. This holistic tactic underscores the need for behavioural reform rather than mere retribution. In schools, innovative methods are gaining ground. For example, rowdy students in UP schools are assigned such tasks as organising books or assisting peers. Meanwhile, creative punishments like rewriting lessons or engaging in debates channel energy constructively and emphasise growth over reprimand.



Discipline should not be about just imposing consequences

but also guiding young minds toward self-awareness and societal contribution. Restorative justice, community service and counselling are replacing outdated corporal punishment, which often leaves emotional scars. Nevertheless, these reforms require collective commitment. Policymakers must institutionalise such practices, educators must adopt empathetic approaches and parents must support these efforts. Experts from NIMHANS (National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences) have stressed the importance of balancing love and limits at home to complement school-based initiatives. Constructive discipline reflects the society's recognition that youth's missteps often stem from immaturity, not malice. By transforming mistakes into learning experiences, we not only shape better individuals but also foster a more compassionate community. It's time to make responsibility the cornerstone of discipline, steering youth away from chaos and towards civic-mindedness.

## The rat race is ruining education

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RECENTLY, I read an illuminating piece written by Henry Giroux — one of the finest educationists of our times. While reflecting on the grand victory of Donald Trump in the US presidential election, Giroux examined the crisis in education. If education is reduced to a set of "instrumental skills needed to compete in the global economy" or if it continues to privilege "standardised tests over critical thinking", as he reminded us, it will lose its radical and emancipatory potential. His complaint is that even the democrats or liberals in America have failed to recognise what education ought to be — "not merely a service or a tool for economic adaptation, but the very foundation of democratic life". As the prevalent practice of education seeks to produce "compliant workers rather than active/informed citizens," argues Giroux, "Americans find themselves in a world where ignorance is weaponised and truth is under siege". No wonder he sees with deep anguish the rise of "a band of white supremacists, neo-Nazis, radical Christian nationalists and cruel band of misogynists and neoliberal fascists" in the US. Moreover, as neoliberal universities tend to prioritise "profit over democratic values, civic responsibility and critical thought", we see the invasion of 'pedagogical terrorism' that suppresses critical thinking, distorts history, stifles dissent and dehumanises the oppressed. Indeed, in the age of 'fascist dream-worlds', as Giroux argues passionately, "what is needed is a collective determination to reshape mass consciousness through critical pedagogy".

It seems that we, too, can draw a couple of lessons from his insights and his plea for a creatively nuanced critical pedagogy. In fact, the rise of Trump is not an

isolated phenomenon in the age of right-wing nationalism. Even our own country, despite the ritualisation of periodic elections, is not altogether free from the monologues of 'populist/charismatic' leaders, the tyranny of majoritarianism, the celebration of hyper-masculine nationalism and some kind of Hindu supremacist thinking. In this context, I will make two arguments.

First, in India too, we are witnessing some sort of 'pedagogical terrorism' — particularly, the way our children are getting increasingly deprived of the taste of self-reflexive, libertarian education. Yes, their formative years are primarily spent preparing for standardised tests like JEE, NEET and CUET. As this sort of coaching centre-driven instrumental strategy becomes more important than the joy of creative learning, critical thinking and the aspirations for a just and humane world, it becomes exceedingly difficult for them to celebrate a vision of life beyond careerism, consumerism and economic productivity. It destroys all alternative strivings, kills the power of the imagination and makes them accept that the ultimate destiny of life is to become 'compliant workers' rather than politically awakened, culturally sensitive and active citizens in search of a democratic living. Second, we are witnessing the systematic decay of our public universities. In recent times, the organised attack on

some of our leading public universities indicates that it is becoming increasingly difficult to retain the spirit of academic freedom, the culture of nuanced debates and conversations and the ethos of cultural pluralism. Is it, therefore, surprising that, according to the 2023 Academic Freedom Index, India is ranked



161st out of 179 countries? Imagine the fate of a university if the authorities get panicky when a professor plans to organise a seminar on the Palestine crisis or the way Israel violated all sorts of international laws, engaged in war crimes, didn't spare even schools, hospitals and residential buildings and killed no less than 43,000 people over

the past 13 months! While the vibrancy of critical thinking is repressed, universities are asked to engage in an absurd game — the strategic act of pleasing the 'ranking agencies' through the production of largely meaningless research papers, seminars and projects. What do you do with a 'top-ranking' university if it loses its soul and conscience, robs education of its transformative potential and produces only a bunch of conformists? In fact, together with the decline of public universities, we are also seeing the corporatisation of universities. These corporate/neoliberal universities sell education as a 'product' to their rich and affluent 'clients'.

For instance, a fancy private university in India charges more than Rs 12 lakh per year for an undergraduate programme. Even if the university claims that it wants to help students become "well-rounded individuals who can think critically", the fact is that, barring exceptions, young learners from an elitist/exclusivist/corporate university are likely to miss what, as my experience as a faculty member at Jawaharlal Nehru University suggests, a sensitive student from an inclusive public university experiences. This includes the empathy that an exposure to cultural diversity generates, the art of listening to the tales of caste/class/ethnic/gender violence that some of his/her friends might have experienced and hence the art of resistance against casteism, religious fundamentalism, majoritarianism, patriarchy and gross economic inequality.

## बेजल सरकार पिछू हटेछे, बाड़खणु थैके बेजले यानवाहनेर प्रवेश शुरु

प्राय २८ घंटा पर, बेजल सरकार पिछू हटेछे एबं बाड़खणु थैके बेजले यागना समस्त पण्यवाही यानवाहनेर प्रवेश शुरु हयैछे। गत सक्ता १८टा पर बेजल सरकारेर आदेशे बाड़खणु-बेजल मथन सीमाञ्चे पण्यवाही यानवाहनेर प्रवेश निषिद्ध करा हयैछिल। एर फले रात थैके दुपूर पर्यंत प्राय २० किमी दीर्घ यानजट सृष्टि हय। चालकदेर समस्यार कथा विवेचना करे, MASS बेजल सरकारके चाप देय बाड़खणु सीमाञ्चे थैके बेजले प्रवेश करा समस्त यानवाहन बन्द करार जन्य। एर फले, बेजल सरकार पिछू हटेछे बाध्य हय एबं अवशेषे भारी यानवाहनेर प्रवेश आवार स्वाभाविक हय। बेजल सरकारेर एहि अनुमतिर पर, ट्राक चालकरा बन्धिर निश्वास फेलेन। प्राञ्चन निरसा विधायक अरुण च्याटर्जि बाड़खणुेर मुख्याम्बी हेमन्त सोरनेर एहि उद्योगेर प्रशंसा करेन। तनि बेलन, मुख्याम्बी हेमन्त सोरनेर एहि विषये क्रमागत शुरु दियेछेन। बेजल सरकारेर साथे इतिवाचक आलोचना करार पर बेजल सरकार निषेधाञ्चा तुले नेय। एर पर, सारित्ते दाड़िये बाका समस्त पण्यवाही यानवाहन बीरे बीरे बेजले प्रवेश करत शुरु करेछे। NH-९ दीर्घ यानजट एथन सीमित ह्छे एबं यानजट ७ भाङ्ते शुरु करेछे।

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# नहीं महंगी होगी आपकी थाली की रोटी, मोदी सरकार ने बनाया शानदार प्लान

नई दिल्ली. भारत सरकार ने महंगाई को नियंत्रित रखने के लिए शानदार प्लान तैयार कर लिया है. अब आम जनता को महंगी थाली को लेकर परेशान नहीं होना पड़ेगा. सरकार ने खाद्य वस्तुओं की कीमतों पर लगाम लगाने की योजना की है. इसके लिए वह मार्च 2025 तक 25 लाख टन एफसीआई गेहूँ बेचने जा रही है. अगर महंगाई कम नहीं होती है तो आम जनता की थाली अभी की तुलना में एकसप्तिश्व हो जाएगी.

क्या है पूरी प्लानिंग? गेहूँ की बिक्री सरकार की खुला बाजार बिक्री योजना (ओएमएसएस) के तहत की जाएगी. इसका प्रबंधन सरकारी स्वामित्व वाली भारतीय खाद्य निगम (एफसीआई) द्वारा, आपूर्ति और कीमतों को नियंत्रित करने के लिए किया जाता है. खाद्य मंत्रालय ने एक बयान में कहा कि ओएमएसएस के तहत गेहूँ के लिए आरक्षित मूल्य उचित एवं औसत गुणवत्ता (एफएक्यू) अनाज के लिए 2,325 रुपये प्रति क्विंटल और यूआरएस (थोड़ी कम गुणवत्ता वाले) अनाज के लिए 2,300 रुपये प्रति क्विंटल तय किया गया है.

31 मार्च, 2025 तक ई-नीलामी के माध्यम से निजी पक्षकारों को गेहूँ बेचा जाएगा, जिसमें आटा मिलें, गेहूँ उत्पाद बनाने वाले, प्रसंस्करणकर्ता और अंतिम उपयोगकर्ता शामिल हैं. हालांकि, सरकार ने थोक

अभी हाल ही में भारत सरकार ने देश में महंगाई को नियंत्रित रखने के लिए मूल्य स्थिरीकरण फंड के तहत भारत ब्रांड के लिए दूसरा चरण शुरू किया है. इसका उद्देश्य कम कीमतों पर गेहूँ और चावल आम नागरिकों के लिए उपलब्ध कराना है. अब खबर ये आ रही है कि सरकार महंगाई कम करने के लिए एक और नया प्लान बना लिया है.



## दवाइयों के बिजनेस में है मोटा मुनाफा, मेडिकल स्टोर खोलने का ये है प्रोसेस

नई दिल्ली.दवाइयों का रिटेल बिजनेस हमेशा नादानी में होता है. साथ ही दवाइयों के बिजनेस में रिटेल स्टोर वालों को अच्छा खासा मुनाफा भी मिलता है. अगर आप अपने शहर में मेडिकल स्टोर खोलने की प्लानिंग कर रहे हैं तो यहां हम आपको मेडिकल स्टोर में होने वाले मुनाफे और इसे खोलने के तरीके के बारे में विस्तार से बता रहे हैं. जिसके बाद आप आसानी से मेडिकल स्टोर खोल सकते हैं. आपको बता दें मेडिकल स्टोर खोलने के लिए फार्मसी में डिग्री या डिप्लोमा (B.Pharm या D.Pharm) की आवश्यकता होती है. यदि आपके पास ये डिग्री नहीं है, तो आपको एक योग्य फार्मासिस्ट को नियुक्त करना होगा. मेडिकल स्टोर खोलने के कुछ ऐसे ही नियम हैं.

आपको नीचे बताए गए डॉक्यूमेंट देने होंगे.

फार्मासिस्ट का रजिस्ट्रेशन प्रमाणपत्र.

मेडिकल स्टोर की जगह का नक्शा.

मालिक का आधार कार्ड और पैन कार्ड.

दुकान का किराए का अनुबंध या स्वामित्व प्रमाणपत्र.

लखन नंबर. ड्रा लाइसेंस के लिए कैसे करें आवेदन?

ड्रा लाइसेंस के लिए आप ऑफलाइन और ऑनलाइन दोनों तरीकों से आवेदन कर सकते हैं. ऑनलाइन के लिए आपको राज्य सरकार की ड्रा कंट्रोल वेबसाइट पर जाना होगा और ऑफलाइन के लिए आपको ड्रा इंस्पेक्टर के ऑफिस में आवेदन करना होगा. ड्रा लाइसेंस दो तरीके का होता है, इसमें एक रिटेल लाइसेंस होता है और दूसरा होलसेल लाइसेंस होता है.

GST रजिस्ट्रेशन अनिवार्य GST रजिस्ट्रेशन आवश्यक है ताकि आप टैक्स का भुगतान कर सकें और ग्राहकों को वैध बिल दे

सकें. लखन रजिस्ट्रेशन के लिए 222.दहाड़.दृश.दृष्ट पर आवेदन करें. इसके अलावा आपको जनरल मेडिसिन, एंटीबायोटिक, पेन किलर, और स्पेशलाइज्ड मेडिसिन का स्टॉक खरीदना होगा और दवाइयों की एकसपायरी डेट का ध्यान रखना होगा.

मेडिकल स्टोर में इन्वेस्टमेंट और प्रॉफिट

मेडिकल स्टोर शुरू करने के लिए 5 से 10 लाख रुपये तक का इन्वेस्टमेंट करना होता है, इसमें दवाइयों, लाइसेंस फीस और सेंटअप का खर्च शामिल है. वहीं जब आप दवाइयों की रिटेल सेल करते हैं तो आपको 16 से 25 फीसदी का प्रॉफिट होता है और जब आप दवाइयों की होलसेल करते हैं तो 30 से 40 फीसदी तक का आपका प्रॉफिट होता है.

बाड़ेड या फैंचाइज़ मॉडल का विकल्प

अगर आप खुद का दवाइयों का बिजनेस शुरू नहीं करना चाहते हैं तो आप किसी प्रतिष्ठित ब्रांड की फैंचाइज़ लेकर मेडिकल स्टोर खोल सकते हैं.

नई दिल्ली. पाकिस्तान स्टॉक एक्सचेंज (PSX) ने इतिहास रचते हुए KSE-100 इंडेक्स को 100,000 अंकों के जादुई नंबर के पार पहुंचा दिया है. यह उपलब्धि पाकिस्तान के पास भारत से पहले हाथ लगी है. अभी भारतीय बाजार 90 हजार के नंबर को भी पार नहीं कर पाया है. गुरुवार सुबह इंडेक्स ने 947.32 अंकों (0.95%) की तेजी दर्ज की और यह 99,269.25 के पिछले बंद स्तर से बढ़कर 100,216.57 पर पहुंच गया. दिन के अंत में इंडेक्स 813.52 अंकों (0.82%) की बढ़त के साथ 100,082.77 पर बंद हुआ. यह ऐतिहासिक बढ़त देश में दो दिनों की राजनीतिक अनिश्चितता के बाद आई है, जिसने बाजार को कुछ समय के लिए अस्थिर कर दिया था.

भारतीय बाजार की हालत खराब?

वहीं दूसरी तरफ भारत की बात करें तो कल सेंसेक्स और निफ्टी दोनों में भारी गिरावट देखने को मिली. सेंसेक्स 1,190 अंकों की कमजोरी के साथ 79,043 पर और निफ्टी 360 अंक गिरकर 23,914 पर बंद हुआ है. भारत में आई गिरावट के पीछे का

कारण अमेरिका द्वारा चीन पर टैरिफ लगाने से इंडियन आईटी स्टॉक में आई बिकवाली थी. क्योंकि निवेशकों को इस बात का डर हो गया कि भारतीय आईटी कंपनियों पर भी अमेरिका एक्सपोर्ट ले सकता है. हालांकि यहां एक



बात ध्यान देने वाली है कि भारतीय आईटी कंपनियों का अधिकांश बिजनेस इंडिया से बाहर के देशों के साथ होता है. अब यहां सवाल ये खड़ा हो रहा है कि भारतीय बाजार में आई बिकवाली के बीच पाकिस्तान का शेयर बाजार रिकेट क्यों हुआ पड़ा है?

क्यों आई पाकिस्तान के बाजार में तेजी?

टॉपलाइन सिक्वोरिटीज के चीफ एजीक्यूटिव मोहम्मद सोहेल ने पाकिस्तान के अखबार डॉन से बात

करते हुए कहा कि पाकिस्तानी बाजार ने केवल 17 महीनों में 40,000 से 100,000 तक का रिटर्न दिया है. उन्होंने कहा कि यह तेजी आईएमएफ (अंतर्राष्ट्रीय मुद्रा कोष) से मिले लोन और राजकोषीय अनुशासन का



परिणाम है, जिसने निवेशकों के भरोसे को वापस से स्थापित किया है. इसके अलावा महंगाई और ब्याज दरों में तेज गिरावट ने बाजार में नकदी प्रवाह को बढ़ा दिया है.

पिछले 25 सालों में ऐसे बदली बाजार की तस्वीर

सोहेल ने कहा कि भले ही बाजार ऐतिहासिक ऊंचाई पर है, लेकिन इसका पीछे रेशियो अभी भी 5x पर कारोबार कर रहा है, जो 7x के औसत स्तर से कम है.

## Sebi New Rule: ट्रेडिंग नियमों में हुआ बदलाव, 1 अप्रैल 2025 से लागू होंगे न्यू रूल

नई दिल्ली.बिजनेस डेस्क, नई दिल्ली. बाजार नियामक सेबी (Sebi) ने हाल ही में एक सर्कुलर जारी किया था। इस सर्कुलर के अनुसार शेयर बाजार के दोनों मुख्य स्टॉक एक्सचेंज NSE और BSE को अल्टरनेटिव ट्रेडिंग वेन्यू के तौर पर काम करने का आदेश दिया। सेबी के सर्कुलर के अनुसार अब अगर किसी तकनीकी वजह से ट्रेडिंग रुक जाती है तो उसे शिफ्ट कर दिया जाएगा। यह नियम 1 अप्रैल 2024 से लागू होंगे।

क्या कहता है नया नियम नए नियम के अनुसार अगर बॉम्बे स्टॉक एक्सचेंज (BSE) में कोई तकनीकी दिक्कत आने के कारण ट्रेडिंग रुक जाती है तो बीएसई में लिस्टिड शेयर एनएसई में ट्रेड होंगे। इसी तरह नेशनल स्टॉक एक्सचेंज (NSE) में किसी शेयर में कोई दिक्कत आती है तो एनएसई के शेयर बीएसई पर ट्रेड करेंगे। सेबी ने आदेश दिया है कि दोनों स्टॉक एक्सचेंज अपने 60 दिनों के अंदर एक स्टैंडर्ड ऑपिरिंग प्रोसेड्यूर (SOP) जारी करें।



ऑफसेट होंगे F&O ट्रेडिंग सेबी के सर्कुलर के अनुसार एनएसई को बीएसई लिस्टिड शेयरों की रिजर्व लिस्ट बनानी है। इसी तरह बीएसई को भी एनएसई लिस्टिड शेयरों की रिजर्व लिस्ट बनानी होगी। इस लिस्ट बनने के बाद स×ह ट्रेडिंग में शेयर और इंडेक्स को ऑफसेट किया जा सकेगा।

## PAN 2.0: डुप्लीकेट PAN रखना अब संभव नहीं, पकड़े जाने पर मिलेगी ये सजा

नई दिल्ली.PAN 2.0: डुप्लीकेट PAN Card को खत्म करने के लिए सरकार ने PAN 2.0 प्रोजेक्ट शुरू किया है, जिसमें पैन कार्ड धारकों को हार्डिक फीचर वाला नया पैन कार्ड मिलेगा. ऐसे में अब जिन लोगों के पास डुप्लीकेट पैन कार्ड है. उन्हें संभल जाना चाहिए, क्योंकि पैन 2.0 के फीचर्स की वजह से डुप्लीकेट पैन वालों को पकड़ना काफी आसान होगा.

डुप्लीकेट पैन कार्ड होने पर क्या सजा मिलती है.

डुप्लीकेट पैन पर मिलेगी ये सजा अगर आपके पास एक से ज्यादा



पैन कार्ड हैं तो आपका दूसरा पैन कार्ड डुप्लीकेट है. आप इसे सरैंड नहीं करते हैं तो इनकम टैक्स एक्ट के 272B सेक्शन के अनुसार आपके ऊपर 10

हजार रुपये का जुर्माना लग सकता है. ऐसे में जिन लोगों के पास डुप्लीकेट पैन कार्ड है, उन्हें हल्कर या झट्टुझट्टु को इसे सरैंड कर देना चाहिए.

PAN 2.0 में होंगे

क्यूआर कोड डू नए पैन कार्ड में स्कैनिंग का फीचर होगा, जिससे जुड़ा एक क्यूआर कोड होगा. क्यूआर कोड से पैन वैरिफिकेशन आसान हो जाएगा और यह पूरा प्रोसेस ऑनलाइन माध्यम के जरिए होगा.

बैंकिंग के लिए क्यूआर कोड सभ्य बैंकिंग और फाइनेंशियल सेवाओं के लिए यह एक मजबूत और आसान इंटरफेस होगा, जिसकी मदद से बैंकों के जरिए लेनदेन

करने की प्रक्रिया आसान होगी. यूनिफाइड पोर्टल- पैन 2.0 में जिस-जिस काम के लिए पैन की जरूरत होती है. उन सभी के लिए एक ही पोर्टल देगा, जिसकी मदद से टैक्सपेयर्स को अपने पैन अकाउंट को मैनेज करने में आसानी होगी.

कॉमन बिजनेस आईडीएफएय-कॉर्पोरेट की कंपनियों की ओर से डिमांड आती है कि उनको अलग-अलग तरह के नंबर रखने हों, मगर अब ऐसा नहीं होगा. बिजनेस से जुड़े सभी छोटे-बड़े काम के लिए एक ही पैन का इस्तेमाल किया जाएगा.

साइबर सिक्वोरिटी- पैन के जरिए हो रहे फ्रांड़ों को ध्यान में रखते हुए. पैन 2.0 को साइबर सिक्वोरिटी के फीचर्स के साथ लैस किया जाएगा, जिससे भविष्य में साइबर फ्रांड़ को रोकने में मदद मिलेगी.

## नौकरियों की आएगी बहार, सरकार ने बनाया ये प्लान, विंटर सेशन में करेगी पेश

नई दिल्ली. संसद का शीतकालीन सत्र चल रहा है, सरकार इस सेशन में कई महत्वपूर्ण बिल पास कराना चाहती है, जिससे देश की इकोनॉमी को रफ्तार मिले और नई नौकरी के अवसर जनरेट हो. सरकारी सत्रों के अनुसार शीतकालीन सत्र में सरकार तेल क्षेत्र, शिपिंग, रेलवे, विमानन और आपदा प्रबंधन से जुड़े बिल पेश किए हैं, जिनके जरिए देश की इकोनॉमी को तेज रफ्तार मिलेगी और नए नौकरियों के अवसर पैदा होंगे.



दिवनों में समुद्री रास्तों के जरिए ज्यादा व्यापार हो सके. इन दोनों ही विधेयक से नई नौकरियों के अवसर पैदा होंगे. आपदा प्रबंधन और एयरोस्पेस हब विधेयक सरकार ने शीतकालीन सत्र में आपदा प्रबंधन विधेयक पेश किया है,

जिसमें शहरी आपदा प्रबंधन प्राधिकरणों को शामिल किया है. इसके जरिए प्रक्रिया प्रणालियों पर ध्यान केंद्रित किया जाएगा. जिससे सुरक्षा बढ़ेगी और इमर्जेंसी सेवाओं में रोजगार पैदा होंगे. साथ ही सरकार भारतीय वायुयान विधेयक पेश करेगी, जिसका उद्देश्य भारत को एयरोस्पेस हब के रूप में स्थापित करना है. एनर्जी सेक्टर में बनेंगे आत्मनिर्भर

चलते कोई काम नहीं हुआ, लेकिन सरकार अगले सप्ताह से संसद को सूचारू रूप से चलने को लेकर आशावादी है. मर्चेंट शिपिंग और लैंडिंग बिल शीलतालनी सत्र में सरकार मर्चेंट शिपिंग बिल 2024 लैंडिंग बिल 2024 को पास कराके समुद्री अर्थोपेक्ष करे, उन्हें अधिक कुशल बनाने और अंतरराष्ट्रीय मानदंडों के अनुरूप बनाना चाहती है. मर्चेंट शिपिंग बिल मामूली उद्योगों के लिए आपराधिक दंड को हटाता है, जो कम दंडात्मक, अधिक सहायक नियामक ढांचे की ओर बढ़ने का संकेत देता है. इससे समुद्री क्षेत्र को बढ़ावा मिलना चाहिए और भारत की वैश्विक व्यापार क्षमताओं में वृद्धि होनी चाहिए.

## क्या अब एलन मस्क नहीं करेंगे इंडिया में निवेश? स्टारलिनिक की एंट्री पर पीयूष गोयल ने कही ये बात

नई दिल्ली.जब से अमेरिकी चुनाव में डोनाल्ड ट्रंप को जीत मिली है. एलन मस्क की कंपनी के शेयरों में शानदार तेजी देखने को मिल रही है. साथ में एलन मस्क के इंडिया में एंट्री करने की चर्चा भी तेज हो गई है. चुनाव से पहले ये खबर आई थी कि एलन मस्क जल्द भारत का दौरा कर निवेश का ऐलान कर सकते हैं. तब बात नहीं बनी और वह भारत की यात्रा कैसिल कर चीन चले गए. अब एक बार फिर उनके आने भारत आने को लेकर सरकार के तरफ से जानकारी सामने आई है.

पीयूष गोयल ने कही ये बात कॉमर्स एंड इंडस्ट्री मिनिस्टर पीयूष गोयल ने कहा है कि अमेरिकी उद्योगपति एलन मस्क की टेस्ला और स्टारलिनिक द्वारा भारत में निवेश के संबंध में फिलहाल कोई चर्चा नहीं हुई



अलग-अलग मंत्रालयों द्वारा देखा जा रहे हैं, इसलिए उन्हें व्यक्तिगत रूप से इस बारे में कोई जानकारी नहीं है कि क्या हो रहा है. टेस्ला और स्टारलिनिक द्वारा संभावित निवेश के संबंध में पूछे गए प्रश्न का उत्तर देते हुए मंत्री ने

कहा कि जहां तक ?मेरी जानकारी है, हमने कोई चर्चा नहीं की है. ये है वजह

गोयल ने बताया कि ये दोनों विषय अलग-अलग मंत्रालयों द्वारा संभाले जाते हैं. भारी उद्योग मंत्रालय वाहन को देखा है और स्टारलिनिक को अंतरिक्ष विभाग द्वारा संभाला जाएगा. इसलिए, मुझे व्यक्तिगत रूप से नहीं पता कि क्या हो रहा है. इससे पहले अप्रैल में, मस्क ने प्रधानमंत्री नरेन्द्र मोदी के साथ बैजक सहित भारत की अपनी बहुधरचित यात्रा से अंतिम समय में टेस्ला के बहुत भारी दायित्वों का हवाला देते हुए टाल दिया था.

क्या है मस्क का प्लान? अनुमान लगाया जा रहा था कि वह टेस्ला द्वारा भारत में अपनी मैन्यूफैक्चरिंग यूनिट स्थापित करने

और अरबों डॉलर के निवेश की योजना की घोषणा करेगी, और भारत में जल्द से जल्द टेस्ला इलेक्ट्रिक कारों (ईवी) की बिक्री के भविष्य के बारे में भी बताएगी. सिर्फ इलेक्ट्रिक कारों ही नहीं, बल्कि वह अपने उपग्रह (स्टारलिनिक) इंटरनेट कारोबार इकाई (सैटेलाइट) के लिए भी भारतीय बाजार पर नजर रख रहे थे.

केंद्रीय दूरसंचार मंत्री ज्योतिरादित्य सिंधिया ने इसी महीने कहा था कि स्टारलिनिक को भारत में सेवाओं के लिए लाइसेंस प्राप्त करने के लिए सभी मानदंडों का पालन करना होगा. मंत्री ने कहा था कि उपग्रह इंटरनेट सेवा प्रदाता सभी आवश्यकताओं को पूरा करने की प्रक्रिया में है और प्रक्रिया पूरी होने के बाद उन्हें लाइसेंस मिल जाएगा.

## भारी गिरावट के बाद झूमा बाजार, सेंसेक्स में आई 700 अंकों से ज्यादा की तेजी

शेयर बाजार में एक फीसदी की भारी गिरावट के बाद सेंसेक्स और निफ्टी दोनों में बंपर रैली देखने को मिल रही है. कल आईटी इंडेक्स में आई बिकवाली ने बाजार को नीचे धकेल दिया था. अब आज शुरुआती कारोबार में बाजार में शानदार तेजी आई है.

नई दिल्ली.शेयर बाजार में एक फीसदी की भारी गिरावट के बाद सेंसेक्स और निफ्टी दोनों में बंपर रैली देखने को मिल रही है. कल आईटी इंडेक्स में आई बिकवाली ने बाजार को नीचे धकेल दिया था. अब आज शुरुआती कारोबार में बाजार में शानदार तेजी आई है. सेंसेक्स 732 अंक मजबूत होकर 79,776 पर कारोबार कर रहा है. वहीं निफ्टी 205 अंक चढ़कर

24,119 पर चला गया है. यह रिपोर्ट सुबह 11 बजे तक की है. इन कंपनियों में आई तेजी शेयर बाजार में आज लौटी रैली के पीछे एक बड़ा कारण इंटरनेशनल बाजार से मिल रहे पॉजिटिव संकेत हैं. सेंसेक्स के शेयरों में सन फार्मा और भारती एयरटेल में 3त की तेजी आई, जबकि एमएंडएम, रिलायंस, एलएंडटी, अडानी पोर्ट्स के

जेएसडब्ल्यू स्टील में करीब 2त की तेजी आई. दूसरी तरफ, पावर ग्रिड, इंडसइंड बैंक और एफसीआई में गिरावट के साथ कारोबार हुआ. बीएसई में सूचीबद्ध सभी कंपनियों का बाजार पूंजीकरण 2.27 लाख करोड़ रुपये बढ़कर 445.54 लाख करोड़ रुपये हो गया. क्वॉं कल आई थी



भारतीय शेयर बाजार में 28 नवंबर के दिन आई गिरावट के पीछे एक बड़ा कारण आईटी स्टॉक्स में आई कमजोरी है. क्योंकि अमेरिका के नवनिर्वाचित राष्ट्रपति डोनाल्ड ट्रंप की नीतियों को लेकर चिंताएं अभी भी हैं और अमेरिका में ब्याज दरों में कटौती के बारे में अनिश्चितता फिर से बढ़ गई है. अमेरिकी महंगाई में अंकड़ों से पता चला है कि

अक्टूबर में उपभोक्ता खर्च में वृद्धि हुई, जिससे यह चिंता पैदा हुई कि भविष्य में ब्याज दरों में कटौती की गति अपेक्षा से धीमी रहने वाली है. अमेरिकी ब्याज दरों में कटौती में मंदी का सीधा असर खर्च के माहौल पर पड़ेगा और भारत में आईटी और फार्मा जैसे सेक्टर पर भी असर पड़ेगा, जिनका अमेरिकी बाजार से काफी जुड़ाव है.

देश-विदेश की यात्राएं करना आज के दौर में मुश्किल बरा काम नहीं है। चाहे बिजनेस के लिए यात्राएं करनी हों या एडवेंचर के लिए या फिर छुट्टियां बिताने के लिए। उन्नत ट्रांसपोर्ट और संचार साधनों से सब कुछ आसान हो गया है। टूरिज्म सेक्टर देश की जीडीपी में भी बड़ा योगदान दे रहा है क्योंकि पर्यटकों के जरिए विदेशी मुद्रा अर्जित करने का यह बड़ा स्रोत है। इतना ही नहीं, लाखों लोगों को टूरिज्म विभाग, ट्रेवल एजेंसी, होटल, एयरलाइंस, ट्रांसपोर्ट एजेंसी या फिर कार्गो कंपनियों में रोजगार भी मिला हुआ है।



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वर्ल्ड ट्रेवल एंड टूरिज्म काउंसिल की रिपोर्ट के अनुसार, नए वीसा सुधार, अतुल्य भारत अभियान और सरकार द्वारा इंफ्रास्ट्रक्चर पर ज्यादा जोर दिए जाने से भारतीय ट्रेवल एंड टूरिज्म उद्योग में आने वाले वर्षों में और तेजी आने की उम्मीद है। एक अनुमान के मुताबिक, बीते कुछ वर्षों में करीब 9 प्रतिशत (3.74 करोड़) लोगों को टूरिज्म सेक्टर में रोजगार मिला। देश की भौगोलिक और सांस्कृतिक-ऐतिहासिक विरासत ऐसी है कि दक्षिण एशिया घूमने आने वाले करीब 50 प्रतिशत पर्यटक हर साल भारत आना पसंद करते हैं। यही वजह है कि टूरिज्म सेक्टर में युवाओं के लिए रोजगार की संभावनाएं लगातार बढ़ रही हैं।

### करियर के अवसर

चूंकि टूरिज्म उद्योग में कार्य का दायरा काफी विस्तृत है, इसलिए यहां युवाओं के लिए सरकारी और निजी दोनों ही क्षेत्रों में अनेक प्रकार की संभावनाएं मौजूद हैं। टूरिज्म से संबंधित कोर्स करने के बाद आप विभिन्न विमानन कंपनियों, होटल आदि में मैनेजर, टूर मैनेजर, कस्टमर सेल्स एजीक्यूटिव, ट्रेवल प्रोडक्ट डिजाइनर, सेल्स एंड मार्केटिंग स्टाफ, ट्रेवल एजेंट, गाइड, दुभाषिया आदि के तौर पर जॉब पा सकते हैं। इसी तरह ट्रेवल एजेंसीज में भी ढेर सारे अवसर हैं, जहां आप मैनेजर, रिजर्वेशन एंड काउंटर स्टाफ, सेल्स एंड मार्केटिंग स्टाफ, टूर एस्कॉर्ट, टूर ऑपरेटर आदि के रूप में सेवा दे सकते हैं। कहने का मतलब यह है कि टूरिज्म सेक्टर में आपके लिए करियर ग्रोथ और पैसा दोनों हैं। अगर चाहें, तो कुछ वर्षों के अनुभव के बाद खुद का ट्रेवल बिजनेस भी शुरू कर सकते हैं। धीरे-धीरे पालासाई एंड वीसा हेडलिंग, डेस्टिनेशन मैनेजर, ट्रेवल कंसल्टेंट, फॉट ऑफिस मैनेजमेंट, पर्यटन, बिजनेस डेवलपमेंट, पीआर, इवेंट मैनेजमेंट जैसे दूसरे गैर-परंपरागत क्षेत्रों में भी युवाओं के लिए जॉब की संभावनाएं तेजी से बढ़ रही हैं। मेडिकल टूरिज्म भी ऐसा ही एक उभरता हुआ नया क्षेत्र है, जहां हेल्थ प्रोफेशनल्स के लिए काफी स्कोप है।



### कहां हैं मौके ?

पर्यटन विभाग - इससे संबंधित कोर्स करने के बाद आप पर्यटन विभाग में रिजर्वेशन एंड काउंटर स्टाफ, सेल्स एंड मार्केटिंग स्टाफ, टूर प्लानर्स, टूर गाइड जैसे पदों पर सरकारी नौकरी में जा सकते हैं। यूपीएससी या पीएससी परीक्षा पास कर केंद्र व राज्यों के पर्यटन विभागों में अफसर भी बना जा सकता है। एयरलाइंस - पर्यटन उद्योग का यह सबसे आकर्षक क्षेत्र माना जाता है। आप एयर होस्टेस, ग्राउंड सपोर्ट एंड एयरपोर्ट मैनेजमेंट, एयरलाइन ग्राउंड ऑपरेशन, एयरलाइन टिकटिंग, होटल मैनेजमेंट या टूरिज्म जैसे कोर्स करके यहां ग्राउंड स्टाफ या इन-फ्लाइट एगेंसीज में जा सकते हैं। ट्रेवल एंड टूरिज्म उद्योग में अभी यह नया क्षेत्र है। हॉलीडे कंसल्टेंट टूर से जुड़ी हर तरह की जानकारी अपने क्लाइंट को उपलब्ध कराते हैं, जैसे क्लाइंट के लिए ट्रेवल प्लान करना, टिकट बुकिंग करना आदि। बैंक - बैंकों में भी विदेशी मुद्रा के लिए आने

रहा है। तमाम तरह के जॉब के अवसर भी लोगों को विभिन्न स्तरों के होटलों में मिल रहे हैं। ट्रांसपोर्ट - हवाई, सड़क, रेल और समुद्री मार्गों से परिवहन के क्षेत्र में को-ऑर्डिनेटर, सुपरवाइजर, ड्राइवर आदि के रूप में बड़ी संख्या में जॉब के अवसर हैं। टूर ऑपरेटर्स - ऐसे प्रोफेशनल्स अपने क्लाइंट के लिए टूर की व्यवस्था करते हैं, उन्हें विभिन्न

पर्यटन स्थलों पर घुमाने के लिए ले जाते हैं, रिजर राफ्टिंग, रॉक क्लाइंबिंग आदि जैसे साहसिक खेलों में टूरिस्ट की मदद करते हैं। वलाइंट की यात्रा और ठहरने का प्रबंध भी यही प्रोफेशनल्स करते हैं। अगर आपका व्यक्तित्व अच्छा है, आप पर्यटन स्थलों की अच्छी जानकारी रखते हैं और आपकी लैंग्वेज स्किल अच्छी है, तो आप इस फील्ड में अपना करियर बना सकते हैं। टाइम शेयर कंपनीज - ऐसी कंपनियां हॉलीडे रिसॉर्ट को मैनेज करने का काम करती हैं। विदेशी कंपनियों के रिसॉर्ट के साथ भी इनका बिजनेस टाई-अप होता है। आप ऐसी कंपनियों में काम करने का मौका पा सकते हैं। हॉलीडे कंसल्टेंसी - ट्रेवल एंड टूरिज्म उद्योग में अभी यह नया क्षेत्र है। हॉलीडे कंसल्टेंट टूर से जुड़ी हर तरह की जानकारी अपने क्लाइंट को उपलब्ध कराते हैं, जैसे क्लाइंट के लिए ट्रेवल प्लान करना, टिकट बुकिंग करना आदि। बैंक - बैंकों में भी विदेशी मुद्रा के लिए आने

वाले टूरिस्ट की मदद हेतु प्रोफेशनल्स की सेवाएं ली जाती हैं। तमाम बैंक आजकल पर्यटकों के लिए होटल और टिकट बुकिंग की सुविधाएं भी उपलब्ध करा रहे हैं। बैंकों में ऐसे जॉब के लिए आम तौर पर एमबीए स्टूडेंट्स को हायरिंग में खास तवज्जो दी जाती है।

### पर्सनल स्किल्स

ट्रेवल एंड टूरिज्म उद्योग में कम्युनिकेशन स्किल सबसे जरूरी है क्योंकि यहां लोगों को अक्सर पर्यटकों से बातचीत करके उनकी जिज्ञासाओं को शांत करना होता है। आपका

व्यवहार कुशल होना भी जरूरी है। अच्छी पर्सनैलिटी से फायदा होगा। क्षेत्र विशेष की भौगोलिक जानकारी भी होनी चाहिए। अगर आप मैनेजमेंट या एडमिनिस्ट्रेशन पद पर हैं, तो लीडरशिप कॉलिटी के साथ-साथ त्वरित समस्या समाधान की क्षमता और टीमवर्क की भावना भी आपमें होना जरूरी है।

### कोर्स व कॉलिफिकेशन

टूरिज्म इंडस्ट्री में करियर बनाने के लिए डिग्री, पीजी डिग्री, डिप्लोमा और सर्टिफिकेट कोर्स के रूप में कई प्रकार के कोर्स उपलब्ध हैं। डिग्री कोर्स की अवधि 3 वर्ष होती है। इसमें किसी भी स्टीम के युवा 12वीं के बाद प्रवेश ले सकते हैं। अगर आप ग्रेजुएट हैं, तो टूरिज्म में पीजी या डिप्लोमा कोर्स कर सकते हैं। कुछ संस्थान सर्टिफिकेट कोर्स भी कराते हैं, जिसे 12वीं के बाद करके आप टूर एजेंसीज या टूर प्रमोशन एंड सेल्स कंपनियों में जॉब पा सकते हैं।

### सैलरी कितनी ?

टूरिज्म उद्योग में सैलरी काफी आकर्षक है। एयरलाइंस, ट्रेवल एजेंसीज आदि में ऐसे प्रोफेशनल्स और उनके परिवारों को कई मुफ्त

### कौन-से कोर्स ?

- बैचलर ऑफ टूरिज्म एडमिनिस्ट्रेशन
- बैचलर ऑफ टूरिज्म स्टडीज
- मास्टर ऑफ ट्रेवल एंड टूरिज्म मैनेजमेंट
- डिप्लोमा इन ट्रेवल एंड टूरिज्म मैनेजमेंट
- फाउंडेशन कोर्स इन ट्रेवल एंड टूरिज्म
- ट्रेवल एंड टूरिज्म मैनेजमेंट कोर्स
- इंटीग्रेटेड डिप्लोमा इन ट्रेवल एंड टूरिज्म मैनेजमेंट

सुविधाएं भी मिलती हैं। प्रोफेशनल्स को शुरुआत में 15 से 20 हजार रूपय प्रति माह की सैलरी आसानी से मिल जाती है। अनुभव बढ़ने पर ऐसे प्रोफेशनल्स 40 हजार से लेकर 1 लाख रूपय महीना तक कमा सकते हैं।

## ग्रुप डिस्कशन में पीछे न रह जाएं, अपनाएं ये टिप्स

कुछ एजाम में ग्रुप डिस्कशन का बहुत बड़ा रोल होता है। कई बार आप लिखित परीक्षा में तो अच्छे अंक से पास हो जाते हैं लेकिन जब ग्रुप डिस्कशन का समय आता है तो वहां विफल हो जाते हैं। आखिर ऐसी कौन-कौन सी बातें हैं जिनका ध्यान रखा जाए तो आप ग्रुप डिस्कशन में भी बाजी मार सकते हैं। सबसे पहली बात इसके लिए आपको अपडेट होने के साथ-साथ आपकी बॉडी लैंग्वेज भी अच्छी होनी चाहिए।

- जोडी के दौरान किसी एक मेंबर की ओर फोकस न करें। सभी पर नजर आई-कॉन्टैक्ट बनाए रखें।
- जोडी में आप अपनी बात तभी रख पाएंगे जब आपको जोडी वाले टॉपिक का नॉलेज हो। अगर नॉलेज नहीं है तो आप अच्छे से डिस्कशन नहीं कर पाएंगे।
- इस बात का जरूर ध्यान रखें कि जब दूसरा बोल रहा हो तो उसे बीच में टोकें नहीं, चाहे आप उसकी बात से सहमत न भी हों। जब आपको मौका मिले तो अपनी बात को विनम्रता के साथ कहें।



- जो भी बोलें बिलकुल साफ बोलें, वरना सामने बाकी लोगों को या तो समझ नहीं आएगा या वो आपकी बात का कोई और मतलब निकाल सकते हैं।
- ध्यान रखें कि जिस टॉपिक पर डिस्कशन हो रहा है, उससे भटकें नहीं। टॉपिक की थीम को ध्यान में रखकर उसी पर अपना व्यूज रखें।
- पॉजिटिव एटीट्यूड रखें और कॉन्फिडेंस बनाए रखें। लेकिन ध्यान रखें कि न तो किसी को नीचा दिखाएँ और ही खुद को बहुत नॉलेजबल शो करना है।
- आपको बस अपनी बात शेर करने ही न कि किसी को मानने के लिए फोर्स करना है।
- जो भी बोलें उसमें दम होना चाहिए। आपकी बात में अगर प्वाइंट नहीं होगा तो आप इम्पैक्ट डालने से चूक जाएंगे।
- दूसरे जो बोल रहे हैं, उसे ध्यान से सुनें। सिर्फ खुद ही न बोलते चले जाएं। इससे आपका नॉलेज बढ़ेगा और आप एक अच्छा डिस्कशन कर पाएंगे।
- एल्यूमिनी नेटवर्क का जानकारी लेने में आप अच्छे यूज कर सकते हैं। आपको टारगेट कंपनियों के एचआर मैनेजर्स को लेकर जानकारी मिलेगी और आपकी पहुंच भी बढ़ेगी। हो



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ब सच में एल्यूमिनी नेटवर्क सबसे मूल्यवान नेटवर्किंग कॉन्टैक्ट्स हो सकते हैं, बशर्त आप इसका प्रभावी तरीके से उपयोग करें। आज के समय में प्रभावकारी एल्यूमिनी नेटवर्किंग टैक्नीक्स ज्यादा फोकस हो रही हैं जिसके विशेष टारगेट, गोल और एक्शंस होते हैं। अगर आप यह सीख लें कि इनका सही तरीके से फायदा किस तरह उठा सकते हैं तो एल्यूमिनी नेटवर्किंग कॉन्टैक्ट्स बेहतर तरीके से आपकी मदद कर सकते हैं। आप एल्यूमिनी की नेटवर्किंग का उपयोग कर इन तरीकों से जॉब सर्च कर सकते हैं -

- एल्यूमिनी नेटवर्क का जानकारी लेने में आप अच्छे यूज कर सकते हैं। आपको टारगेट कंपनियों के एचआर मैनेजर्स को लेकर जानकारी मिलेगी और आपकी पहुंच भी बढ़ेगी। हो
- सकता है कि नेटवर्किंग के जरिए आप अपने टारगेट तक पहुंच जाएं। इसके लिए आपको सही एल्यूमिनी के पहचाने की जरूरत है।
- आप उस एल्यूमिनी से संपर्क कर सकते हैं जो कि कंपनी, उसके डिपार्टमेंट या मैनेजर की जानकारी दे। आप यह पता कर सकते हैं वाकई कंपनी में वैकेंसी है या नहीं। कई बार कंपनी अपनी वेबसाइट पर करंट ओपनिंग में वैकेंसी मंशन नहीं करती लेकिन उन्हें हायरिंग की जरूरत होती है। आप बेहतर तरीके से एल्यूमिनी से यह पूछ सकते हैं।
- सही बात तो यह है कि सही एल्यूमिनी से आप आसानी से संपर्क नहीं साध सकते क्योंकि वे व्यस्त इसान होते हैं। हालांकि अगर आपका वह साथ दें तो वे कंपनी और आपके बीच में ब्रिज का काम करेगा।

कई बार हायरिंग मैनेजर अपने स्टाफ से किसी पोस्ट के लिए कैंडिडेट की सिफारिश चाहता है। ऐसे में यह आपके लिए अच्छी बात होती है। अगर आप एल्यूमिनी से टच में रहेंगे तो ऐसे मौके पर सबसे पहले आपका नाम ही उसके दिमाग में आएगा। साथ ही आपको यह अपना इरादा उसे बताकर रखना होगा कि अगर उसकी कंपनी में कोई वैकेंसी निकलेगी तो आप इच्छुक होंगे। इसके अलावा एल्यूमिनी से टच में रहने पर उस संपर्क सूत्रों के हवाले से भी आपको जॉब सर्च में आसानी होगी। इसका सीधा मतलब यह है कि उसके कॉन्टैक्ट्स भी कहीं न कहीं सोशल मीडिया पर आपसे जुड़े होंगे।

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NEWS BOX

**Joe Root out for duck in 150th Test, goes past Virat Kohli on unwanted WTC list**

**New Delhi.** Star England batter Joe Root endured a bitter milestone in his storied career during the first Test against New Zealand at Hagley Oval. Root, playing his 150th Test match, was dismissed for a four-ball duck by New Zealand debutant Nathan Smith. Root's dismissal, his 13th in Test cricket and eighth in the World Test Championship (WTC) era, elevated him to an unenviable list of batters with the most ducks in the WTC, surpassing the likes of Virat Kohli and Steve Smith, both of whom have seven. This lean patch continues a difficult run for Root, who has scored just 90 runs in five innings since his double-century against Pakistan in Multan.

Smith, a debutant seamer, had a dream start, dismissing England's Jacob Bethell and Root in the same over, reducing the visitors to 45/3 after Zak Crawley's early exit. England's struggles were compounded by Ben Duckett's dismissal, leaving them reeling at 71/4. However, a resilient 103-run stand between Ollie Pope (59\*) and Harry Brook (54\*) brought some stability, with England reaching 174/4 at tea, still 174 runs behind New Zealand's first-innings total of



348. Root's duck in his milestone 150th Test match places him in an exclusive yet undesirable club, joining Australian legends Steve Waugh and Ricky Ponting as the only batters to record ducks in their 150th Test appearances. Earlier in the day, England dismissed New Zealand for 348, with Glenn Phillips (58\*) anchoring the tail after Kane Williamson's composed 120 on Day 1. England's bowlers Brydon Carse (4/64) and Shoaib Bashir (4/69) excelled, but the visitors faced immediate setbacks in reply. Harry Brook and Ollie Pope's counterattacking 150-plus partnership provided hope, but England's task remains daunting with a significant deficit to overcome and New Zealand's pace attack firing on all cylinders.

**IPL: Too many Australians in Punjab Kings Ricky Ponting reacts to criticism**

**New Delhi.** Punjab Kings head coach Ricky Ponting has reacted to criticism about making the side mini-Australia. Punjab bought 6 players in the IPL mega-auction on November 24-25. The team made fresh signings after retaining only two players. The Punjab side RTMed Arshdeep Singh for a massive amount of Rs 18 crore and majorly made a fresh side with 5 Australian players - including the likes of Glenn Maxwell and Marcus Stoinis. Speaking in a media interaction, Ponting said that the players that Punjab bought in the IPL auction fit their roles perfectly. We have brought some of the



best young Indian talent into our group, which is very exciting. So, our scouts have done a great job and worked really hard and to make sure that the auctions go exactly how we wanted them to," said head coach Ricky Ponting. "We have (a few Australians) and I'll probably get some criticism. I think we have got five Aussies out of our complement of eight overseas. But when you look at the slots that we needed, the players that we have got fitted into those roles perfectly," Ponting reacted to the criticism. "To have Marcus Stoinis and Glenn Maxwell back to Kings is huge as they have both played here in the past. A couple of new guys, including Xavier Bartlett, Aaron Hardie, and Josh Inglis, are coming into the IPL for the first time, which is also really exciting for us," added Ponting. Ponting adding Australian players to the roster is nothing new. In the 2024 edition of the Indian Premier League, Ponting introduced Jake Fraser-McGurk, who was a massive hit in the tournament.

**Simona Halep calls out double standards after Swiatek escapes lengthy doping ban**

**Former World No.1 Simona Halep slammed the International Tennis Integrity Agency for double standards on doping bans. Halep, who was once banned for 4 years hit out at the association after Iga Swiatek received a 1-month ban for doping.**

**New Delhi.** Former World No.1 tennis player Simona Halep slammed the International Tennis Integrity Agency over their double standards while dishing out doping bans. In a lengthy Instagram post, Halep slammed the agency for trying to ruin her career, and being partial against her. Halep's comments came after the ITIA handed a one-month ban to Iga Swiatek after she tested positive for a banned substance. Halep pointed out at the discrepancy between her ban and the current World No.1's and said that she was left frustrated at the twilight of her career due to the unfair treatment. "I'm sitting and trying to understand, but it's really impossible for me

to understand something like this. I stand and ask myself, why is there such a big difference in treatment and judgment? I can't find and I don't think there can be a logical answer. It can only be bad will from ITIA, the organization that has done absolutely everything to destroy me despite the evidence," Simona Halep wrote on Instagram. "I really wanted to destroy the last years of my career, I wanted something that I could never have imagined would be wanted. I always believed in good, I believed in fairness, I believed in goodness. It was painful, I was painful and maybe the injustice that was done to me will always be painful. How is it possible that in identical cases happening around the same time ITIA to have completely different approaches to my detriment. How could I accept that the WTA and the players council did not want to return me the ranking that I deserved?!" Halep said. "I lost two years of my career, I lost many nights when I couldn't sleep, thoughts, anxiety, questions without answers... but I won justice. It turned out that it was a contamination and that the biological passport was a pure invention. And I won something else, my soul remained clean!! I feel disappointed, I feel mad, I feel frustrated, but I do not feel evil even now. I am grateful for the support and



unconditional love of those who have been by my side every day. THANK YOU! In all the naughtiness, I also received love because those who offered me love in those moments really knew me! Perhaps this is the biggest victory! As we know well that every morning the sun rises for everyone, but it's good to rise finding yourself with a flawless soul! And that's how I am, packed and proud of what I am!" concluded Halep.

**SWIATEK'S DOPING BAN**

World number two and five-times Grand Slam champion Iga Swiatek accepted a one-month suspension after testing positive for banned substance trimetazidine (TMZ), the International Tennis Integrity Agency said

on Thursday. Swiatek tested positive in an out-of-competition sample in August but the ITIA, which runs tennis's anti-doping programme, accepted that it was caused by contamination of her medication melatonin, which was manufactured and sold over the counter in her native Poland. Swiatek said she had been taking it for jet lag and sleep issues and as there was no significant fault or negligence, the ITIA ruled it was "the lowest end of the range" and offered the reigning French Open champion a one-month suspension which the 23-year-old accepted. "The player was provisionally suspended from Sept. 12 until Oct. 4, missing three tournaments, which counts towards the sanction, leaving eight days remaining," the ITIA said in a statement.

Swiatek is not the first world number one to fail a doping test this year after Italy's Jannik Sinner, the men's top-ranked player, also tested positive for anabolic agent clostebol. However, Sinner was cleared of wrongdoing by an independent tribunal ahead of the U.S. Open, which he went on to win. The World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) has appealed to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) against the tribunal's finding of "no fault or negligence". With two of the biggest names in tennis escaping lengthy bans for anti-doping violations, questions are being raised about the sport's reputation.

**Shubman Gill returns to training in big boost to India's pink ball Test hopes**

**New Delhi.** India received a huge boost ahead of the Adelaide Test match as batter Shubman Gill returned to practice on Friday, November 29. Gill, who had been out due to a thumb fracture, was spotted in the India nets at Canberra ahead of the tour game against Prime Minister's XI. India are set to play their second Test match against Australia in Adelaide. The team will take on Australia in a Pink Ball Test match - traditionally a big strength for Australia in the 5-match series. Shubman, who had not been in action due to his rehabilitation process was seen leaving the field on the second day of the intra-squad match simulation ahead of the Perth Test. He was seen in considerable pain and immediately left the field for further scans. India Today had learnt at the time that Gill had fractured his left thumb and had been ruled out of the opening game. In case the batter does return to the playing XI, the visitors have to rejig their entire line-up. India captain Rohit Sharma is poised to



return to the playing XI, which will displace KL Rahul from his spot. With Shubman Gill expected to return to the line-up, Rahul might have to drop further down the order, possibly at No.5 or No.6.

Apart from Gill, India captain Rohit Sharma was also spotted in the nets. The India captain had started his practice midway through the Perth Test match. He was seen in good touch on Friday.

**AUS vs IND: INDIA vs PM XI - ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW**

**Shubman Gill is in contention to play the 2nd Test in Adelaide**

**Gill fractured his thumb ahead of the Perth Test match**

**Rohit Sharma also joined Gill in practice**

India are set to play a warm-up fixture to prepare for their second Test against Australia which will be a day-night affair. The Rohit Sharma-led side will take on Prime Minister's XI in a two-day pink ball Test at Manuka Oval, Canberra from November 30. It will be a much-needed practice for the visitors who last played a day-night game in March, 2022 against Sri Lanka in Bengaluru. When and where to watch India vs Prime Minister's XI warm-up game? The India vs Prime Minister's XI warm up fixture will be live streamed on Hotstar while the live broadcast will be available on Star Sports on November 30 from 9:10 am onwards.

**Don't want 'confident' Virat Kohli for rest of series vs Australia: Allan Border**

**New Delhi.** Former Australian captain Allan Border has called out Australia's failure to contain Virat Kohli during the first Test in Perth, warning that the star Indian batter's resurgence could jeopardise the Pat Cummins-led side's chances in the Border-Gavaskar Trophy (BGT). Kohli, who had gone 18 months without a Test century, silenced his critics with an unbeaten 100 in the second innings, helping India clinch a commanding 295-run victory. Border criticised Australian captain Pat Cummins for field placements and tactics, arguing they allowed Kohli to regain his confidence far too easily. "I was really disappointed in the way we let Kohli roll on to a hundred without much resistance," Border told SEN radio on Friday morning. "We don't want this guy full of confidence for the rest of the series."

Border's concerns were echoed by Matthew Hayden and Mark Taylor, who criticised Cummins for failing to apply early pressure on Kohli. Former Australian batters pointed out that the lack of close-in fielders allowed Kohli to settle in easily and regain his form. "They missed a few tricks with Virat



Kohli in the early part of his innings. Nathan Lyon had mid-on back, one on the off-side catching and a mid-wicket. I felt like it was so easy for him to get off strike," Hayden had told Channel 7 after India's win.

"You can't cut a sucker an even break when a bloke is under pressure as he was. The field we actually finished with - two slips, no point, a man straight - it offered up the outside edge of his bat as well. He found it a little more frustrating. When he got the bit between the teeth, it was too late. Hayden also highlighted missed opportunities during India's earlier batting partnerships, particularly with Yashasvi Jaiswal, who looked susceptible to short-pitched deliveries. He criticized the delayed use of such strategies and pointed to Australia's "shell-shocked" approach following their subpar batting performance in the first innings.

**Europa League: Man United fight back for Amorim's 1st win, Spurs drop points vs Roma**

**New Delhi.** Manchester United staged a thrilling comeback to defeat Norwegian side Bodo/Glimt 3-2, securing their first Europa League victory under new manager Ruben Amorim. Meanwhile, Tottenham Hotspur were denied all three points dramatically as AS Roma salvaged a 2-2 draw with a last-gasp goal on Thursday.



precise delivery found H.Jlund, who controlled the ball brilliantly before firing a clinical finish to equalize. The Danish striker struck again shortly after the interval, guiding Manuel Ugarte's low cross into the net to give United the lead. Despite dominating the second half, United were unable to extend their advantage and relied on two key saves from Onana to secure the victory.

The result lifted United to 12th in the standings with nine points, while Bodo/Glimt remained seventh with seven points. Spurs Denied Victory by Roma's Late

Strike In North London, Tottenham Hotspur looked poised for a win but were left frustrated as Roma's Mats Hummels scored a late equalizer in stoppage time. Spurs took an early lead when Son Heung-min converted a fifth-minute penalty after Hummels fouled Pape Matar Sarr. Roma leveled in the 20th minute through Evan N'Dicka, who finished from Paulo Dybala's free kick delivery. Roma appeared to have turned the tide when they scored again, but the goal was ruled out for offside. Tottenham regained the lead in the 33rd minute as Dejan Kulusevski set up Brennan Johnson for a powerful low strike. However, despite dominating much of the match, Spurs failed to close the game out. In added time, a Roma corner initially cleared by Spurs was recycled into the box, where Hummels pounced to secure an unlikely draw for José Mourinho's side. The result leaves Spurs in ninth place with 10 points, while Roma sit 21st with six points, keeping both teams within striking distance of advancing to the next stage.

**AUS vs IND: Mike Hussey backs 'defensive' Labuschagne to overcome form slump**

**Border-Gavaskar Trophy: Michael Hussey has backed Marnus Labuschagne, attributing his form slump to mental adjustments rather than technical issues. Labuschagne has scored just 123 runs at an average of 13.66 in his last 10 Test innings.**

**New Delhi.** Former Australia batter Michael Hussey has thrown his support behind under-fire batsman Marnus Labuschagne, attributing his recent slump in form to mental adjustments rather than technical flaws. Labuschagne, widely regarded as one of the world's premier batsmen, has endured a

torrid run of form, managing only 123 runs at a paltry average of 13.66 across his last 10 Test innings. His struggles were on full display during the first Test against India in Perth, where he registered scores of just 2 and 3 as Australia succumbed to a crushing 295-run defeat. Critics have questioned Labuschagne's technique, but Hussey believes the root of the problem lies in his approach to the game. "I actually went back and had a look at some of his highlights of some of his great innings from a few years back. It was just to see if I could see anything different than what we've been seeing in the last week or so," Hussey told SEN.

Hussey suggested Labuschagne's attempts to shoulder greater responsibility as a senior player may have led to an overly cautious mindset. "From a technical perspective, there's actually not a lot of difference from when he was playing really well in scoring a lot of runs compared to the last Test match



against India. The biggest difference I've noticed is just his intent to score. He's probably looking at it thinking, 'I'm a senior player now, I've got to take responsibility, I've got to bat time, be there for the team, soak up the pressure and all of that'. That gets you into a tentative defensive frame of mind of batting time, being there and being patient. Whereas when I watched some of those

highlights from a few years back, he was just confident and decisive in everything he did, even in defence and when he was letting the ball go he was getting into really strong positions." The 29-year-old Labuschagne took a proactive step to address his form on Thursday, returning to the basics with an intense nets session alongside a close friend. Hussey is optimistic that a mental shift can help Labuschagne rediscover his touch.

"I feel as though it's something that can be fixed really quickly just with a mindset shift," Hussey said. "If he can just change that mindset of just looking to occupy the crease ... into, 'Whatever I do, I'm going to do it confidently, decisively and be a little bit more positive with an intent to score'. I feel like he can turn it around really quickly." Australia will hope Labuschagne regains his form ahead of the second Test against India, starting December 6 at the Adelaide Oval. A strong performance from their No.3 will be crucial as the hosts aim to level the series.

# Mahira Sharma

Dating Mohammed Siraj? Actress' Latest Photos Leave Fans Wondering



Mahira Sharma often shares gorgeous photos of herself on social media, leaving everyone impressed. Recently too, the Bigg Boss 13 star took to her Instagram handle and shared a series of pictures in which she was seen posing in a stunning backless traditional outfit. While netizens were impressed with Mahira's sartorial choice, something else caught everyone's attention. Soon after Mahira shared the pictures online, several social media users noticed that cricketer Mohammed Siraj also liked her post. It has left everyone wondering if something is cooking between the two. It should also be noted Mahira and Siraj have never been spotted together. Therefore, the like from the cricketer has left fans even more intrigued about a possible connection between them.

Mahira Sharma was previously dating Paras Chhabra. The two met for the first time in Bigg Boss 13 house and fell in love with each other. However, they parted ways in 2023 when Mahira even unfollowed Paras on Instagram. Later, Paras also confirmed their breakup and told ETimes, "Yes, we have not been talking to each other after a fight over petty issues for more than a week. But aisi fights to hamari hamesha hoti rahi hain, even when we were inside the Bigg Boss house. I never thought that it will lead to a breakup."

Asked about Mahira unfollowing him on Instagram, Paras added, "I am equally puzzled and shocked by the news. I don't know why Mahira unfollowed me or deleted our pictures from her social media account. I shifted to Mumbai on April 1 and Mahira shifted on March 15. Since then I have been pretty busy and unpacking my stuff and arranging things here. My mom too has come here to stay with me while Mahira is staying with her mom." Meanwhile, on the work front, Mahira Sharma was recently seen in a music video titled 'Without You'.

## Glimpses From Prabhas And Hanu Raghavapudi's Period Film Fauji Leaked



Pan-India star Prabhas and Hanu Raghavapudi's upcoming period film is currently making waves. The actor's collaboration with the filmmaker was launched in a grand manner, and since then several reports about the film's genre and the budget have leaked. Now, a cascade of pictures of the set, the vintage cars, and the buses have spread across the internet. It is rumoured that the shooting is being done in Hyderabad's Alipore jail, where Subhash Chandra Bose was imprisoned in the 1930s. It is worth noting that the Alipore Jail trial of 1908-1909 marked a turning point in India's independence movement, inspiring young revolutionaries. Tentatively titled Fauji, the film is said to be a grand period war-based romantic drama set against the backdrop of World War 2. Produced by Mythri Movie Makers, Prabhas is all set to essay the role of a soldier in this period actioner and Iman Vellani is rumoured to be roped in as the female lead.

The music for the film will be composed by Vishal Chandrashekhar, while Kotagiri Venkateswara Rao took the editing duty, and the cinematography is handled by Sudeep Chatterjee to offer audiences a never-before-seen narrative of love. According to reports, the film is set to be a grand cinematic venture with a whopping budget of Rs 400 crore.

Earlier, the makers shared a poster announcing the upcoming film on their social media handle. "When wars were a battle for supremacy, ONE WARRIOR redefined what they were FOUGHT for #PrabhasHanu, a HISTORICAL FICTION set in the 1940s. Shoot begins soon," read the Instagram post.

Coming to Prabhas' work front, the actor has an exciting lineup of films in the pipeline, including The Raja Saab, Kalki 2898 AD sequel, and Salaar 2. Written and directed by Maruthi, the shooting for The Raja Saab is expected to wrap up by the end of this year. The film is bankrolled by TG Vishwa Prasad under the banner of People's Media Factory. Starring Nidhi Agerwal, Anupam Kher, Murali Sharma, Malavika Mohanan, Sanjay Dutt, Jisshu Sengupta, and Yogi Babu, among others, The Raja Saab will hit the theatres in Malayalam, Kannada, Telugu, Tamil, and Hindi.

## Zaheer Iqbal Gushes Over Wife Sonakshi Sinha, Calls Her 'Hottest'



Zaheer Iqbal and Sonakshi Sinha are avid travel enthusiasts. The couple is currently in Italy to celebrate their five-month anniversary. In his latest Instagram post, Zaheer heaped praises on his wife Sonakshi. The actor shared a picture of Sonakshi dressed in an oversized white hoodie. The Dabangg star was seen sitting next to a heater as she posed for the image captured by Zaheer. Comparing his wife to the heater, Zaheer circled it and tagged it as hot. Then, he drew an arrow over Sonakshi's head and called her "hottest". Take a look:

A day ago, Sonakshi Sinha shared a funny video of them strolling on the streets of Florence. Dressed in her winter best, the actress came up with a funny caption as the couple were seen engaging in a fun banter. Sharing the video, Sonakshi wrote, "Ek toh thandi... aur phir yeh aadmi. Silly postcard from Florence... enjoy!" Take a look: During her appearance on Kareena Kapoor's chat show What Women Want, Sonakshi Sinha revealed that she confessed her feelings to Zaheer within just a week of meeting him, describing it as "love at first sight", the actress said, "Maine Zaheer ko ek hafte mein hi bol diya tha ki I love you. I was very excited. There was some recognition, koi click hota hai na jab aap jaante ho ki ye aapka hi insaan hai and this is your person. That sort of happened with me, and it never happened with me before. I always used to take my time, but with him, it was instant."

Sonakshi admitted she was the first to fall in love, while Zaheer took his time. She added, "Ladko ko thoda time bhi lagta hai. He is one of those boys jo apna time lagaate hai. Wo bhi ek stage pe tha jahan par usko pata tha agar main padunga ismein toh ye permanent hi hoga. Isliye he took his time." Sonakshi Sinha and Zaheer Iqbal dated for over seven years before getting married on June 23 this year in a private ceremony at Sonakshi's Mumbai residence. Their registered marriage was followed by a star-studded reception attended by Bollywood icons like Salman Khan, Huma Qureshi, Rekha, and Kajol.

# Yuvika Chaudhary

And Prince Narula's Marriage In Trouble? Video Sparks Rumours

Prince Narula and Yuvika Chaudhary welcomed their baby girl in October 2024, but is there trouble in paradise? A viral video has sparked speculation about tension in their marriage. In the video, Prince revealed that he was kept in the dark about the delivery date. While in Pune, he was shocked to learn about the birth of their daughter and rushed to the hospital in confusion. He admitted that even his parents were upset, questioning how he was unaware of such a significant event. Adding fuel to the fire, Prince further shared that Yuvika and her mother decided to stay at her mother's house for 45 days after the baby's birth, a decision he reluctantly agreed to, keeping her comfort in mind. This has sparked rumours about the couple's relationship. According to a report in Zee News, amid the rumours of trouble in their marriage, fans noticed that Yuvika did not post anything for Prince Narula on his birthday, which fell on November 24.



While Prince shared many photos with their daughter, Ekleen, and showered her with love using the hashtag #prileen, there was no mention of Yuvika in his post. Additionally, Yuvika did not share anything for Prince's birthday, sparking further speculation about a possible rift in their relationship.

But the couple is yet to address the rumours, leaving fans to wonder about the truth. Prince and Yuvika got married in 2018 after meeting on the sets of Bigg Boss 9. After six years of marriage, the couple welcomed their daughter in October 2024, though they've kept her face private so far. Fans are eagerly awaiting a glimpse of the little one.

