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## NEWS BOX

### Who stole his phone?': Bernie Sanders backs Trump's DOGE initiative, Elon Musk, netizens react

**World.** Senator Bernie Sanders showed his support for US President-elect Donald Trump's Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) initiative on Sunday, focusing on its potential to address Pentagon spending. Sanders raised concerns about the Pentagon's budget and recent audit failures. "Elon Musk is right. The Pentagon, with a budget of \$886 billion, just failed its 7th audit in a row. It's lost track of billions," Sanders posted on X. He linked his support to the need for change in federal and defence spending. "Last year, only 13 senators voted against the Military Industrial Complex and a defense budget full of waste and fraud. That must change," he added. Trump appointed Elon Musk and Vivek Ramaswamy to lead DOGE, which aims to identify wasteful spending within the government. The initiative is set to conclude its work by July 4, 2026. DOGE will work with the White House and Office of Management and Budget, but it is not a formal government department. The Department of Defence recently announced its seventh consecutive audit failure. The department received \$824.3 billion in government funding for the 2024 fiscal year. Pentagon officials said that the audit did not reveal significant fraud, as reported by the New York Post. Sanders has consistently criticised US defense spending. His stance aligns with other progressives who advocate for increased social spending. Representative Ro Khanna also expressed willingness to collaborate on reducing wasteful spending within the Department of Defence. Representative Jared Moskowitz suggested DOGE should also examine the Department of Homeland Security. As a claimed leftist and working-class advocate with close ties to the Democratic Party, Sanders' support for DOGE, a new policy under the Trump administration, sparked mixed reactions on social media platform X, with responses from Elon Musk, Matt Gaetz and netizens. Furthermore, Musk's America super PAC said, "Sensible spending is not a partisan issue. The general public supports DOGE holding government accountable to spend taxpayer money more wisely."

### Hitman Frederick Silva offered \$71,000 to kill Canadian reporter who was covering his trial, admits to plot

**World.** A hitman offered a C\$100,000 contract (approximately Rs 6,020,189.11) to kill a crime reporter working at the Montreal newspaper La Presse in Canada. Frédéric Silva, already found guilty of three murders and one attempted murder, admitted to offering the contract to kill journalist Daniel Renaud, as reported by newspaper La Presse. Renaud was covering Silva's trial in 2021. Silva confessed to the plot after becoming a police informant in 2022, revealing his criminal history to authorities. La Presse learned about the threat against Renaud through Silva's confession to the police. While in jail during his trial, Silva contacted two organized crime figures about killing Renaud. They reportedly hesitated, calling it a bad idea. The contract remained active for about two months but was never executed. Silva claimed he canceled it due to having "more important issues to deal with." Quebec Premier François Legault denounced the plot. "It makes no sense that in Quebec - we are not in a movie - there is a contract placed on the head of a journalist because he does his job," he said. He added, "This is not the Quebec we want," and stressed the importance of continued police action against organized crime. Renaud said he was shocked by the news. "I don't censor myself, but I always exercise restraint so I don't reveal details about the private lives of criminals and avoid putting lives in danger. So I never thought that I could have ended up the subject of a contract like this," he said. Silva is currently serving a life sentence. A former colleague of Renaud and current provincial politician, Vincent Marissal, described Renaud as a "very rigorous person - not the type of guy who makes a lot of noise in the newsroom but apparently he can cause a lot of bother," he said. "That means he's doing his job, but that's certainly no reason to see a price put on his head," he added.

### Oxford's word of the year is 'brain rot'. What it means

**World.** Brain rot" has been selected as Oxford's word of the year for 2024, reflecting growing worries about excessive social media usage and intellectually unstimulating content. The selection process involved over 37,000 public votes from a shortlist of six words compiled by Oxford University Press, which publishes the Oxford English Dictionary. This annual recognition, previously awarded to terms like "rizz" and "climate emergency", seeks to capture the year's predominant sentiments and developments. The term describes a perceived decline in mental or intellectual capacity, particularly attributed to excessive consumption of trivial or undemanding online material, according to a report from The Guardian. Oxford University Press noted that the phrase gained significant traction in 2024, specifically addressing worries about the effects of consuming excessive amounts of poor-quality online content, particularly on social media platforms. The term's origins date back to 1854, first appearing in Henry David Thoreau's "Walden". Casper Grathwohl, president of Oxford Languages, said, "Brain rot speaks to one of the perceived dangers of virtual life, and how we are using our free time. It feels like a rightful next chapter in the cultural conversation about humanity and technology. It's not surprising that so many voters embraced the term, endorsing it as our choice this year."

## Khaleda Zia's Son Tarique Rahman Acquitted In 2004 Deadly Grenade Attack

**A two-member judge panel scrapped Sunday the entire 2018 ruling for all 49 men, following an appeal lodged by the defendants.**

**Dhaka.** Bangladesh's High Court on Sunday acquitted former prime minister Khaleda Zia's son, Tarique Rahman, and 48 others, overturning their verdicts in a deadly 2004 grenade attack on a political rally. The ruling comes at a critical time as the South Asian country suffers political tension after longtime Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina fled the country to India in August following a mass uprising that left hundreds dead. Rahman serves as the acting chairperson of Zia's Bangladesh Nationalist Party while in self-exile in London, and could become Bangladesh's

next leader if his party is voted into power. Rahman and the 48 others were found guilty in 2018 in the attack targeting a rally held by supporters of Hasina, who led the opposition at the time, leaving two dozen people dead and wounding about 300 others. A court sentenced 19 of them to death while Rahman got life in prison, with Zia's party accusing the ruling counterpart of being politically motivated. A two-member judge panel scrapped Sunday the entire 2018 ruling for all 49 men, following an appeal lodged by the defendants. Shishir Monir, a defence lawyer, told reporters the court declared the trial and verdict "illegal." "As a result, all defendants have been acquitted," he said. Zia, who ruled the country as prime minister between 2001-2006, and Hasina are the country's most powerful politicians and longtime rivals. Nobel Peace laureate Muhammad Yunus has



Zia's party welcomed Sunday's ruling. The attorney general's office can appeal the ruling in the Supreme Court. The Yunus-led government has not declared any timeframe for the next election, but Rahman and his party want the new election sometime soon. Meanwhile, Jamaat-e-Islami party, which shared power with Zia's party in 2001-2006 with important portfolios in the Cabinet, said it wants to allow the Yunus-led government to stay in power to bring in reforms in various sectors before a new election. Hasina faces charges of crimes against humanity for deaths during the summer's student-led uprising. The interim government has sought help from Interpol to arrest Hasina. It is not clear if India will respond to any request from Bangladesh for Hasina's extradition under a mutual treaty.

## French Museum Invites Public To Visit Art Exhibition Naked, Here's Why

**Peshawar.** A ceasefire agreement has been reached between two warring tribes in Pakistan's restive Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province following days of clashes between them that killed 130 people in the volatile Kurram district. Deputy Commissioner Kurram Javedullah Mehsud confirmed on Sunday that peace has been established across the conflict zones in the restive Kurram district. The clashes between Alizai and Bagan tribes in the district started on November 22, after an attack on a convoy of passenger vans near Parachinar in which 47 people were killed a day earlier. Several passengers who had sustained grave injuries succumbed later, raising the toll in the convoy killing to 57. The death toll from the violence surged to 130, with at least six people killed and eight injured on Sunday, as clashes in the volatile Kurram district continued for the eleventh consecutive day. The district administration finally succeeded in arranging a lasting ceasefire on Sunday between two warring tribes engaged in a lethal gunfight, Mehsud said. In the statement, the Deputy Commissioner

on Sunday said that the jirga (council of the tribal leaders) would speak to elders to reopen roads and sign a peace agreement. Armed tribesmen were removed from the firing posts while police and forces have been deployed in the region, Mehsud said. The latest spell of violence, which continued for



the 11th consecutive day, has claimed at least 130 lives and injured 186. The recent episode of clashes began eight days ago with ambushes on two separate convoys under police escort. Since then, violence between the warring clans has escalated, with police struggling to maintain control. The Kurram region is facing a communication blackout, with mobile and internet services suspended and

educational institutions closed. The closure of the main highway has not only disrupted local transportation but also caused a complete suspension of trade with Afghanistan, particularly at the Kharlachi border. Kohat division elders and Parliamentarians would visit Kurram district to ensure a peace agreement between the warring tribes. Previous efforts to mediate peace, including a seven-day and ten-day truce brokered by provincial officials in November, have failed to hold. A high-powered delegation, including Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Chief Secretary Nadeem Aslam Chaudhry and IGP Akhtar Hayat Gandapur, had also negotiated a ceasefire last weekend, but violence resumed shortly afterwards. A day earlier, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Chief Minister Ali Amin Gandapur emphasised the need for establishing peace in the area and ordered authorities to demolish dugouts of rival tribes and seize their weapons. The provincial chief executive issued the directives during a grand jirga, organised in Kohat district on Sunday which was attended by elders of the rival tribes.

## Top 100 defence suppliers see boost in arms sales owing to wars, regional tension

**World.** Sales by major defence equipment makers were boosted in 2023 owing to war and conflicts in Gaza and Ukraine and tension brewing in Asia, with an increase shown in the manufacturers based in Russia and Middle East, a report by a leading think-tank said on Monday. A report by the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) has claimed that world's 100 largest arms companies increased their arms sales by 4.2% in 2023 to \$632 billion which was mainly driven by wars and regional tensions in some areas across the globe. The sales by these global arms giants saw a dip of 3.5% in 2022 as they were not able to meet the high demands due to labour shortage, but many of them have



managed to meet the growing demand of arms as they could set up their production to the desired quantity in 2023, the report by SIPRI has claimed. "Overall, smaller producers were more efficient at responding to new demand linked to the wars in Gaza

and Ukraine, growing tensions in East Asia and rearmament programmes elsewhere," SIPRI's report stated. The Russian companies on the list, including Russian government owned Rostec, alone accounted for the biggest combined rise of 40% to \$26 billion, reported Reuters. "There has been a marked increase in arms sales in 2023, and this trend is expected to continue in 2024," said Lorenzo Scarazzato, a researcher at SIPRI's program on military expenditure and arms production. "The arms revenues of the Top 100 arms producers still did not fully reflect the scale of demand, and many companies have launched recruitment drives, suggesting they are optimistic about future sales," Lorenzo added.

## Biden pardons son Hunter despite previous pledges not to

**WASHINGTON.** President Joe Biden pardoned his son, Hunter, on Sunday night, sparing the younger Biden a possible prison sentence for federal felony gun and tax convictions and reversing his past promises not to use the extraordinary powers of the presidency for the benefit of his family members. The Democratic president had previously said he would not pardon his son or commute his sentence after his convictions in the two cases in Delaware and California. The move comes weeks before Hunter Biden was set to receive his punishment after his trial conviction in the gun case and guilty plea on tax charges, and less than two months before President-elect Donald Trump is set to return to the White House. It caps a long-running legal saga for the younger Biden, who publicly disclosed he was under federal investigation in December 2020 - a month after his father's 2020 victory - and casts a pall over the elder Biden's legacy. Biden, who time and again pledged to Americans that he would restore norms and respect for the rule of law after Trump's first term in office, ultimately used his position to help his son, breaking his public pledge to Americans that he would do no such thing.

In June, Biden categorically ruled out a pardon or commutation for his son, telling reporters as his son faced trial in the Delaware gun case, "I abide by the jury decision. I will do that and I will not pardon him." As recently as Nov. 8, days after Trump's victory, White House press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre ruled out a pardon or clemency for the younger Biden, saying, "We've been asked that question multiple times. Our answer stands, which is no." In a statement released Sunday evening, Biden said, "Today, I signed a pardon for my son Hunter," alleging that the prosecution of his son was politically motivated and a "miscarriage of justice." "The charges in his cases came about only after several of my political opponents in Congress instigated them to attack me and oppose my election," Biden said. "No reasonable person who looks at the facts of Hunter's cases can reach any other conclusion than Hunter was singled out only because he is my son." "I hope Americans will understand why a father and a President would come to this decision," Biden added, claiming he made the decision this weekend. The president



had spent the Thanksgiving holiday in Nantucket, Massachusetts with Hunter and his family, and was set to depart later Sunday on what may be his last foreign trip as president before leaving office on Jan. 20, 2025. Hunter Biden was convicted in June in Delaware federal court of three felonies for purchasing a gun in 2018 when, prosecutors said, he lied on a federal form by claiming he was not illegally using or addicted to drugs. He was set to stand trial in September in the California case accusing him of failing to pay at least \$1.4 million in taxes. But he agreed to plead guilty to misdemeanor and felony charges in a surprise move hours after jury selection

was set to begin. Hunter Biden said he was pleading guilty in that case to spare his family more pain and embarrassment after the gun trial aired salacious details about his struggles with a crack cocaine addiction. The tax charges carry up to 17 years behind bars and the gun charges are punishable by up to 25 years in prison, though federal sentencing guidelines were expected to call for far less time and it was possible he would avoid prison time entirely. The sweeping pardon covers not just those offenses, but also any other "offenses against the United States which he has committed or may have committed or taken part in during the period from January 1, 2014 through December 1, 2024." Biden is hardly the first president to deploy his pardon powers to benefit those close to him. In his final weeks in office, Trump pardoned Charles Kushner, the father of his son-in-law, Jared Kushner, as well as multiple allies convicted in special counsel Robert Mueller's Russia investigation. Trump this week announced plans to nominate the elder Kushner to be the U.S. envoy to France in his next administration.

## Vedanta ESL Steel Hosts Successful Mega Health Camps for Senior Citizens in Bokaro & Alkusha

**RNS I Bokaro:** Vedanta ESL Steel Limited, in line with its commitment to community welfare, recently organized two successful Mega Health Camps in Bokaro district under its Project MACE health-care initiative.

The camps, focused on addressing the healthcare needs of senior citizens, were held in Bokaro's Sector 6 and Alkusha Village.

The health camp in Sector 6, partnered with Medicant Hospital, featured expert screenings for elderly citizens, including checks on blood pressure, thyroid, and blood sugar.

A team of doctors from various specialties such as Orthopaedics, Ophthalmology, and Endocrinology provided consultations. The event, attended by dignitaries including Mr. Digvijay Kumar Singh, IG of CISF, was held at



the Vedanta Cares Field Hospital and organized by the Samarth Community Forum. A similar camp at Alkusha Village, aimed at senior citizens from rural Bokaro, saw collaboration with Akash Hospital, Sanjeev Netralaya, and Dr. Puja's Dental Clinic. Medical teams provided general screenings, dental care,

and eye exams, with a large turnout of elderly residents seeking consultations.

Vedanta ESL Steel Limited's Project MACE is focused on promoting healthy aging, with initiatives like physical and online activities, regular doctor visits, and nutritional support. Over the past three and a half years, Project

MACE has impacted over 500,000 citizens of Bokaro.

Kunal Daripa, Head of CSR at Vedanta ESL Steel, emphasized the importance of early medical screenings for the elderly, noting, "Prevention is better than cure, and we are committed to making a meaningful impact on our community's health."

## DVC CVO Inspects CTPS Plant, Offers Guidelines



**Chandrapura:** The Chief Vigilance Officer (CVO) of Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC), Sudipta Acharya (ITS), conducted a thorough inspection of the Chandrapura Thermal Power Plant today, offering important guidelines to improve operations and ensure efficient functioning.

Acharya, who arrived early at the Director Bhawan, toured key areas of the plant, including the silo, Chhay Talab, BTG Control Room, Boiler and Turbine, Coal Mill, AHP, and ID Fan area. He commended the ongoing operations while stressing the need for continuous im-

provements. Senior General Manager and Project Head Vijaya Nand Sharma welcomed Acharya with a bouquet. Other senior officials, including Shriram Pravesh Shah, Abhijit Ghosh, DC Pandey, and others, were present during the visit. Acharya also addressed new entrants, highlighting the importance of honesty, integrity, and ethics in both professional and personal life.

After inspecting the Chandrapura plant, Acharya proceeded to visit the Bokaro Power Supply Company Limited (BPSCL) in Bokaro Steel City.

## Balochistan Reports 462 New HIV/AIDS Cases, Total Reaches 2,823



**Balochistan:** Pakistan's Balochistan province has recently reported 462 new cases of HIV/AIDS, bringing the total number of registered patients to 2,823. Dr. Zulfiqar Baloch, coordinator of the Balochistan AIDS Control Programme, highlighted that six districts in the region have been identified as high-risk areas for the disease.

Speaking on the occasion of World AIDS Day, Dr. Baloch stressed the urgent need for increased public awareness about HIV/AIDS. He also revealed that Quetta, the provincial capital, has the highest number of registered cases, followed by Turbat, Hub, Loralai, and Nasirabad.

Dr. Baloch further warned that the actual number of HIV/AIDS cases in the province could be much higher, potentially ranging between 7,000 to 9,000, underscoring the critical need for comprehensive awareness and prevention efforts.

## IIT-ISM Hosts Expert Lecture on Sustainable Mining & Environmental Protection



**Dhanbad:** Dr. M. Velan, Adjunct Faculty at the Department of Mechanical Engineering, Indian Institute of Information Technology, Design and Manufacturing (IIITDM) Kancheepuram, and former Advisor for Environment at NLC India Ltd, delivered a keynote lecture at IIT (ISM) Dhanbad.

The lecture, titled "Balancing Environmental Protection with Industry Sustainability: A Case Study of Successful Mining Industry," was part of the Mission LiFE Keynote Lecture Series [2024-25]. Organized by the EIACP Programme Centre (RP) within the Department of Environmental Science and Engineering, the session was themed "Integrative Approaches to Sustainable Development: Innovations, Challenges, and Solutions." Dr. Velan's hour-long talk focused on addressing the environmental challenges posed by the mining industry and the essential management practices required for ecological balance. He discussed successful reclamation and restoration strategies in the lignite mining sector, emphasizing the restoration of ecosystems and the implementation of integrated farming systems as part of the circular economy.

His research, which includes Green Product Design, Sustainable Manufacturing, and Carbon Capture Utilization, provided valuable insights into sustainable practices in industrial settings.

The lecture provided attendees with a deeper understanding of the intersection between environmental protection and industrial sustainability, offering practical solutions to the challenges faced by the mining industry.

## Ranchi Dist. Admin. Launches 24/7 Complaint Helpline

**Ranchi:** The Ranchi district administration has launched a dedicated WhatsApp number, 9430328080, to streamline the process of receiving and resolving complaints from residents. The initiative was officially launched today by Deputy Commissioner Shri Manjunath Bhajantri, who emphasized that the new platform is aimed at making the complaint resolution process more accessible and efficient for the public. During the launch at the Deputy Commissioner's office, Shri Bhajantri explained that the WhatsApp number will remain active 24/7, allowing residents to report issues at any time. A dedicated nodal officer has been appointed to oversee the monitoring of the platform, with two additional officers to assist in handling the complaints. To ensure swift action, workers have been assigned to three shifts—morning (6:00 AM to 2:00 PM), afternoon (2:00 PM to 10:00 PM), and night (10:00 PM to 6:00 AM).

## Mithila Academy Management Committee Reviews School Development, Future Plans



**Bokaro:** The management committee of Mithila Academy Public School, Sector 4E, Bokaro, held a meeting at the school's Vidyapati Auditorium to discuss the institution's development. The meeting, chaired by President Harimohan Jha, focused on providing quality education and the school's progress.

The committee expressed satisfaction over the renewal of the school's CBSE affiliation for the next five years (2025-2030). Principal Ashok Kumar Pathak highlighted the school's activities and achievements, while School Secretary PK Jha Chandan spoke about efforts to maintain quality education despite low fees.

Mithila Cultural Council General Secretary Neeraj Chaudhary pledged full support for the school's growth, and Member (Finance) Sandeep Kumar Jha presented the school's income, expenditure, and annual budget, which was approved by the committee.

Permanent invited members of the school's education society, including Rajendra Kumar, Avinash Kumar Jha, and others, also shared their views, supporting the school's development. In his address, Chairman Harimohan Jha expressed pride in the students' achievements and reaffirmed the commitment to enhancing facilities and educational quality.

## Mithila Sanskritik Parishad to Hold General Meeting on December 7th

**Bokaro:** Mithila Sanskritik Parishad, a prominent social and cultural institution in Bokaro, will hold an important general meeting on December 7th, 2024, at the Vidyapati Auditorium of Mithila Academy Public School, located in Sector-4, Bokaro. In a statement regarding the meeting, the General Secretary of the Parishad, Neeraj Chaudhary, informed that this gathering has been scheduled in accordance with decisions made during the council's previous general meeting on 13 October.

The agenda of the meeting includes the formation of a new executive committee for the institution. Originally, a second general meeting was scheduled for October 20, 2024. However, due to the Model Code of Conduct imposed in light of the upcoming Assembly Elections 2024, the meeting was postponed by order of the Sub-Divisional Officer of Chas.

The rescheduled meeting will take place on December 7th, 2024, starting at 6:00 PM.

## CM Hemant Soren Urges Bureaucracy to Accelerate Revenue Collection and Explore New Sources

**RNS I Ranchi:** Chief Minister Hemant Soren today called on top bureaucrats in Jharkhand to intensify efforts to accelerate revenue collection and explore new avenues for additional funds. In a meeting with Principal Secretaries and Secretaries of various departments, Soren discussed the need to fulfill the state's financial promises and prepare for the supplementary budget for 2024-25. Soren emphasized the urgency of ramping up development work and increasing revenue to meet the financial needs for schemes such as the Rs 2500 honorarium for women aged 18-50, subsidized LPG cylinders, and free power up to 200 units, among others.

The Chief Minister stressed the need for better revenue management, urging officials to reduce wastage and cut down on establishment expenditure. He called for a detailed, micro-level analysis of the revenue generation sys-



tem to identify and fix flaws. He also pointed out that a lack of coordination between departments often delays revenue collection and hampers targets. Soren directed officials to ensure greater inter-departmental coordination and assigned clear responsibilities to district-level officers to meet revenue goals. Furthermore, Soren suggested that various boards, agencies, and corporations in different departments could be transformed into business

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models to expand their operations and generate additional revenue. He also called for a mechanism to track CSR funds spent by industries, which could offer new revenue opportunities for the state.

The Chief Minister concluded by urging officials to engage with industrial groups and companies to explore further possibilities for increasing the state's revenue base.

## DAV-6 Hosts Workshop on World AIDS Day

**Bokaro:** In observance of World AIDS Day, DAV Public School Sector-6 organized an informative workshop aimed at raising awareness about the prevention and effects of HIV/AIDS. The event was led by school teachers Sunita Kumari and Manisha Sahay, who educated students on the causes, prevention methods, and symptoms of AIDS.

The workshop highlighted key facts about AIDS, an infectious disease caused by the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), which weakens



the immune system over time. The disease is primarily spread through infected blood and needles, and while there is no complete cure yet, it is diagnosed through symptoms that appear in the infected person. Senior teacher Jahnavi Banerjee encouraged both teachers and stu-

dents to stay informed and aware about the disease to help prevent its spread. The theme for this year's World AIDS Day, as set by the World Health Organization, is "Sahi Rasta Apnaaye: Mera Swasthya Mera Adhikar Hai" (Choose the Right Path: My Health is My Right). The event was attended by students from classes VII to IX, along with all the teachers of the school. The primary aim of the day is to increase awareness in society and encourage people to take steps toward prevention and healthy living.



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# Mamata Banerjee calls for UN peacekeepers in Bangladesh amid anti-Hindu violence

► **Amid violence against Hindu minorities in Bangladesh, Mamata Banerjee called on Prime Minister Modi to address the situation and also suggested that a UN peacekeeping force shall be deployed.**



Bangladesh and called for stricter measures. "We condemn atrocities of any kind, irrespective of caste, creed, or religion. I also suggest that the UN send a peacekeeping team to Bangladesh. Either the Prime Minister or the External Affairs Minister should engage with Bangladesh," she said.

The Trinamool Congress supremo further stated, "If such incidents continue, we want to bring back our people, and I assure that they will not face any food scarcity". Since Sheikh Hasina's resignation as Bangladesh's Prime Minister following violent protests, the country has witnessed increasing violence against Hindus and Hindu institutions in various regions, sparking protests by Hindu groups. The situation escalated recently after Bangladeshi

authorities arrested Hindu monk Chinmoy Krishna Das, who had been leading the protests, on charges of sedition. "For the last 10 days, the Government of India has remained silent, but his party is threatening to block the border and halt imports and exports. This can only be done if the central government issues a specific order," Banerjee said. Referring to Pakistan and Bangladesh as once being part of India, she noted that many relatives of Indians still reside in Bangladesh.

Banerjee also highlighted that Bangladesh has not released 79 fishermen who inadvertently crossed into their territory. The state has informed the central government about the matter, yet the fishermen have not been released.

She further complained, "When Bangladeshi ships get stranded in India, we offer them assistance". The central government has expressed serious concern over the arrest of Chinmoy Krishna Das, a former leader of the Hindu spiritual organisation Iskcon, following a series of attacks on Hindu minorities in the recent past. India pointed out that the perpetrators of violence against Hindus remain at large, while charges have been pressed against Das for peacefully voicing his demands, calling it a matter of deep concern.

**Kolkata.** West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee has suggested the deployment of the United Nations' peacekeeping force in Bangladesh amid the growing violence and attacks on Hindu minorities. She also urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi to address the concerning developments in the neighbouring nation. Addressing the West Bengal Assembly, Banerjee condemned the attack on Hindus in

# Navy Chief Confirms India Tested 3,500-km Range Nuclear-Capable Missile

**New Delhi.** Navy Chief Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi today confirmed that India has tested the 3,500-km range nuclear-capable missile from a ballistic missile submarine believed to be the recently commissioned INS Arighaat. Speaking to the media ahead of Navy Day, he, however, said more data was awaited on the trajectory of the missile.

The K-4 missile was reportedly tested from submarine INS Arighaat - which was commissioned into the Indian Navy on August 29 - off the coast of Visakhapatnam on November 27. According to reports, it was the first test of the submarine-launched ballistic missile (SLBM) from a submarine. With the K-4 missile test, India also became part of a small group of countries that can fire a nuclear missile from land, air and undersea. India has significantly enhanced its overall military capabilities and test-fired a range of missiles with varying ranges in the past few years.

Admiral Tripathi also said the government's approval for two SSNs (nuclear-powered attack submarines) indicated its "faith" in the country's indigenous capabilities to build such boats. Fast attack submarines are used to target enemy ships and submarines and may launch cruise missiles against land and sea targets. These are different from

SSBMs such as the INS Arighaat, which have a primary role of launching nuclear-tipped ballistic missiles. Admiral Tripathi said 62 ships and a submarine are currently under construction within the



country as part of efforts to boost its naval power. A large number of platforms are waiting for induction in the next one year and at least one ship will be inducted into the Navy, he said. "We have redoubled efforts to include niche technologies into the force," the Navy Chief said. He also said the procurement of Rafale-M (naval variant) and the Scorpene submarines is likely to be finalised next month. Last year, the defence ministry approved the purchase of the Rafale-M jets from France, primarily for deployment on board the indigenously built aircraft carrier INS Vikrant. Admiral Tripathi also said they have kept a "close watch" on the activities of extra-regional forces operating in the Indian Ocean region, including the Chinese Navy.

# BJP Issues Show-Cause Notice To Karnataka MLA For 'Anti-Party Activities'

**Karnataka BJP MLA Basanagouda Patil Yatnal had earlier proposed a public awareness campaign regarding amendments to the Waqf Bill.**

**Bengaluru.** The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has issued a show-cause notice to Karnataka MLA Basanagouda Patil Yatnal for making remarks against state-level party leadership. "Your continuing tirade against the state-level party leadership and your defiance of party directives and making public pronouncements and stance in contravention of the party's official stand on all matters of political and public importance has been reported in media as well as by different party forums," the notice read issued on Sunday. "It is also a matter of great concern that despite having been issued a show cause notice several times in the past and



your assurances of good conduct, the acts of indiscipline continue unabated," he added. The party said that given your seniority and long-standing in the party, the Central Disciplinary Committee took a lenient view on the explanations submitted by

you in the past. "False and veiled allegations levelled by you against the party leaders together with defiance of the official stand of the party on matters of political and public importance, constitute a serious breach of the party discipline as defined in Article XXV of BJP Party Rules 'Breach of Discipline section (a) and (1). Please show cause as to why the party should not take disciplinary action against you. Your explanation should be submitted to the undersigned no later than ten days from the receipt of this notice," the notice read. Mr Yatnal had earlier proposed a public awareness campaign regarding amendments.

# Jagdeep Dhankhar likens Parliament chaos to Murphy's Law, Congress counters

**NEW DELHI.** Parliament witnessed another day of disruptions on Monday, leading to the adjournment of both Houses until tomorrow. Rajya Sabha Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar expressed his frustration over the logjam by linking the repeated disruptions to Murphy's Law. Murphy's Law says anything that can go wrong will go wrong. Dhankhar suggested that a "deliberate algorithm" was in place to prevent crucial business from being conducted in the House. "It appears that there exists a deliberate algorithm to actualise Murphy's laws in this august House, consequently impeding the proper functioning of Parliament. We find ourselves achieving precisely the antithesis of what our Constitution ordains," Dhankhar said, addressing the House amid sloganeering.

The Rajya Sabha Chairman's remarks came after opposition MPs stood to demand discussions under Rule 267 on issues including business tycoon Gautam Adani's indictment in the US, ethnic violence in Manipur, and the Sambhal clashes. Despite Dhankhar's appeals to let the scheduled agenda proceed, the commotion persisted. In an emotional appeal, Dhankhar invoked the Constitution's framers, urging lawmakers to ensure the Parliament remains functional. "Don't make it dysfunctional," he said, adding that the ongoing turmoil meant "nothing is going on record." As the uproar continued, Dhankhar adjourned the House for the day.

Opposition leaders slammed the adjournment, claiming the government was avoiding debate on key issues. Congress leader Jairam Ramesh described the situation as "extraordinary," asserting that both Houses were adjourned despite minimal disruptions. "Today too both Houses got adjourned. INDIA parties had given notices for an immediate discussion on Adani, Manipur, Sambhal, & Ajmer. These parties never agitated. There was hardly any sloganeering. But the Modi Govt simply did not want Parliament to function. The situation is truly extraordinary (sic)," Ramesh tweeted. The Rajya Sabha member mentioned that the Opposition requested a two-day discussion on the Constitution to mark its 75th anniversary, which was celebrated on November 26, but the government has yet to notify the dates for it. The Winter Session of Parliament, which began on November 25, has been a complete washout so far due to repeated adjournments amid protests by opposition lawmakers seeking discussion on the Adani.



# "If DY Chandrachud...": A Owaisi Criticises Ex Chief Justice Amid Ajmer Row

**New Delhi.** Amid the row over a Rajasthan court admitting a petition that claims that the Ajmer Sharif dargah was built over a Shiva temple, AIMIM leader and MP Asaduddin Owaisi has said the dargah goes back 800 years and asked, "Where will this stop?" "That Dargah goes back 800 years, during the reign of Alauddin Khalji; it's mentioned in Amir Khusro's book from the 13th century and 800 years later, you are saying it's not a dargah. What will remain?" he said in a press conference. Mr Owaisi said an official delegation from two neighbouring countries visits the dargah annually, and every Prime Minister sends a chadar there. "Where will this stop? If tomorrow, people from Jain and Buddhist communities go to court claiming that some places are their religious sites, what will happen?" he asked.

Right-wing outfit Hindu Sena has filed the petition linked to the dargah. While admitting it, the Ajmer court has sought responses from the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), the Dargah committee and the Union Ministry of Minority Affairs. "What will the Narendra Modi



government respond, they send chadars too. Narendra Modi has sent 10 chadars in 10 years. How will he respond? BJP-RSS must stop this. This is not in the country's response," he said. In a witty wordplay, the AIMIM leader said we should now forget about AI and talk only about ASI. "Don't talk about artificial intelligence; just keep doing ASI, ASI, and just keep digging." He said structures hundreds of years old can also be found under the house of a BJP leader in Delhi. "This is how a civilisation progresses, this is

weakening India. There are other issues, unemployment, price rise, farmer deaths and China getting stronger. But you are stuck with this," Mr Owaisi said. The AIMIM leader said that he had warned after the Babri Masjid-Ram Janmabhoomi judgment that such issues would crop up. "If DY Chandrachud stopped this, it would have been the end of the chapter. He made wrong oral observations. So at 15 places, such attempts are being made now."

The AIMIM leader was referring to the former Chief Justice of India's observations during a hearing on the Gyanvapi case. Justice Chandrachud then said that the 1991 Places of Worship Act does not bar ascertaining the religious character of a place. "The Act says you can't alter or convert the nature of the place. They're not seeking conversion of the place. The question is what is the status of the place as of August 15, 1947." The 1991 Places of Worship Act prohibits the conversion of any place of worship and provides for the maintenance of the religious character of any place of worship as it existed on August 15, 1947.

# Maharashtra deadlock continues 10 days on: Eknath Shinde cancels meets, Pawar flies to Delhi

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**Mumbai.** The deadlock over finalising the next Maharashtra Chief Minister dragged on as caretaker Chief Minister Eknath Shinde cancelled his meetings today as he was unwell, while NCP leader Ajit Pawar headed to Delhi to meet with top BJP leadership over government formation. Shinde, who was supposed to attend a meeting of Mahayuti leaders to finalise the portfolio allocations, is down with a throat infection and fever. He did not return to his official residence, Varsha, and had been staying in his native village in Satara over the weekend. The meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday. The Mahayuti, comprising the BJP, Shiv Sena and Ajit Pawar-led NCP, swept the November 20 Maharashtra Assembly polls, winning 230 of 288 seats, the results of which were declared on November 23. The BJP



secured a massive 132 seats, while Sena and NCP got 57 and 41 seats, respectively. Meanwhile, Ajit Pawar left for Delhi to meet with the top BJP leadership and may discuss the Maharashtra government formation and portfolio allocations with

them. On the other hand, Eknath Shinde's son and Shiv Sena MP Shrikant Shinde rejected reports of a demand for the Deputy Chief Minister post for him, calling it baseless and saying he was not in any race for any ministerial post in

Maharashtra. Shrikant Shinde's clarification came after speculation arose that he would be considered for the Deputy Chief Minister's post. Even then, the junior Shinde said "many people spoke different things" and discussions on government formation were still going on. "The swearing-in ceremony of the coalition government has been a bit delayed and currently there are a lot of discussion and rumours. Caretaker Chief Minister Eknath Shinde went to the village for two days and rested due to ill health. So the rumours flourished. The news that I will be the Deputy Chief Minister has been given with question marks for the past two days. As a matter of fact, there is no truth in it and all the news about my post as Deputy Chief Minister is baseless," Shrikant Shinde tweeted.

He said he got the chance to become a Cabinet minister after the NDA's victory in the Lok Sabha elections and asserted he had no desire for a position in power.

"Even after the Lok Sabha elections, I had a chance to become a minister in the central government. But I thought about working for the party and I refused the ministerial post even then. I have no desire for a position in power. I make it clear once again that I am not in the race for any ministerial position in the state," he said, adding he would continue to work diligently for his Lok Sabha constituency and for the party. With the chief ministerial face yet to be decided, Maharashtra BJP chief Chandrashekhar Bawankule had announced that the new government's oath-taking ceremony will be held on December 5 in Mumbai.

## The peril of allowing disputed mosque surveys

THE dispute over the Shahi Jama Masjid in Sambhal is the most recent instance in a spate of petitions in courts, seeking directions to survey existing mosques to determine temple remains. This is part of a concerted attempt to intensify disputes over mosques in Varanasi, Mathura and, now, the Shahi Jama Masjid in Sambhal, which enjoys the official status of a 'protected monument' and has been earlier declared a 'monument of national importance.' Over the past few years, these disputes have been escalated with the active encouragement of politically affiliated rightwing groups, aimed at weaponising faith and puffing up interreligious conflicts. After the Supreme Court delivered the verdict in favour of the Hindu parties in the Ayodhya case, it was widely believed that conflicts over disputed sites would cease and communal mobilisation would, henceforth, abate. Contrary to this, the Ayodhya judgment opened up the pathway for petitions demanding access to mosques on grounds that there was a temple beneath it. There is an expectation that given the prevailing political climate, the courts will respond favourably. The template is clear — a court-mandated archaeological survey and a judiciary which privileges the faith of the majority in interreligious disputes. It was to prevent such attempts to change the character of the places of worship in the name of correcting perceived historical wrongs that Parliament enacted the Places of Worship (Special Provisions) Act, 1991. This law essentially lays down that the religious character of all places of worship would remain the same as it was on August 15, 1947, barring the Ram Janmabhoomi in Ayodhya, and that no person shall convert any place of worship of any religious denomination into one of a different denomination or section. This, however, couldn't stop proceedings in the Gyanvapi case from taking a swift turn after five Hindu devotees moved a Varanasi civil court, seeking permission to offer daily prayers at the Gyanvapi mosque, which they claimed housed several Hindu deities.

This was followed by an order of a district court directing the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) to determine if a mosque was superimposed on a pre-existing temple. The Anjuman Intezamia Masjid, which manages the affairs of Gyanvapi, had argued in the apex court that the survey of the mosque premises would defeat the spirit of the 1991 Act. But this was set aside. The Supreme Court allowed the right-wing groups to proceed with the litigation. The survey was subsequently carried out by the ASI.

Claims to the Gyanvapi mosque are a re-enactment of the events in Ayodhya. As in the case of Ayodhya, this dispute is not about law, nor history, but about politics and pushing the far-right project of Hindu supremacy, with courts coming up with ingenious legal justifications to circumvent the Act. The former Chief Justice of India (CJI), DY Chandrachud, set the ball rolling by his observation that changing the 'religious character' of a place of worship may be prohibited under the Act, but 'finding the nature of the religious place' was not. This opened the way for resurrecting dozens of historical disputes as there was nothing barring courts from trying to ascertain the 'religious character' of a particular place of worship. In line with this approach, the Supreme Court refused to stay the Allahabad High Court's order allowing a survey to be conducted at the Shahi Idgah mosque in Mathura to examine whether it was built on a temple. Not only can this train of events be used to alter the character of the place of worship, but it also allows the right-wing to rake up issues around disputed sites of worship nationally and dredge up religious sentiments locally to keep the communal pot boiling. The mosque management committees in Varanasi and Mathura cases challenged the survey exercises based on the Places of Worship (Special Provisions).

## Why women vote matters, not mandir-masjid

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THE landslide nature of the victory of the BJP-led NDA in the 2019 Lok Sabha polls captured so much attention that pundits virtually forgot a historical milestone. For the first time ever since the Lok Sabha elections were held in 1952, the female voter turnout surpassed the male turnout. So focused was everyone on the 'Balakot' effect that not much attention was paid to tens of millions of women who thanked the then ruling party for toilets, gas cylinders, pucca houses, electricity connections, Jan Dhan accounts and Mudra loans by voting in droves for the BJP. How do you think the BJP vote share jumped from about 31 per cent in 2014 to almost 38 per cent in 2019? Interestingly, the gap between male and female voter turnout dropped from 4.5 per cent in 2009 to 1.5 per cent in 2014. And the BJP became the first party in 30 years to win a Lok Sabha majority. Even more interesting: the female voter turnout dropped significantly in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections as compared to 2019. And the BJP lost its majority. The message is stark: even misogynist politicians can no longer afford to underestimate the power of the female voter to make a decisive difference in elections. Mandal and mandir are considered to be turning points in the Indian electoral history, having irreversibly changed politics and elections in India. The growing role and power of the female voter, too, can be described as a historical turning point in Indian politics. Gradually, yet irreversibly, the female voter is no longer willing to follow the dictates of a panchayat or a patriarch on whom and which party to vote for. She may not be as noisily aggressive as the female voter in the United States, but is still quietly enjoying her own agency.

For decades, savvy marketing professionals have realised that it is the woman who can make her family choose your brand. Savvy politicians, too, are now realising and recognising this reality. Caste, ethnic and religious identity do matter even today. But the female voter is demolishing these silos. A CSDS (Centre for the Study of Developing Societies) survey of the Maharashtra Assembly elections found that close to a quarter of Muslim women have voted for the Mahayuti. Another CVoter post-poll survey of Jharkhand has revealed that a large proportion of the upper-caste women

have voted for the "tribal" party, the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM). It is not just the Lok Sabha elections whose outcomes now depend on what women think and how they decide to vote. They, perhaps, play an even bigger role in determining the outcome of the Assembly elections in the states. And they do snub and reject the BJP if they are convinced that there is a better alternative. When the Assembly elections were held in Haryana in October, Congress candidate and champion wrestler Vinesh Phogat became a symbol of the resurgence of the Congress in the state. The outcome seemed a foregone conclusion, with almost everyone expecting a Congress sweep.

Unfortunately for the Congress, the 'silent' female



voter had other ideas. She seemed to have prioritised her satisfaction with the incumbent on important issues than get swayed by the Jat machismo. In the end, the BJP won 48 seats while the Congress had to be content with just 37 in a House of 90.

But the real impact and power of the female voter reverberated when the Assembly elections were held in Jharkhand and Maharashtra. In both states, analysts talked about strong anti-incumbency and anger at food inflation that eroded household budgets. Other analysts argued that the ruling incumbents in both states had played a trump card by implementing direct cash transfer schemes for women. It was the Ladki Bahin scheme in Maharashtra and the Maiya Samman Yojana in Jharkhand. In the end, these female welfare and

empowerment-oriented cash transfer schemes played a decisive role. What many analysts forget is that 'bribing' voters has been a factor in Indian elections since long. These were mostly confined to cash and liquor to males who would then 'decide' which way the family voted. Bypassing males and directly helping females is a relatively new phenomenon and is clearly paying rich dividends.

There is another factor that is being missed by most analysts while arguing about the growing power of the female vote. Almost all of it seems confined to just the impact of direct cash transfers. It is almost as if the female voter is concerned only with the cash in her bank account when she decides whom to vote for. That she is not concerned about other issues that

would engage a male voter. At best, such an analysis is deeply patriarchal. Women have agency. They think independently. And while they do prioritise money in the bank (who doesn't), they also think about other issues. Once again, Jharkhand and Maharashtra provided telling examples. CVoter surveys in Jharkhand had been repeatedly showing that the arrest of Chief Minister Hemant Soren by the ED had backfired politically. Many local voters considered it to be an assault on their identity and pride. This added a multiplier effect to the Maiya Samman Yojana and the JMM-led alliance romped home.

Add to this the Kalpana Soren factor. Kalpana went out of her way to campaign for her husband Hemant Soren when he was in jail. A simple housewife, when asked to fill the vacuum of leadership in her party not only rose to that occasion but also became the most potent and lethal campaigner in the moment of crisis. Yes, India remains a patriarchal society. The representation of women in the Lok Sabha and Assemblies is still abysmal. But while they are still to get elected in large numbers, they now decide who gets elected. Ten years back, they became one of the deciding factors of the election mandates. After the current round of elections, they have arrived as the dictating factor of the mandate. Now just wait for the 33 per cent reservation to become reality, and the politics of India will be forced to go beyond the realms of Mandal and kamandal. It is not a question of 'if' anymore but just a question of 'when' that will happen. Well, that 'when' actually happened yesterday.

## Charisma vs crisis

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Priyanka Gandhi Vadra's landslide victory in Wayanad, with a margin of over 4.1 lakh votes, marks a significant moment in her political career and for the Congress party. Her win, alongside her mother Sonia Gandhi and brother Rahul Gandhi holding positions in Parliament, consolidates the Gandhi family's influence in politics. It underscores the party's reliance on dynastic leadership. Priyanka's charismatic presence and oratory skills are seen as valuable assets for the Congress, especially as her brother continues to face criticism over his leadership. Her ability to emotionally engage with voters, particularly women, during her campaign helped secure a decisive win. Many within the party hope her rise can inject fresh energy and broaden the Congress appeal.

However, her elevation comes at a critical time. The



Congress has been facing significant electoral setbacks, having been thrashed in Maharashtra and losing ground in

Haryana. These defeats highlight the party's diminishing relevance and raise questions about its ability to compete against the BJP's organisational strength and narrative control.

The key question is: Can Priyanka Gandhi Vadra's ascent breathe new life into a struggling Congress? While her victory in Wayanad demonstrates localised success, translating this into a national momentum will require strategic reforms, alliances and a clear vision for the future. It remains to be seen whether she emerges as a transformative leader or simply a continuation of the Congress' dynastic politics. As she steps into the national spotlight, Priyanka faces the daunting challenge of revitalising her party as also proving that the Congress can offer a viable alternative in the political landscape.

## Priyanka consolidates Gandhi fief

A gentleman whom I have never met wrote a letter to me last week. He is 74 and holds a post-graduate degree in arts from Punjab. He begins his epistle by stating, "Your role in Punjab as the police chief..."

THE glacial silence in the Congress party following its decimation in the Maharashtra Assembly polls last week tells you why Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his BJP continue to wield power across the country. In one word, it's because the Congress enables them to do so. Photos by The Tribune photographer Mukesh Aggarwal of a Congress Working Committee meeting in the capital on Friday unerringly captures this unwitting state of play in the grand old party. One photo shows the elderly president Mallikarjun Kharge, wrapped in his trademark muffler, obsequiously showing his younger colleague Rahul Gandhi, also in his trademark white T-shirt, a sheet of paper — instead of it being the other way round. Over the last six days, the airwaves have been full of tugs and pressures within Maharashtra's Mahayuti alliance on who is going to be the next chief minister, Devendra Fadnis or Eknath Shinde. In contrast, the Congress seems to have rolled over and gone back to sleep. Some talk about Uddhav Thackeray exiting from the MVA alliance is roiling the state, but much of the sound and fury between the alliance constituents had actually come before the poll results had come in — when they argued about who would be the chief minister of Maharashtra. Certainly, it's a remarkable state of affairs. The Congress and Rahul Gandhi regularly accuse the BJP of promoting Modi to demigod status — a fact the PM himself acknowledged in an interview to News18 in the run-up to the Lok Sabha election in Varanasi, when he said he "was convinced God had sent (me), as this energy cannot be from my biological body" — but the fact remains

that although it continues to lose one election after another, and Jharkhand is the exception rather than the rule, the Congress has simply refused to look inwards. The astonishing fact remains that the Congress' refusal to squarely point the finger at Rahul Gandhi's leadership allows Modi and the BJP to consolidate themselves in state after state. When the BJP lost its majority in Parliament this summer, it closely examined what happened, including why the RSS hadn't helped out. In the Haryana and Maharashtra polls that followed, it ensured it learnt from its mistakes — so it micro-managed every Assembly seat in Haryana to pull the rug from under the feet of an overconfident Congress and romped home in Maharashtra with the help of schemes like Ladki Bahin that guaranteed to put money directly into the bank accounts of women. In sharp contrast, the Congress has blamed the EVMs and put down its failure to "large-scale fraud". Instead of acknowledging failure, like all good leaders, Rahul led the charge in celebrating the win of his very charismatic sister from Wayanad — all very sweet, especially as the young lady showed up in Parliament in a traditional Kerala kasavu sari to take her oath as an MP in impeccably spoken Hindi. But look at it, really. There are now three Gandhis in the house — mother Sonia in the Rajya Sabha, children Rahul and Priyanka in the Lok Sabha, he from the heart of Uttar Pradesh in Raebareilly, she from the stunning southern hill district of Wayanad. Make no mistake, the family fief has gotten even stronger. The control of the Gandhis over the Congress has become even tighter. The anti-dynasty argument has been long



closed in Indian politics — every political party today, not just the Congress, is littered with the sons and daughters of their mothers and fathers supposedly fighting the good fight. We know the argument by now. That the people of India are so smart that they won't accept you, however entitled you are, if you don't work hard enough for them. The problem with the Congress is no longer dynasty. It is the fact that the Gandhis continue to insist on a 'mukhaata,' a man with a mask, a puppet, really, while the Family pulls the strings from behind. With her elevation to the Lok Sabha, Priyanka has joined the ranks of the puppeteers. As her mother, a remarkable woman who held the family together in the awful aftermath of her husband's assassination in

that tragic summer of 1991 and went on to give the Congress 10 years under the remarkable chairmanship of Manmohan Singh, fades from public life, her daughter has stepped up to the plate. It's irrelevant who the baton has been passed to, whether Sonia's son or daughter. Just the incredibly magnetic presence of the newest Gandhi in the House is enough warning that the Gandhis are no pushovers. That's why Priyanka matters. She may charge up the party and shake up politics. When she speaks in Parliament, she is sure to electrify the free-floating ions. She is unlikely, though, to rock the boat, because it is her brother who is steering it. This means that the Rahul-led Congress would rather undermine the vote, both in Maharashtra and Haryana. Or that the brother-sister duo are okay with cracks in the INDIA bloc — as the Trinamool Congress pleads that Parliament be allowed to function this winter session — rather than climb down from Rahul's Adani-fuelled bugbear.

All this would be fine if the Congress had won a few states — after all, everyone loves a winner. But when it continues to lose and lose, the question why the Gandhis are so special and cannot be challenged — like the G23 once thought it could, to its detriment — has still not been properly answered. Certainly, no one will be more pleased with this development than Modi. He knows that when he taunts the Congress for its lack of inner-party democracy, he strikes a chord in millions of Indians. He knows and the country knows that the days of 'India is Indira' are long over, and if the Gandhis refuse to take responsibility, the grand old party will slowly wither and the mothballs take over.

## बेङ्गल सरकार पिछू हटेछे, बाड़खण्डा थेके बेङ्गले यानवाहन प्रवेश शुरू

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एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र की ऑयल मार्केटिंग कंपनियों ने एयर टर्बाइन फ्यूल एटीएफ यानी जेट फ्यूल की कीमत में बढ़ोतरी कर दी है। जेट फ्यूल की कीमत में लगातार दूसरे महीने बढ़ोतरी की गई है। आज जेट फ्यूल की कीमत में 1.45 प्रतिशत का इजाफा किया गया है। कीमत में की गई इस बढ़ोतरी के बाद दिल्ली में जेट फ्यूल की कीमत में 1,318.12 रुपये प्रति किलो लीटर की बढ़ोतरी हो गई है। अब दिल्ली में जेट फ्यूल 91,856.84 रुपये प्रति किलो लीटर के भाव पर मिल रहा है। आज की बढ़ोतरी के बाद मुंबई में एविएशन टर्बाइन फ्यूल की कीमत 84,642.91 रुपये से बढ़ कर 85,861.02 रुपये प्रति किलो लीटर हो गई है। इसी तरह चेन्नई में इसकी कीमत बढ़ कर 94,551.63 रुपये प्रति किलो लीटर के भाव पर मिल रहा है।



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## लगातार दूसरे महीने बिकवाल बने रहे एफपीआई, नवंबर में की 21,612 करोड़ की बिकवाली

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। घरेलू शेयर बाजार में विदेशी पोर्टफोलियो निवेशक (एफपीआई) लगातार दूसरे महीने भी बिकवाल की भूमिका में बने रहे। नवंबर के महीने में विदेशी निवेशकों ने स्टॉक मार्केट से 21,612 करोड़ रुपये यानी 2.56 अरब डॉलर की शुद्ध निकासी की। माना जा रहा है की डॉलर इंडेक्स की मजबूती, अमेरिकी बॉन्ड यील्ड में हुई बढ़ोतरी और घरेलू अर्थव्यवस्था में आई तात्कालिक गिरावट की वजह से विदेशी निवेशकों ने लगातार दूसरे महीने भारतीय शेयर बाजार में बिकवाली का रुख बनाए रखा है। राहत की बात ये रही कि नवंबर के महीने में अक्टूबर की तुलना में विदेशी निवेशकों ने कम मात्रा में पैसों की निकासी की? अक्टूबर में विदेशी पोर्टफोलियो निवेशकों ने स्टॉक मार्केट से 94,017 करोड़ रुपये यानी करीब 11.2 अरब डॉलर की निकासी की थी। भारतीय शेयर बाजार के इतिहास में पहली बार विदेशी निवेशकों ने इतने बड़े पैमाने पर बिकवाली करके पैसों की निकासी की थी। हालांकि अक्टूबर

के पहले सितंबर के महीने में विदेशी पोर्टफोलियो निवेशक पूरी तरह से लिवाल की भूमिका में कारोबार कर रहे थे। सितंबर में विदेशी निवेशकों ने स्टॉक मार्केट में 57,724 करोड़



रुपये की शुद्ध खरीदारी की थी। विदेशी निवेशकों द्वारा की गई ये खरीदारी इसके पहले के 9 महीने का सर्वोच्च स्तर थी। हालांकि सितंबर के बाद अक्टूबर और नवंबर इन दोनों महीनों के दौरान विदेशी निवेशक भारतीय बाजार से अपना पैसा निकालने में ही लग रहे। मार्केट एक्सपर्ट्स का मानना है कि महंगाई दर की स्थिति और ब्याज दरों को लेकर भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक की मौद्रिक नीति समिति के निर्णय पर घरेलू शेयर बाजार की चाल आने वाले दिनों में निर्भर करेगी। इन बातों का असर घरेलू निवेशकों के साथ ही विदेशी निवेशकों पर भी पड़ेगा। रूग्ता एसोसिएट्स के सीईओ हरीश रंगटा का कहना है कि अमेरिका में नई सरकार की आर्थिक

संभावना बन गई है। एटीएफ की कीमत में आज हुई बढ़ोतरी के पहले 1 नवंबर को भी इसकी कीमत में 2,941.50 रुपये प्रति किलो लीटर यानी 3.33 प्रतिशत की बढ़ोतरी की गई थी। हालांकि इसके पहले सितंबर और अक्टूबर के महीने में एविएशन टर्बाइन फ्यूल की कीमत में लगातार दो महीने कटौती भी हुई थी। नवंबर में हुई बढ़ोतरी के पहले 1 अक्टूबर को एविएशन टर्बाइन फ्यूल की कीमत में 5,883 रुपये प्रति किलो लीटर यानी 6.3 प्रतिशत कम की गई थी, जबकि 1 सितंबर को एविएशन टर्बाइन फ्यूल की कीमत 4.58 प्रतिशत यानी 4,495.50 रुपये प्रति किलो लीटर घटाई गई थी।

## जीएसटी राजस्व संग्रह नवंबर में 8.5 फीसदी बढ़कर 1.82 लाख करोड़ रुपये के पार

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। अर्थव्यवस्था के मॉच पर अच्छी खबर है। नवंबर महीने में वस्तु एवं सेवा कर (जीएसटी) राजस्व संग्रह 8.5 फीसदी बढ़कर 1.82 लाख करोड़ रुपये के पार पहुंच गया है। इसकी वजह घरेलू लैन-देन से मिला अधिक राजस्व है। पिछले साल की समान अवधि में यह 1.68 लाख करोड़ रुपये रहा था। जीएसटी महानिदेशालय ने जारी आंकड़ों में बताया कि नवंबर में सकल जीएसटी राजस्व संग्रह 8.5 फीसदी बढ़कर 1.82 लाख करोड़ रुपये से अधिक रहा है, जो पिछले छह माह का सबसे ऊंचा स्तर है। इससे पिछले महीने अक्टूबर में 1.87 लाख करोड़ रुपये का जीएसटी राजस्व संग्रह नौ फीसदी की सालाना वृद्धि के साथ

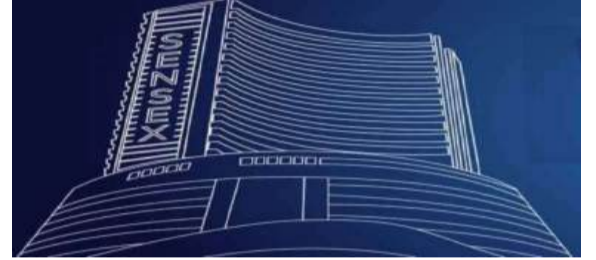
दूसरा सबसे बेहतर जीएसटी राजस्व संग्रह रहा था। अब तक का सबसे अधिक जीएसटी राजस्व संग्रह अप्रैल 2024 में 2.10 लाख करोड़ रुपये से अधिक रहा था। आंकड़ों के मुताबिक नवंबर के जीएसटी राजस्व संग्रह 1,82,269 करोड़ रुपये में केंद्रीय जीएसटी संग्रह 34,141 करोड़ रुपये, राज्य जीएसटी 43,047 करोड़ रुपये, एकीकृत आईजीएसटी 91,828 करोड़ रुपये और उपकर 13,253 करोड़ रुपये रहा है। इस महीने में 19,259 करोड़ रुपये के रिफंड भी जारी किए गए हैं, जो पिछले साल की समान अवधि की तुलना में 8.9 फीसदी कम है। रिफंड को समायोजित करने के बाद नेट जीएसटी राजस्व संग्रह 11 फीसदी बढ़कर 1.63 लाख करोड़ रुपये रहा।

## आरबीआई की मौद्रिक नीति समीक्षा बैठक पर रहेगी बाजार की नजर

एजेंसी मुंबई। विश्व बाजार के मिलेजुले रुख के बीच स्थानीय स्तर पर नीचे भाव पर हुई जबरदस्त लिवाली की बदैलत बीते सप्ताह करीब एक प्रतिशत मजबूत रहे घरेलू शेयर बाजार की अगले सप्ताह भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक (आरबीआई) की द्विमासिक मौद्रिक नीति समीक्षा बैठक के निर्णयों पर नजर रहेगी। बीते सप्ताह बीएसई का तीस शेयरों वाला संवेदी सूचकांक संसेक्स 685.68 अंक अर्थात 0.86 प्रतिशत की छलांग लगाकर सप्ताहांत पर 79802.79 अंक पर पहुंच गया। इसी तरह नेशनल स्टॉक एक्सचेंज (एनएसई) का निफ्टी 223.85 अंक यानी 0.94 प्रतिशत की तेजी के साथ 24131.10 अंक हो गया। समीक्षाधीन सप्ताह में बीएसई की दिग्गज कंपनियों के मुकाबले मजबूती और छोटी कंपनियों के शेयरों में अधिक लिवाली हुई। इससे मिडकैप 1041.63 अंक अर्थात 2.31 प्रतिशत उछलकर सप्ताहांत पर 46070.85 अंक और स्मॉलकैप 2586.93 अंक यानी 4.91 प्रतिशत की मजबूती के साथ

55199.86 अंक पर बंद हुआ। विश्लेषकों के अनुसार, भू-राजनीतिक तनाव के कमी, वित्त वर्ष 2024-25 की दूसरी छमाही में सरकारी खर्च में स्थिरता की उम्मीद और एएसएससीआई के संतुलित होने से बाजार में हाल के करेक्शन के

मापदंडों में सहायक बनी रहेगी। अच्छे मानसून, त्योहार और विवाह सीजन के कारण दूसरी छमाही की आय की संभावनाएं सकारात्मक रहने का अनुमान है। इससे चालू वित्त वर्ष की दूसरी तिमाही में कंपनियों की आय में गिरावट का प्रभाव कम हो सकता है।



बाद बीते सप्ताह कुछ राहत देखी गई। यह तेजी व्यापक थी जबकि पूंजीगत व्यय से जुड़े क्षेत्रों जैसे कि बुनियादी ढांचा, पूंजीगत उत्पाद और औद्योगिक क्षेत्रों में नए ऑर्डर प्रवाह में तेजी की उम्मीद में बेहतर प्रदर्शन किया। मध्य-पश्चिम में तनाव कम होने की उम्मीद में सप्ताह के दौरान ब्रेट कूड की कीमत में चार प्रतिशत की गिरावट आई। तेल की कीमतों में नरमी आने वाली तिमाहियों में भारतीय कंपनियों के परिचालन

निवेशकों का ध्यान अमेरिका और यूरोजोन के मुद्रास्फीति संकेतकों पर भी है, जो केंद्रीय बैंकों की दिसंबर में नीति दरों को प्रभावित करेगी। बाजार में स्थिरता अगले सप्ताह आने वाले आर्थिक आंकड़ों की स्थिरता पर निर्भर करेगी। हालांकि वित्त वर्ष 2024-25 की दूसरी तिमाही में सकल घरेलू उत्पाद (जीडीपी) के घटकर 5.4 प्रतिशत पर रहने से बाजार पर कुछ असर पड़ने की आशंका है।

## टाप 10 में शामिल 9 कंपनियों के मार्केट कैप में बढ़ोतरी, एलआईसी ने लगाई लंबी छलांग

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। घरेलू शेयर बाजार में सोमवार से कारोबारी सप्ताह के दौरान हुई खरीद-बिक्री के कारण देश की टॉप 10 मोस्ट वैल्यूड कंपनियों में से 9 कंपनियों के मार्केट कैप में कुल मिलाकर 2,29,589.86 करोड़ रुपये की बढ़ोतरी हो गई। इस दौरान भारतीय जीवन बीमा निगम (एलआईसी) के मार्केट कैप में सबसे ज्यादा बढ़ोतरी हुई है। टॉप 10 की एक कंपनी इंडोसिस के मार्केट कैप में 18,477.50 करोड़ रुपये की कमी हो गई। टॉप 10 में शामिल कंपनियों के मार्केट कैप की ये स्थिति तब हुई, जब पिछले कारोबारी सप्ताह के दौरान बीएसई का संसेक्स 685.68 अंक यानी 0.86 प्रतिशत और एनएसई का निफ्टी 223.85 अंक यानी 0.93 प्रतिशत मजबूत हो गया। सोमवार से शुक्रवार के बीच हुए कारोबार के दौरान भारतीय जीवन बीमा निगम (एलआईसी) का मार्केट कैप 60,656.72 करोड़ रुपये बढ़ कर 6,23,202.02 करोड़ रुपये के स्तर पर पहुंच गया। इसी तरह एचडीएफसी बैंक का मार्केट कैप 35,860.79 करोड़ रुपये बढ़ कर 13,73,932.11 करोड़ रुपये के स्तर

पर आ गया। इसके अलावा रिलायंस इंडस्ट्रीज का मार्केट कैप 35,860.79 करोड़ रुपये बढ़ कर 17,48,991.51 करोड़ रुपये के स्तर तक, भारतीय एयरटेल का मार्केट कैप 32,657.06 करोड़ रुपये बढ़ कर 9,26,725.90 करोड़ रुपये के स्तर तक, स्टेट बैंक ऑफ इंडिया (एसबीआई) का मार्केट कैप 20,482 करोड़ रुपये बढ़ कर 7,48,775.62 करोड़ रुपये के स्तर तक पहुंच गया। इसी तरह आईसीआईसीआई बैंक का मार्केट कैप 15,858.50 करोड़ रुपये उछल कर 9,17,724.24 करोड़ रुपये के स्तर पर पहुंच गया। इसके अलावा हिंदुस्तान यूनिटीवर का मार्केट कैप 11,947.67 करोड़ रुपये बढ़ कर 5,86,516.72 करोड़ रुपये के स्तर तक, टाटा कंसल्टेंसी सर्विसेज (टीसीएस) का मार्केट कैप 15,10,058.28 करोड़ रुपये बढ़ कर 15,46,207.79 करोड़ रुपये के स्तर तक और आईटीसी का मार्केट कैप 2,555.35 करोड़ रुपये की बढ़ोतरी के साथ 5,96,828.28 करोड़ रुपये के स्तर तक पहुंच गया। इस सप्ताह टॉप 10 भारतीय कंपनियों में से सिरफ एक कंपनी इंडोसिस को ही मार्केट कैप के मामले में

नुकसान का सामना करना पड़ा। इंडोसिस का मार्केट कैप सोमवार से शुक्रवार तक हुए कारोबार के दौरान 18,477.50 करोड़ रुपये घट कर 7,71,674.33 करोड़ रुपये के स्तर पर आ गया। मार्केट कैप के लिहाज से रिलायंस इंडस्ट्रीज 17,48,991.51 करोड़ रुपये के बाजार पूंजीकरण (मार्केट कैप) के साथ देश की सबसे अधिक मार्केट कैप वाली कंपनी रही। इसके बाद टीसीएस (कुल मार्केट कैप 15,46,207.79 करोड़ रुपये), एचडीएफसी बैंक (कुल मार्केट कैप 13,73,932.11 करोड़ रुपये), भारती एयरटेल (कुल मार्केट कैप 9,26,725.90 करोड़ रुपये), आईसीआईसीआई बैंक (कुल मार्केट कैप 9,17,724.24 करोड़ रुपये), इंडोसिस (कुल मार्केट कैप 7,71,674.33 करोड़ रुपये), स्टेट बैंक ऑफ इंडिया (कुल मार्केट कैप 7,48,775.62 करोड़ रुपये), एलआईसी (कुल मार्केट कैप 6,23,202.02 करोड़ रुपये), आईटीसी (कुल मार्केट कैप 5,96,828.28 करोड़ रुपये), और हिंदुस्तान यूनिटीवर (कुल मार्केट कैप 5,86,516.72 करोड़ रुपये) के नाम सबसे मूल्यवान टॉप 10 कंपनियों के लिस्ट में दूसरे से दसवें स्थान पर बने रहे।

नुकसान का सामना करना पड़ा। इंडोसिस का मार्केट कैप सोमवार से शुक्रवार तक हुए कारोबार के दौरान 18,477.50 करोड़ रुपये घट कर 7,71,674.33 करोड़ रुपये के स्तर पर आ गया। मार्केट कैप के लिहाज से रिलायंस इंडस्ट्रीज 17,48,991.51 करोड़ रुपये के बाजार पूंजीकरण (मार्केट कैप) के साथ देश की सबसे अधिक मार्केट कैप वाली कंपनी रही। इसके बाद टीसीएस (कुल मार्केट कैप 15,46,207.79 करोड़ रुपये), एचडीएफसी बैंक (कुल मार्केट कैप 13,73,932.11 करोड़ रुपये), भारती एयरटेल (कुल मार्केट कैप 9,26,725.90 करोड़ रुपये), आईसीआईसीआई बैंक (कुल मार्केट कैप 9,17,724.24 करोड़ रुपये), इंडोसिस (कुल मार्केट कैप 7,71,674.33 करोड़ रुपये), स्टेट बैंक ऑफ इंडिया (कुल मार्केट कैप 7,48,775.62 करोड़ रुपये), एलआईसी (कुल मार्केट कैप 6,23,202.02 करोड़ रुपये), आईटीसी (कुल मार्केट कैप 5,96,828.28 करोड़ रुपये), और हिंदुस्तान यूनिटीवर (कुल मार्केट कैप 5,86,516.72 करोड़ रुपये) के नाम सबसे मूल्यवान टॉप 10 कंपनियों के लिस्ट में दूसरे से दसवें स्थान पर बने रहे।

## मजबूत वैश्विक बाजार, आवक घटने से बीते सप्ताह अधिकांश तेल-तिलहन कीमतों में सुधार

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। विदेशी बाजारों में तेजी के रुख के बीच देश में सोयाबीन, सूरजमुखी और कपास के हाजिर दाम न्यूनतम समर्थन मूल्य (एमएसपी) से लगभग 10-15 प्रतिशत कमजोर रहने की वजह इन तिलहनों की आवक घटने के कारण बीते सप्ताह खाद्य तेल-तिलहन बाजार में सरसों एवं सोयाबीन तेल-तिलहन, कच्चा पामतेल एवं पामोलीन तथा बिनाला तेल के दाम सुधार दर्शाते बंद हुए। मूंगफली की आवक बढ़ने के बीच मांग कमजोर रहने के कारण मूंगफली तेल-तिलहन के दाम गिरावट के साथ बंद हुए। बाजार सूत्रों ने कहा कि बीते सप्ताह सरसों की आवक घटकर प्रतिदिन करीब 1.5 लाख बोरी रह गई जबकि सरसों की प्रतिदिन की खपत करीब 3.5-4 लाख बोरी की है। चूँकि अब पामोलीन तेल का दाम सरसों से अधिक हो गया है इसलिए आगे जाकर सरसों की खपत और बढ़ने जा रही है। सरसों तेल-तिलहन



में सुधार आने का यह मुख्य कारण है। सूत्रों ने कहा कि सोयाबीन की आवक इससे पहले के सप्ताह में लगभग 6.75 लाख बोरी की थी जो सप्ताह में घटकर लगभग 3.5 लाख बोरी रह गई। जिस वजह से सोयाबीन तेल-तिलहन में भी बीते सप्ताह तेजी रही। सरकार को इस ओर

ध्यान देते हुए सोयाबीन डी-आयलड केक (डीओसी) के निर्यात बढ़ाने के लिए रजिस्ट्री देते पर विचार करना चाहिये क्योंकि केवल सरकारी खरीद को मिल रहा है या नहीं। उन्होंने कहा कि सरकारी खरीद के बावजूद सोयाबीन का हाजिर दाम एमएसपी से 10-12 प्रतिशत नीचे है। किसानों का यह भी मानना है कि सरकारी खरीद में किसानों की पूरी फी पूरी फसल खरीदना संभव नहीं है और सरकार

को देशी तेल-तिलहनों का बाजार विकसित करने की ओर ध्यान देना चाहिये। सूत्रों ने कहा कि मूंगफली की आवक बढ़ रही है पर मांग कमजोर बनी हुई है। आयातित खाद्यतेलों पर आयात शुल्क 22 प्रतिशत बढ़ाये जाने के बाद मूंगफली का थोक दाम लगभग 12 प्रतिशत घट गया है। इस तेल का दाम पामोलीन से 5-7 रुपये किलो नीचे है। अब इस बात पर भी गौर करना चाहिये कि मूंगफली तेल के इस सस्तेपन का लाभ आम उपभोक्ताओं को मिल रहा है या नहीं। उन्होंने कहा कि समीक्षाधीन सप्ताह में सीपीओ का दाम 1,230-1,240 डॉलर प्रति टन से बढ़कर 1,270 डॉलर प्रति टन हो गया। सीपीओ के भाव विदेशों में निरंतर मजबूत होते जाने के बीच देश में भी पाम एवं पामोलीन के दाम में मजबूती आई।

## एयर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस ने कोलकाता से पोर्ट ब्लेयर के लिए दैनिक उड़ान शुरू की

कोलकाता। एयर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस ने नेटवर्क विस्तार के तहत कोलकाता से श्री विजयपुरम (पोर्ट ब्लेयर) के लिए दैनिक उड़ान शुरू की। एयरलाइन ने एक बयान में यह जानकारी दी। कोलकाता - श्री विजयपुरम की पहली उड़ान सुबह 5.40 बजे रवाना हुई। बयान में कहा गया है कि 15 दिसंबर से एयरलाइन इस मार्ग पर एक अतिरिक्त दैनिक उड़ान शुरू करेगी, जो कोलकाता और श्री विजयपुरम के बीच दिन में दो बार संपर्क प्रदान करेगी। कोलकाता हवाई अड्डे के भारतीय विमानपत्तन प्राधिकरण (एएआई) ने एक्स पर पोस्ट किया, रोमांचक समाचार! एयर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस (आईएक्स) ने कोलकाता से पोर्ट ब्लेयर के लिए दैनिक उड़ानें शुरू की हैं। आज सुबह 05:40 बजे पहली उड़ान के साथ 175 यात्री यात्रा करेंगे।

## टीवीएस मोटर कंपनी की बिक्री नवंबर में 10 प्रतिशत बढ़कर 4,01,250 इकाई पर



एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। टीवीएस मोटर कंपनी की नवंबर में कुल बिक्री 10 प्रतिशत बढ़कर 4,01,250 इकाई हो गई, जो पिछले साल इसी महीने में 3,64,231 इकाई थी। टीवीएस मोटर कंपनी ने एक बयान में कहा कि पिछले महीने कुल दोपहिया वाहन बिक्री 12 प्रतिशत बढ़कर 3,92,473 इकाई हो गई, जबकि नवंबर, 2023 में यह 3,52,103 इकाई थी। नवंबर, 2024 में घरेलू दोपहिया वाहनों की बिक्री छह प्रतिशत बढ़कर 3,05,323 इकाई हो

गई, जो एक साल पहले इसी महीने में 2,87,017 इकाई थी। कंपनी ने कहा कि पिछले महीने उसकी इलेक्ट्रिक वाहनों (ईवी) की बिक्री 57 प्रतिशत बढ़कर 26,292 इकाई हो गई, जबकि पिछले साल इसी महीने में 16,782 इकाई थी। कंपनी के तिपहिया वाहनों की बिक्री नवंबर में कम होकर 8,777 इकाई रह गई, जो नवंबर, 2023 में 12,128 इकाई थी। कंपनी ने कहा कि उसका निर्यात पिछले महीने 25 प्रतिशत बढ़कर 93,755 इकाई हो गया, जो नवंबर, 2023 में 75,203 इकाई था।

## टाटा मोटर्स की बिक्री नवंबर में मामूली बढ़कर 74,753 इकाई पर

मुंबई। टाटा मोटर्स लिमिटेड की नवंबर में कुल बिक्री मामूली बढ़कर 74,753 इकाई हो गई, जो पिछले साल इसी महीने में 74,172 इकाई थी। टाटा मोटर्स ने एक बयान में कहा कि पिछले महीने कुल घरेलू बिक्री एक प्रतिशत बढ़कर 73,246 इकाई हो गई, जबकि नवंबर, 2023 में यह 72,647 इकाई थी। बयान में अनुसार, इलेक्ट्रिक वाहन (ईवी) सहित कुल यात्री वाहन (पीवी) की बिक्री नवंबर में दो प्रतिशत बढ़कर 47,117 इकाई रही, जो एक साल पहले इसी महीने में 46,143 इकाई थी। इसी तरह, ईवी सहित घरेलू पीवी की बिक्री 47,063 इकाई रही, जो नवंबर, 2023 में 46,068 इकाई थी। पिछले महीने कुल वाणिज्यिक वाहनों की बिक्री एक प्रतिशत घटकर 27,636 इकाई रह गई, जो पिछले वर्ष इसी अवधि में 28,029 इकाई थी।

## प्राइमरी मार्केट में इस सप्ताह 3 आईपीओ की लॉन्चिंग, 8 कंपनियों के शेयरों की होगी लिस्टिंग

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। सोमवार से शुरू हो रहे कारोबारी सप्ताह के दौरान प्राइमरी मार्केट में 3 नए आईपीओ की लॉन्चिंग से हलचल बनी रहने वाली है। इसके अलावा 28 और 29 नवंबर को लॉन्च हुए 3 आईपीओ भी निवेशक सोमवार और मंगलवार तक बोली लगा सकेंगे। 02 दिसंबर से शुरू हो रहे कारोबारी सप्ताह के दौरान 8 कंपनियों के शेयरों की स्टॉक मार्केट में लिस्टिंग भी होने वाली है। भारत की पहली

होगा। प्राइमरी शेयर इन्वेस्टमेंट ट्रस्ट की इस स्कीम की यूनिट्स को 09 दिसंबर से नेशनल स्टॉक एक्सचेंज और बॉम्बे स्टॉक एक्सचेंज पर खरीदा या बचा जा सकेगा। इस सप्ताह बुधवार 04 दिसंबर को नाइस फाइनेंस सर्विसेज का 114.24 करोड़ रुपये का आईपीओ लॉन्च होगा। इस आईपीओ में 06 दिसंबर तक बोली लगाई जा सकती है। आईपीओ के तहत 170 करोड़ रुपये के शेयरों की प्राइस बैंड तय किया गया है, जो प्राइस बैंड तय किया गया है,

जबकि लॉट साइज 800 शेयर का है। कंपनी के शेयरों की लिस्टिंग 11 दिसंबर को बीएसई और एनएसई पर होगी। इसी सप्ताह गुरुवार 05 दिसंबर को एमएलएड टायर मैयूफैक्टर्स का 49.26 करोड़ रुपये का आईपीओ सस्वक्रियण के लिए ओपन होगा। इस आईपीओ में अगले सप्ताह 09 दिसंबर तक बोली लगाई जा सकेगी। आईपीओ के तहत 105 से 108 रुपये प्रति शेयर का प्राइस बैंड तय किया गया है,

किया गया है, जबकि लॉट साइज 1,200 शेयर का है। कंपनी के शेयर 05 दिसंबर को नेशनल स्टॉक एक्सचेंज के एएसएमई प्लेटफॉर्म पर लिस्ट होंगे। इसी तरह 29 अक्टूबर को लॉन्च हुए सुरक्षा डायनोस्टिक और गणेश इंधन वर्ल्ड के आईपीओ में भी मंगलवार 03 दिसंबर तक बोली लगाने का मौका है। सुरक्षा डायनोस्टिक के आईपीओ में 420 से 441 रुपये प्रति शेयर का प्राइस बैंड तय किया

गया है, जबकि लॉट साइज 34 शेयर का है। कंपनी के शेयर 06 दिसंबर को बीएसई और एनएसई पर लिस्ट होंगे। इसी तरह गणेश इंधन वर्ल्ड के आईपीओ के तहत 78 से 83 रुपये प्रति शेयर का प्राइस बैंड तय किया गया है। कंपनी के शेयर 06 दिसंबर को नेशनल स्टॉक एक्सचेंज के एएसएमई प्लेटफॉर्म पर लिस्ट होंगे। कल से शुरू हो रहे कारोबारी सप्ताह के दौरान 08 कंपनियों के शेयर लिस्टिंग के जरिए

स्टॉक मार्केट में दस्तक देने वाले हैं। इतने कल 02 दिसंबर को राजेश पावर सर्विसेज के शेयर बीएसई के एएसएमई प्लेटफॉर्म पर लिस्ट होंगे। इसी तरह 03 दिसंबर को सीटीसी एडवांस्ड सिस्टम्स और राजताना बायोडीजल के शेयर की लिस्टिंग होगी। इसके अगले दिन 04 दिसंबर को आभा पावर एंड स्टील और एपेक्स इकोटेक के शेयर की एनएसई के एएसएमई प्लेटफॉर्म पर लिस्टिंग होगी।



# उत्तम औषधि है काजू

मेवे का प्रयोग उत्तम औषधि के रूप में किया जाता है। क्योंकि मेवा स्वाद की नहीं बल्कि सेहत की दृष्टि से भी उत्तनी ही फायदेमंद है। काजू में मेग्नीशियम पाया जाता है जो उच्च रक्तचाप को कम करने में और दिल के दौरों को रोकने में मदद करता है। काजू कोलेस्ट्रॉल के स्तर को भी संतुलित रखता है। काजू में प्रोटीन की मात्रा काफी होती है जो बॉडी व हड्डियों को मजबूत बनाती है। चाहे मिठाई में काजू कतली हो या फिर दूसरे पकवानों में काजू का इस्तेमाल। काजू किसी भी आम डिश को शाही बना सकता है। अब जब काजू हमें इतना पसंद ही है तो इससे होने वाले लाभ के बारे में भी जान लेना चाहिए। काजू में प्रोटीन, खनिज लवण, लौह, फाइबर, फोलेट, मेग्नीशियम, फॉस्फोरस, सेलेनियम, और तांबा का अच्छा स्रोत है। काजू का तेल, स्कर्वी मस्सा और रिगवर्म के उपचार के लिए इस्तेमाल किया जाता है। आप प्रतिदिन 7-10 काजू का सेवन कर सकते हैं। काजू खाने से मसूड़ों और दांतों को स्वस्थ रखता है। काजू में मोनो सेचुरेटेड फैट होता है जो की दिल को स्वस्थ रखता है और दिल की बीमारियों के खतरों को कम करने में मदद करता है। काजू में एंटी ओक्सिडेंट भी होते हैं जो कैंसर से बचाव करता है। काजू पाचन शक्ति को बढ़ाता है। इससे भूख भी कहीं अधिक लगती है। आंतों में भरी गैस कम किया जा सकता है। काजू में पाए जाने वाले फाइटो-केमिकलस कैंसर और दूसरे बीमारियों से सुरक्षा करते हैं। जिन महिलाओं को मेनोपॉज है उन्हें तनाव, स्ट्रेस होने एक आम सा समस्या है। उन महिलाओं को रोजाना एक काजू खाना चाहिए। काजू में पर्याप्त मात्रा में मेग्नीशियम पाया जाता है। काजू में अधिक एनर्जी होती है और इसमें अधिक मात्रा में फाइबर होता है। इसलिए इसको खाने से शरीर का वजन संतुलित रहता है।



# खीरे में हैं सेहत व सौन्दर्य के अनगिनत गुण

खीरा सेहत के लिए काफी लाभकारी माना जाता है। ये सेहत के साथ-साथ सौंदर्य में बहुत फायदेमंद होता है। कम फेट व कैलोरी से भरपूर खीरे का सेवन आपको कई रोगों से बचाने में सहायता करता है। खीरे को आप कई तरह से खा सकते हैं, जैसे सलाद, जूस, सैंडवीच, या यही ही नमक छिड़क कर भी खा सकते हैं। खीरे के स्वास्थ्यवर्धक और सौन्दर्यवर्धक गुण दोनों अनगिनत होते हैं जैसे आयुर्वेद के अनुसार खीरा, पित्त, रक्त पित्त दूर करने वाला तथा रक्तविकार और मूत्र कच्छ नाशक रूचिकर फल है। खीरे के प्रयोग से पेट तथा जिगर की जलन शांत होती है। खीरे का नियमित सेवन से मासिक धर्म में होने वाली समस्याओं से भी छुटकारा मिलता है। खीरा एक ऐसी सब्जी है जिसमें कोलेस्ट्रॉल बिल्कुल नहीं होता। यह हृदय रोगी के लिए बहुत लाभकारी माना जाता है। एक अध्ययन के अनुसार खीरा में जो स्टेराल नाम का योगिक होता है वह कोलेस्ट्रॉल को कम करने में मदद करता है। खीरे में कैलोरी कम और फाइबर उच्च मात्रा में होता है। इसलिए मीडे डे में भूख लगने पर खीरा खाने से पेट देर तक भरा हुआ रहता है। आयुर्वेद के मुताबिक पेट में गर्मी होने के वजह से मुंह से बदबू निकलता है, खीरा पेट को शीतलता प्रदान करने में मदद करता है।



# गर्भाशय में रसौली के लक्षण जान इस तरह करें घरेलू उपचार

बिगड़ते लाइफस्टाइल में महिलाओं में कई समस्याएं देखने को मिलती हैं, इनमें से एक फाइब्रोइड यानी रसौली। फाइब्रोइड या रसौली की गांठें महिलाओं के गर्भाशय में या उसके आसपास बनती हैं। इस बीमारी के ज्यादातर लक्षण न होने के कारण महिलाओं को इसका पता नहीं चल पाता। एक शोध के अनुसार लगभग 40 प्रतिशत महिलाएं रसौली का शिकार होती हैं। जैसे तो अक्सर यह समस्या 30 से 50 की उम्र में देखने को मिलती है लेकिन गलत खान-पान के कारण यह समस्या इससे कम उम्र में हो जाती है। मोटापे से ग्रस्त महिलाओं का एस्ट्रोजन हार्मोन स्तर ज्यादा होने के कारण उन्हें इसका खतरा सबसे अधिक होता है। इस बीमारी के कुछ सामान्य लक्षणों से इसकी पहचान करके आप इससे बच सकते हैं। तो आइए जानते हैं फाइब्रोइड के लक्षण और इसे दूर करने के कुछ घरेलू उपाय।



## फाइब्रोइड या रसौली के लक्षण

पीरियड्स के दौरान भारी ब्लीडिंग  
अनियमित पीरियड्स  
पेट के नीचे के हिस्से में दर्द  
प्राइवेट पार्ट से खून आना  
कमजोरी महसूस होना  
प्राइवेट पार्ट से बद्बुद्दार डिस्चार्ज  
पेट में अचानक दर्द कब्ज  
पेशाब रुक-रुककर आना

## फाइब्रोइड या रसौली के घरेलू उपाय

### केस्टर ऑयल

दिन में 2 बार केस्टर ऑयल और अदरक के रस को मिला कर लें। सुबह और रात में सोने से पहले इसका सेवन इस बीमारी को दूर करता है।

### लहसुन

रसौली की समस्या होने पर खाली पेट रोज 1 लहसुन का सेवन करें। लगातार 2 महीने तक इसका सेवन इस समस्या को जड़ से खत्म कर देता है।

## बरडॉक रूट

यह जड़ी-बूटी एस्ट्रोजन को डिटॉक्स कर गर्भाशय फाइब्रोइड को कम करने में मदद करती है। एंटी-इंफ्लेमेटरी गुण से भरपूर इस जड़ी-बूटी का सेवन इस समस्या और कैंसर के खतरों को कम करता है।

## सेब का सिरका

गर्म पानी के साथ सुबह शाम सेब का सिरका पीने से फाइब्रोइड की समस्या दूर होती है। इसके अलावा इसका सेवन फाइब्रोइड से होने वाले पेट दर्द को भी दूर करता है।

## चेस्टबेरी

यह हर्ब हार्मोन संतुलन करके एस्ट्रोजन के कम स्तर को बनाए रखने और सूजन को कम करने में मदद करता है। चेस्टबेरी हर्ब से बने मिश्रण की 25-30 बूंदों को दिन में दो से चार बार लेने से आपको यह समस्या दूर हो जाएगी।

## हल्दी

एंटीबैयोटिक गुणों से भरपूर हल्दी का सेवन शरीर से विषैले तत्वों को बाहर निकाल देता है। यह फायब्रोइड की ग्रोथ को रोक कर कैंसर का खतरा कम करता है।



# दांतों में कैविटी की समस्या को इन तरीकों से करें दूर

सफेद और सूदर दांत व्यक्ति की खूबसूरती को और बढ़ाते हैं। इनके बिना खाना खाने का कोई मजा नहीं आता। ऐसे में दांतों की सही देखभाल करना बहुत ही जरूरी होता है। कुछ लोग के गलत खान-पान या सही तरीके से दांतों की देखभाल न करने पर इनमें कैविटी यानी कीड़ा लग जाता है। यह किसी भी उम्र के लोगों को हो सकता है। कई बार कीड़ा लगने से इतना दर्द होता है कि उसको सहन करना बहुत मुश्किल हो जाता है। इस दर्द से छुटकारा पाने के लिए कई लोग दवाइयां और ट्रीटमेंट का सहारा भी लेते हैं। जो की बहुत गंवा है। ऐसे में आप नैचुरल तरीके से भी दांतों में लगे कैविटी को आसानी से हटा सकते हैं। तो आइए जानते हैं उन तरीकों के बारे में।

## व्या है कैविटी

शक्करयुक्त खाद्य पदार्थों यानि बिस्किट्स, चॉकलेट्स, आलू, केला को खाने से मुंह में अम्ल बनने लगते हैं। इससे दांतों में धीरे-धीरे छोटे-छोटे से छिद्र बन जाते हैं। बाद में इन्हें छिद्रों में कैविटी या कीड़ा लगत जाता है। इसके अलावा दांतों में संक्रमण होने पर भी कैविटी बन सकती है। इसका इलाज न करावाने पर दांतों के खराब होने का खतरा बढ़ जाता है। पीड़ित व्यक्ति को दांत खोने पड़ सकते हैं।

## ऐसे करें कैविटी से बचाव

मिठाई, कैडी और चॉकलेट खाना कम करें।  
शक्करयुक्त खाद्य पदार्थों का सेवन करने से बचें।  
ज्यादा मिट्टा फल न खाएं।  
सोडा न पीएं। इसमें 12 से 40 ग्राम चीनी की मात्रा होती है जो कि दांतों के लिए बिल्कुल भी ठीक नहीं होती। खाने के बाद कुल्ला करें।  
तेल और मसालेदार भोजन न खाएं।  
ज्यादा गर्म या ठंडा खाना खाने से बचें।

## कैविटी लगे दांतों का घरेलू इलाज

### नारियल या सूरजमुखी का तेल

कीड़ा लगे दांतों में तेल भरना सबसे बेस्ट घरेलू तकनीक है। इसके लिए आप नारियल तेल या सूरजमुखी का तेल का इस्तेमाल कर सकते हैं। 1 चम्मच तेल को अपने मुंह में कम से कम 20 मिनट तक रखें। इसके बाद कुल्ला करें और ब्रश कर लें। कुछ दिनों तक ऐसा करने से आपको खुद ही फर्क

दिखाई देने लगगा।

## फ्लोराइड

यह एक तरह का प्राकृतिक खनिज पदार्थ है। यह दांतों में किसी भी प्रकार का रोग नहीं होने देता है। दांतों को सुरक्षित रखने के लिए उस पानी का इस्तेमाल करें जिस में फ्लोराइड की मात्रा ज्यादा हो। इसके साथ ही टूथ पेस्ट से रोजाना दो बार ब्रश करें।

## हींग

हींग का इस्तेमाल करने से भी दांतों के कीड़े खत्म हो जाते हैं। हींग के पाउडर को पानी में डालकर उबालें। इसके ठंडा होने पर इस पानी से कुल्ला करें। रोजाना ऐसा करने से दांत के कीड़े खत्म हो जाएंगे। इसके साथ ही दांतों में होने वाले दर्द से भी छुटकारा मिलेगा।

## प्याज के बीज

दांतों के कीड़े को नष्ट करने के लिए प्याज के बीजों का इस्तेमाल करें। इसके बीजों को चबाने से कीड़े जल्द ही खत्म हो जाते हैं। आप चाहें तो प्याज को बारिक काट कर भी इसका इस्तेमाल कर सकते हैं। एक कटोरे बारिक कटा प्याज डालकर उसमें इसमें थोड़ा-सा तेल डालकर कम आंच पर गर्म करें। इससे निकलने वाले धुएं को मुंह में लेने से भी कीड़े मर जाते हैं।



# खट्टे-मीठे बेर में समाए कई गुण

आयुर्वेद के अनुसार बेर दिल की सेहत के लिए बहुत ही लाभकारी है। बेर खाने से कोलेस्ट्रॉल कंट्रोल रहता है, जिससे दिल से जुड़ी बीमारियां होने की आशंका कम हो जाती है। बेर खाने से बार-बार प्यार लगने की शिकायत भी दूर होती है। खट्टे-मीठे बेर में पोटेशियम, कॉपर, आयर्न, फॉस्फोरस और खनिज पदार्थ आदि भी होते हैं। इन सभी तत्वों से इम्यून सिस्टम मजबूत बनाता है और शरीर में रोगों से लड़ने की क्षमता बढ़ती है। गर्मियों में पौधे सुषुप्तावस्था में प्रवेश कर जाते हैं व उस समय पत्तियां अपने आप ही झड़ जाती हैं तब पानी की आवश्यकता नहीं के बारबर होती है। इस तरह बेर अधिक तापमान तो सहन कर लेता है लेकिन शीत ऋतु में पड़ने वाले पाले के प्रति अति संवेदनशील होता है। क्योंकि इसमें कम पानी व सूखे से लड़ने की विशेष क्षमता होती है। जिस तरह नींबू और संतर में विटामिन सी प्रचुर मात्रा पाई जाती है उसी तरह बेर में भी। बेर में अन्य फलों के मुकाबले विटामिन-सी और एंटीऑक्सिडेंट ज्यादा मात्रा में होते हैं। इसके सेवन से त्वचा बढ़ती उम्र तक जवां बनी रहती है। इसमें विटामिन सी की मात्रा खट्टे फलों से 20 गुना तक अधिक होती है। बेर की गुठली को घिसकर आंखों में काजल की तरह लगाने से कर्नीनिका प्रदाह ठीक हो जाता है। आंखों से बहने वाला पानी भी बंद हो जाता है। बेर के पत्तों को पानी में काफी समय तक उबालकर काढ़ा बनाकर छानकर पीने से शरीर की बढ़ती चर्बी कंट्रोल हो जाती है। चेचक में बेर के पत्तों का रस भैंस के दूध के साथ रोगी को देने से रोग का वेग कम होता है। बेर में 6 ग्राम पत्तों के चूर्ण को 2ग्राम गुड़ के साथ मिलाकर रोगी को खिलाने से भी 2-3 दिन में चेचक खत्म होने लगता है।



NEWS BOX

**U-19 Asia Cup to T10 League: MI's recruit Ghazanfar plays 4 matches in 3 days**

**New Delhi.** At just 18 years old, Allah Ghazanfar is quickly cementing his place as one of Afghanistan's most promising cricketers. Standing tall at 6-foot-2, the mystery spinner has already drawn comparisons to Rashid Khan and Noor Ahmad. His recent achievements, including a lucrative IPL 2025 deal with the Mumbai Indians, showcase his growing stature in the cricketing world.

This week, Ghazanfar demonstrated his remarkable versatility by featuring in two different competitions within 24 hours. On Friday, he represented Afghanistan's U19 team in the ACC Under-19 Men's Asia Cup in Dubai, when he delivered an economical spell of 1/25 from his 10 overs, which included a maiden. His efforts helped restrict Bangladesh U19 to 228/9, although Afghanistan eventually fell short by 45 runs. Allah Ghazanfar turns heads



Barely a day later, Ghazanfar was back in action, this time for Team Abu Dhabi in the T10 League at the Zayed Cricket Stadium. Despite the quick turnaround, he impressed once again, recording figures of 1/10 in two overs as Team Abu Dhabi cruised to an eight-wicket victory over the Northern Warriors. This seamless transition between formats also showed Ghazanfar's growing maturity and adaptability. Over the past months, he has emerged as a key player for Afghanistan in various tournaments. His career-best ODI figures of 6/26 against Bangladesh earlier this year grabbed headlines, while his consistency in a series win over South Africa further showcased his potential. In the ACC Emerging Asia Cup T20 held in Oman last month, Ghazanfar played a pivotal role in Afghanistan's historic triumph. His 2/10 in the semi-final against India A proved decisive, helping Afghanistan clinch their maiden title in the tournament.

**Who is the mystery spinner?**

Mumbai Indians bought Afghanistan spinner Allah Ghazanfar for the Indian Premier League 2025. Kolkata Knight Riders, Royal Challengers Bengaluru and Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) also fought hard to bag the young mystery spinner, but in the end, MI bagged the tweaker. Last year, Ghazanfar was a part of the Knight Riders, but did not get to play a single match.

**Keep talking to Jassi bhai: Siraj shows trust in Bumrah to find success in AUS**

**New Delhi.** India pacer Mohammed Siraj recalled how a crucial piece of advice from Jasprit Bumrah helped him return to form in the opening Test match of the Border-Gavaskar Trophy. Siraj, who took only 2 wickets in the entire Test series against New Zealand, said that Bumrah asked him not to hunt for wickets but instead to focus on consistency in hitting one particular length. Siraj, who only played 2 Tests in the 3-match home series against New Zealand, picked up 5 wickets in Perth alone and played the role of a perfect support cast to Bumrah in Perth. The pacer spoke to ESPNcricinfo about his form revival and said that the Australian pitches also had a crucial role in him getting back into rhythm. "I always keep talking to Jassi bhai [Bumrah]," Siraj told ESPNcricinfo. "Even before the first match, I spoke with him about what I was going through. And he just told me one thing - don't run after wickets, just keep bowling consistently in one area and enjoy your bowling. If you still don't get wickets, then you come ask me. So I enjoyed my bowling and I got wickets as well," he added. "Australia is a place where a fast bowler enjoys because you get pace and bounce. As a fast bowler, you get everything you want. So you get a different kind of confidence to come and enjoy your bowling here," Siraj said about the wickets.

Border-Gavaskar Trophy: Complete Coverage PINK BALL IS SYNTHETIC: SIRAJ

India will be playing Australia in a pink ball Test match next. Australia have never lost a pink ball Test in their history and the last time they played India in a pink ball game, they bowled the visitors out for just 36 runs in the second innings. Siraj spoke about the feel of the pink ball and said that he had not bowled with it under the lights yet. Siraj felt that the best length for the pink ball was not fuller, as it did not swing much, unlike the traditional red-ball - from that particular length. "This [pink] ball has a synthetic feeling," Siraj said. "This is different to the red ball we play with. There can be a bit of confusion due to the ball, but it's just one match so we just have to focus on that and practice for it and we'll improve day-by-day. The seam is very hard. It's bright, and quite big. The more you practice with it, the better you get. I think that with the pink ball, it's better to bowl back of length. Because pitching it up, there's not a lot of swing, so the more you hit the deck and get it to seam, it will be better for us." I have heard that the ball swings a lot under the lights but I haven't yet bowled with it under lights. So when we go to Adelaide and practice, we will try that. And the more practice we get, we'll know more about what we have to do.

**India's road to WTC Final: What is the updated scenario ahead of Adelaide Test**

**Former Manchester United forward Ruud van Nistelrooy was appointed as the new manager of Leicester City, the Premier League club announced on Friday.**



**New Delhi.** India spiced up the race for the World Test Championship Final with a resounding victory in the first Test match of the Border-Gavaskar Trophy. What seemed like a distant dream after their crushing 0-3 home series loss against New Zealand, is once again back in India's grasp.

There might still be a long way to go, but India can realistically make it to the final of the ICC tournament - which will be their third in a row. Here's are the updated qualification scenarios for the World Test Championship Final race - as South Africa, Sri Lanka, India and Australia vie for the final two spots in the tournament.

**India's Potential Path to the WTC Final**  
India's chances of qualifying for the WTC Final are very much in their hands, with several potential outcomes based on their performance in the upcoming series against Australia. India win 5-0, 4-0, or 3-0 vs Australia: If India manage to win the series by any of these margins, they will directly qualify for the WTC Final. A dominant performance would all but seal their spot, making them the first team to qualify.

**India win 3-1 vs Australia:** If India clinch the series 3-1, they will also qualify for the final, but with one condition. South Africa must not beat Sri Lanka in the second Test. If South Africa wins that series, India's qualification could be in jeopardy.  
**India win 3-2 vs Australia:** A 3-2 win for India will still keep them in the running for the final, but the scenario becomes more complex. For India to qualify, Sri Lanka must win at least one Test against South

Africa and then draw at least one game against Australia. This combination of results would ensure India's spot in the final. India draw the series 2-2: A drawn series will also keep India's hopes alive, but several results must go in their favour. South Africa must beat Sri Lanka 2-0, and Sri Lanka must win at least 1 Test against Australia (in their upcoming home series). Additionally, Sri Lanka must not lose the series 0-2 to Australia, ensuring a narrow path to qualification for India. What This Means for the Teams Involved? The Adelaide Test, therefore, holds huge significance for both India and Australia. For India, their qualification scenario is heavily influenced by the results of Sri Lanka and South Africa's Test series. For Australia, their hopes remain strong, and they will look to keep up their pressure on India, knowing that every point counts. In the context of the WTC race, other teams like South Africa and Sri Lanka are also playing pivotal roles. Sri Lanka, in particular, will need to secure key wins against South Africa and Australia to help India's qualification chances. The Adelaide Test could very well be a turning point in this fascinating WTC cycle, with India needing to maximise their points to secure a direct route to the final, while Australia will be aiming to strengthen their position.

**Sam Konstas expresses desire to face Jasprit Bumrah after century in warm up game**

**New Delhi.** Young Australian batter Sam Konstas expressed his desire to face India's premier speedster Jasprit Bumrah after his magnificent hundred during warm-up fixture. Notably, Konstas played a magnificent innings of 107 (97) for Prime Minister's XI against India during their pink ball warm up fixture. The 19-year-old put his wide array of strokes on display as he hammered the Indian bowling.

However, he couldn't face Bumrah who was rested for the warm-up fixture. Following his century, he praised the India fast bowler for his skills calling him the best in the world and hoped to face him one day. The right-handed batter also revealed that he's confident in his game and relished the opportunity to play against a top quality Indian side. "I was watching quite a bit. Bumrah is a skilful player, obviously, and probably the best in the world. Hopefully, one day I can face him and see how we go. I feel confident [in my game]. I've been training really hard and it's a great



opportunity to play against the best players," Konstas was quoted as saying by WA Today. Further speaking ahead, Konstas revealed that he's been training under the former Australia captain Tim Paine and shared his advice on how to approach a 46-over game. "I've been practicing it a little bit with Tim Paine, but yeah, good to get a few away. Tim

just told us to have good intent and put pressure on them and treat it like a 46-over game. So I was just trying to keep things simple and just trying to stick to my plans," he said. Konstas was among the contenders to be Australia's new opener for the ongoing series. However, Nathan McSweeney pipped him with his leadership skills and match-winning knock in the first unofficial Test against India A. McSweeney further didn't have a memorable Test debut in the first Test in Perth as he fell prey to Jasprit Bumrah registering scores of 10 and 0 in the two innings respectively.

Moreover, the Australian top order is under immense pressure after Perth loss and the places of some of the players in team is even being questioned. Hence, Konstas' century has come at the right time for Australia who're eager to end their woes and make a comeback in the series during the second Test in Adelaide. The 19-year-old will be hopeful of making it to the team in the remaining games of the series.

**Travis Head eager to meet Jasprit Bumrah in pink ball Test: I know what is coming**

**Adelaide** Australia batter Travis Head is ready to face Jasprit Bumrah with the pink ball. Speaking ahead of the Adelaide Test match, the second fixture of the Border-Gavaskar Trophy, Head warned Bumrah that he knew what was coming. The Australia middle-order Test batter has been a thorn for India over the past year. Head batted well in the second innings of the Perth Test match as well but was not able to save the match for Australia. Head scored 89 runs off just 101 balls before Bumrah brought himself back in the attack in the 39th over and edged the batter back to Rishabh Pant. Head was confident about playing Bumrah in the pink ball Test match and said that he knew what was coming his way. "I am best when I just look for the cues when I'm, like, just preparing to watch the ball hard and staying fresh mentally. And I think



I'm lucky that I faced him a few times. He comes across me a fair bit now, so it's going back to recent times and times you have played him and we've done it enough. Now we've been very fortunate to play him a lot. So, I know what's coming. It's just making sure that I'm prepared and fresh to play well," Travis Head said ahead of the Adelaide Test match.

Border-Gavaskar Trophy: Complete Coverage The batter was asked about the body language of the Australian side, which did not look good on Day 3 and 4 of the Perth Test match after they were bowled out for just 104 runs in the 1st innings. Head said that there was no need to read too much into things and that the team was working on the changes before the 2nd Test. It's probably the closer losses that hit you by a bit of surprise that it takes a few days, but with the way that our Test played out, like we're pretty much outplayed. So, pretty easy to realise what we did wrong," Travis Head said. "Now we get three or four days to work on them and make sure. And it's not really massive changes, but hopefully with a bit of energy and knowing what's on the line, we can crack on and play well," Head concluded.

**Dropping Hazlewood an indication of rift in Australian camp Travis Head reacts**

**AUS vs IND: Travis Head reacted to the possible rift in the Australian camp after Josh Hazlewood was ruled out from the 2nd Test in Adelaide.**

**New Delhi.** Travis Head reacted to the rumours over a rift in the Australian camp after their loss to India in the 1st Test at the Optus Stadium in Perth. Head dismissed such claims and said that the players get along really well, and the unit has been playing together for last three-four years. The rumours stemmed after Josh Hazlewood was ruled out of the 2nd Test in Adelaide due to an alleged injury i.e side strain. However, it was understood that the possible reason could be his remarks in the post-match press-conference after Australia's 295-run loss in Perth. "There's most of the dive when we're winning as well. I think that's the one thing with body



language and divide and all the stuff that comes out when you face a loss, that this team's been together three or four years, and we were winning. I think it's not much too dissimilar. So yeah, the guys get along really well. We hold high expectations for both sides," Head said in the press-conference. "You probably have to ask one of the batters that question probably, I am sort of relaxing and trying to get a bit of treatment, and I am looking mostly to next Test," Hazlewood said after the loss. Former cricketers like David Warner, Michael

Vaughan and Ravi Shastri raised concerns over a possible rift within the team and called out the speedster for openly bringing it to the fore.

**Travis Head dismisses rumours**

However, Travis Head said that every player in the team realised their responsibility and aim to perform as per the needs of the team, be it the bowlers or the batters. It's a very individualised sport. So batters want to hold our own. We know the bowl. We know how good our bowlers have been for us in the past, and they've got us out of trouble a lot. So, as a batting group, we know that if we can get enough runs on the ball, we put ourselves in a great position. So as a batter myself, I try to hold a lot of pride in what I do and knowing that if I can set it up for the big boys, that they can knock it down for us," he added

**Who will replace Hazlewood?**

Hazlewood was the pick of Australia's bowlers in Perth with match figures of 5 for 57 across 34 overs.

**Juan Martin del Potro bids farewell to tennis, wins final match vs Novak Djokovic**

**Juan Martin del Potro bid an emotional farewell to tennis, defeating Novak Djokovic in his final match. Despite a career marred by injuries, the 2009 US Open champion leaves a legacy of resilience, passion, and unforgettable moments on the court.**

**New Delhi.** Argentinian tennis great Juan Martin del Potro ended his illustrious but injury-marred career with an emotional exhibition match against Novak Djokovic. This marked a bittersweet farewell to the sport. In a heart-warming display of respect,

Djokovic allowed del Potro the final say, surrendering the last point as the Argentinian sealed a 6-4, 7-5 victory. The two embraced at the net, with tears flowing, as fans celebrated the career of one of tennis' most beloved players. Del Potro, known for his booming forehand and towering presence, will be remembered as one of the few players to challenge the dominance of the Big Three. His crowning achievement came in 2009 when he captured the US Open title as he defeated Rafael Nadal and Roger Federer in back-to-back matches. That victory remains his sole Grand Slam title, which also reflected the challenge of competing in an era dominated by the legends. "You're a special player and special person. I hope this moment is one that you're celebrating. You shouldn't be sad. We all need to move on in life. The best is yet to come for you," Roger Federer sent out an emotional message.

Watch the video here



"I don't know anyone who doesn't love Juan Martin... His greatest victory in life is that he's a wonderful person," Djokovic said in

the on-court interview. Despite his success, del Potro's career was plagued by injuries. A fractured kneecap in 2018 and subsequent setbacks in 2019 forced him into early retirement. Speaking candidly about his struggles, del Potro revealed the physical and emotional toll: "Since my first surgery, I've never been able to climb stairs without pain. It's like a never-ending nightmare."

**del Potro bids emotional farewell**

The 36-year-old shared the daily hardships he continues to face, from sharp pains to reliance on medication. "Every day, I wake up and take six or seven pills. The knee beat me. It robbed me of what I loved most - playing tennis." Though injuries cut short what could have been an even greater career, del Potro's resilience and passion made him a fan favorite. His final match against Djokovic was not just a farewell but a celebration of a player who inspired millions with his determination and heart.

# Diana Penty's

## Latest Video Is A Must-Watch For All Introverts



Diana Penty's latest Instagram post is a hilarious nod to all introverts. In her newest clip, the actress shares a funny and relatable moment that will definitely have you laughing. The simply unmissable video has Diana putting her introverted side to display, and it will make you laugh hard, we bet. In the caption, she expressed what she feels when forced to act friendly during interactions. The actress wrote, "Hoping they'll cancel."

Showcasing her witty side, Diana Penty is seen reluctantly chatting with someone outside her house in her latest video. The forced smile on her face perfectly conveys her disinterest in the conversation. As the video unfolds, she cleverly closes the door on the individual without them noticing, only to be seen crying in relief once she's alone. The clip emphasises the discomfort of the interaction.

Before this, Diana Penty made headlines for her adorable birthday post for her beau Harsh Sagar, a diamond merchant. Although the couple has been dating for a while, Diana made it public only last year when she posted a message on Harsh's birthday. This year, too, she did not miss out on the opportunity to express her love for Harsh on his special day. Along with happy pictures of the two, she attached a heartfelt message that read, "Happy Birthdayyyyyyyy my HS. Here's to many more trips around the sun. Love you."

Earlier, while speaking with Hindustan Times, the actress revealed, "The film industry has made me learn patience all over again. I have learnt along the way that things will happen at their own pace and time. What's important is to keep the faith and continue to work hard." In terms of work, Diana Penty has proved her versatility as an actress in films like Selfiee, Bloody Daddy, Adbhut and Shiddat. Next up, she is gearing for the release of the film Azaad, which will feature Aman Devgan, the nephew of actor Ajay Devgn, and Rasha Thadani, the daughter of Raveena Tandon, marking their Bollywood debut.



## Kajol Captures A Priceless Hug From Son Yug In Viral Post, Netizens React With Love



Kajol and Ajay Devgn are proud and loving parents to Nysa Devgan and Yug Devgan, and they never shy away from expressing their affection for their kids. Recently, Kajol took to Instagram to share an adorable moment that has melted hearts online, with one fan calling it the "cutest thing on the internet." In the picture, Yug Devgan is seen giving his mom the warmest hug, and it's pure love. Adding to the charm of the photo, Kajol is holding their pet dog, whose reaction has everyone talking. The caption accompanying the post read: "Four arms four paws and one giant hug..happy 2nd birthday to my doggy baby, #pawsitivevibesonly #dogsofinstagram #notyouraveragepup #barkingmad #woolife."

Fans were quick to shower the post with love. One user wrote, "Cutest thing on the internet today." Another commented, "Having a son is the most beautiful feeling in the world." Others chimed in with, "Unconditional love. So heart-touching," and, "This is so wholesome, much love to you, your family, and your doggy." Kajol and Ajay frequently share glimpses of their family life. Back in October 2024, they were spotted together at a Durga Puja pandal, where Kajol's playful side stole the show. In a video, Kajol humorously pinched Ajay to get him to pose properly for a family photo. Standing between Kajol and Yug, Ajay initially looked away, prompting Kajol to playfully pinch his hand. Ajay quickly responded by wrapping an arm around her shoulder, creating the perfect family frame.

Their son Yug added to the sweetness of the moment with his priceless reactions. Towards the end of the video, he teasingly interacted with Ajay, adding a touch of mischief to the heartwarming family moment. On the professional front, Kajol is gearing up for her next big release, Sarzameen, co-starring Ibrahim Ali Khan and Prithviraj Sukumaran. The patriotic drama is set to hit theaters around Republic Day 2025.

## Game Changer Song NaaNaa Hyraanaa: Kiara Advani And Ram Charan Romance Against Stunning Locations



The excitement around Game Changer is growing as the makers have confirmed that the film, starring Ram Charan and directed by Shankar, will release on January 10, 2025, for Sankranti. After several delays, the release date is now set, and promotions have begun. Following the teaser launch in Lucknow, the team has now released the third single, titled NaaNaa Hyraanaa. The song, composed by Thaman S and sung by Karthik and Shreya Ghoshal, features lyrics by Ramajogayya Sastry, and promises to deliver the grand style that Shankar is known for.

The lyrical video featuring Kiara Advani and Ram Charan is a visual and auditory treat. The song, set against a breathtakingly picturesque backdrop, elevates the entire experience, with the stunning location almost stealing the spotlight. Adding to this charm are Kiara and Ram Charan, who sizzle in coordinating outfits that highlight their palpable chemistry. Vocally, the track soars to greater heights thanks to the soulful voices of Shreya Ghoshal and Karthik.

Game Changer marks a much-awaited return for director S Shankar, known for his knack for crafting intense political thrillers. In this film, Ram Charan stars as an IAS officer who takes on a corrupt system, bringing both brains and brawn to his role. The over one-minute teaser captures his transformation from a determined student preparing for his UPSC exams to a government officer unafraid to take on powerful enemies. Ram Charan's character, in a brief but impactful line, declares, "I am unpredictable," hinting at the complex layers of his role.

The project, initially announced in 2021, experienced multiple delays, partly due to S Shankar's simultaneous commitment to Indian 2 with Kamal Haasan. Ram Charan, in the meantime, was heavily invested in promoting his international success RRR, which saw him touring worldwide to support the film. Additionally, Kiara Advani took a brief hiatus in 2022 following her marriage to actor Siddharth Malhotra, further fueling speculation about delays.

# Ananya Panday

## Opens Up On Red Flags In A Relationship: 'Half-Heartedness Doesn't Work'

While Ananya Panday is emerging as a versatile actor, her personal life especially relationships have made headlines since her debut in Student of the Year 2. The actress has never openly admitted to her romantic equations but the chatter around her love life is a usual topic of discussion in the entertainment industry. Recently, Ananya shared her views on relationships and noted that half-heartedness doesn't work for her as one has to show loyalty and respect. During an appearance on Raj Shamani's podcast, Ananya said that she prefers to see the best in people and believes in giving her all to a romantic bond. In case of an argument, she would do everything to figure things out. That being said, she expects the same commitment from her partner.

"For me, half-heartedness doesn't work. If you are in a relationship, you have to show loyalty and respect," said Ananya. Talking about red flags in a relationship, the Call Me Bae star noted that no one sees a red flag immediately when they start going out. It is only after a while that they realise what could have been better. Exploring more, she mentioned small things like not acknowledging your partner in public and disrespecting them are a big no for her. "Another red flag would be ego, like not being able to see your partner succeed," she continued. Talking about her life, she admitted that sometimes it gets intimidating for men to accept she is a successful Bollywood actor.



During the same conversation, Ananya also revealed her idea of romance and how she sees her ideal partner. She expressed that it is someone who pays attention to details, notes her likes and dislikes, and tries to implement them. "Remembering small things is important," she noted. Apart from that, the actress said support is also an essential factor. On the work front, 2024 has been a stellar year for Ananya Panday. She has been a part of impactful projects that have solidified her position as a versatile actor. The actress was seen as Bella Chaudhary in the show Call Me Bae. She received major love and appreciation for the Prime video series. Later, she lead Netflix's thriller CTRL. As per reports, the actress will next be seen in period drama Shankara alongside Akshay Kumar and R. Madhavan.

