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'Bangladesh Govt Has Absolute Obligation To Protect Its Hindu Minority': US Congressman

Can influential US lawmaker on Tuesday said the interim Bangladeshi government has an absolute obligation to protect the minority Hindu community in the country after the fall of the democratically-elected Sheikh Hasina-led government earlier this year. Over the weekend, Hindus from Bangladesh organised a rally at the White house demanding release of Chinmaya Das and protection for Hindus of Bangladesh. Bangladesh's interim government has an absolute obligation to protect its Hindu minority and meaningfully address the protests of thousands of minority Hindus in outcry over the recent wave of attacks and harassment," Congressman Brad Sherman said in a statement. Bangladesh's interim government has an absolute obligation to protect its Hindu minority and meaningfully address the protests of thousands of minority Hindus in outcry over the recent wave of attacks and harassment," Congressman Brad Sherman said in a statement. Based on the feedback we are getting from #Bangladesh, Hindu monk and civil rights defender Chinmoy Krishna Brahmachari, who has been incarcerated by the interim government, faces a serious threat to his life, in custody," he said.

US Embassy In South Korea Issues Emergency Alert To Its Citizens After Lifting Of Martial Law

World. Following the lifting of martial law in South Korea, the United States Embassy in the country issued an emergency alert to its citizens on Wednesday, warning that the situation is "fluid" and advising them to take safety precautions. The embassy posted the emergency information on its website a day after South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol declared martial law. It was, however, lifted hours later after the National Assembly voted to reject it. "Following President Yoon's announcement to lift the martial law declaration, the situation remains fluid," the embassy said. US citizens should anticipate potential disruptions. When in public, you should pay attention to your surroundings and exercise routine safety precautions," as per the posting. The embassy also advised US citizens to avoid areas of demonstration and to exercise caution near "large crowds, gatherings, protests, or rallies." Peaceful demonstrations can turn confrontational and escalate into violence, it further stated. The embassy also noted that it will cancel routine consular appointments for US citizens and visa applicants on Wednesday.

Gladiator for a night at the Colosseum Some Romans are up in arms

Rome. It has probably been centuries since Romans have been so feverish about happenings at the Colosseum, and it is not because of the recent release of the Ridley Scott "Gladiator" sequel. A plan by the Colosseum and Airbnb to give a select few people the chance to unleash their "inner gladiator" at the most visited site in Italy has caused an uproar among many Romans who say its deems a treasured cultural icon. Over two nights in May, a total of up to 32 people will learn the art of gladiator fighting at the ancient arena, taught by Roman history buffs who specialise in historical re-enactments. The project is a partnership between the Colosseum Archaeological Park and Airbnb, the accommodations booking platform, which donated \$1.5 million to spruce up a permanent exhibit inside the arena. The aim, Airbnb said, "was to support the Colosseum's ongoing conservation work to find new ways to inspire and educate visitors on the historical significance of this bygone era." But some Romans and cultural leaders have given the initiative an emphatic thumbs down. (Footnote: While the emperor made such a gesture to condemn a fighter in the original "Gladiator" movie, scholars are uncertain about the direction thumbs actually pointed in ancient arenas for such purposes.) "We're against transforming the Colosseum into a theme park," said Massimiliano Smeriglio, a member of Rome's City Council. "We're all in favour if a company decides to sponsor a monument or a restoration," he said, "but it shouldn't be necessary to get anything in exchange." Federico Mollicone, a lawmaker with the Brothers of Italy party of PM Giorgia Meloni, dismissed the criticism as the views of a "radical chic" element in Rome that treated the arena "as something sacred". The Colosseum, he pointed out, had been built for rough-and-tumble entertainment. The center-right govt this year passed a law that supports the promotion of historical reenactments. Critics also raised questions about Airbnb's involvement at a time when many European cities are struggling to balance the needs of locals with a booming postpandemic tourist industry facilitated by accommodation platforms. This summer, the backlash against mass tourism saw protests in many cities, including Barcelona, Spain, and Athens, Greece. While Romans are frequently incensed by many issues in their city - everything from uncollected garbage to potholes - they can be particularly sensitive about the Colosseum. A kerfuffle erupted last year after Elon Musk challenged Mark Zuckerberg on social media to "a cage match", and it was rumored that the Colosseum could be the venue.

South Korea lifts president's martial law decree after lawmakers reject military rule

SEOUL. The president of South Korea early Wednesday lifted the martial law he imposed on the country hours earlier, bending to political pressure after a tense night in which troops surrounded parliament and lawmakers voted to reject military rule. President Yoon Suk Yeol, who appeared likely to be impeached over his actions, imposed martial law late Tuesday out of frustration with the opposition, vowing to eliminate "anti-state" forces as he struggles against opponents who control parliament and that he accuses of sympathizing with communist North Korea. Police and military personnel were seen leaving the grounds of parliament following the bipartisan vote to overrule the president, and the declaration was formally lifted around 4:30 a.m. during a Cabinet meeting. Parliament acted swiftly after martial law was imposed, with National Assembly Speaker Woo Won Shik declaring that the law was "invalid" and that lawmakers would "protect democracy with the people." In all, martial law was in effect for about six hours. The president's surprising move harkened back to an era of authoritarian leaders that the country has not seen since the 1980s, and it was

immediately denounced by the opposition and the leader of Yoon's own conservative party. Lee Jae-myung, leader of the liberal Democratic Party, which holds the majority in the 300-seat parliament, said the party's lawmakers would remain in the Assembly's main hall until Yoon formally lifted his order. Woo applauded how troops quickly left the Assembly after the vote. "Even with our unfortunate memories of military coups, our citizens have surely observed the events of today and saw the maturity of our military," Woo said. While announcing his plan to lift martial law, Yoon continued to criticize parliament's attempts to impeach key government officials and senior prosecutors. He said lawmakers had engaged in "unscrupulous acts of legislative and budgetary manipulation that are paralyzing the functions of the state." Jo Seung-jae, a Democratic lawmaker, claimed that security camera footage following Yoon's declaration showed that troops moved in a way that suggested they were trying to arrest Lee, Woo and even Han Dong-hoon, the leader of Yoon's People Power Party. Officials from Yoon's office and the Defense Ministry did not respond to



requests for comment early Wednesday. Seemingly hundreds of protesters gathered in front of the Assembly, waving banners and calling for Yoon's impeachment. Some protesters scuffled with troops ahead of the lawmakers' vote, but there were no immediate reports of injuries or major property damage. At least one window was broken as troops attempted to enter the Assembly building. One woman tried unsuccessfully to pull a rifle away from one of the soldiers, while shouting "Aren't you embarrassed?" Under South Korea's constitution, the president can declare martial law during "wartime, war-like situations or other comparable national

emergency states" that require the use of military force to maintain peace and order. It was questionable whether South Korea is currently in such a state. When martial law is declared, "special measures" can be employed to restrict freedom of press, freedom of assembly and other rights, as well as the power of courts. The constitution also states that the president must oblige when the National Assembly demands the lifting of martial law with a majority vote. Following Yoon's announcement of martial law, South Korea's military proclaimed that parliament and other political gatherings that could cause "social confusion" would be suspended, South Korea's Yonhap news agency said. The military said anyone who violated the decree could be arrested without a warrant. In Washington, the White House said the U.S. was "seriously concerned" by the events in Seoul. A spokesperson for the National Security Council said President Joe Biden's administration was not notified in advance of the martial law announcement and was in contact with the South Korean government.

Hamas, Fatah near agreement on who will oversee postwar Gaza

CAIRO. Palestinian officials say Fatah and Hamas are closing in on an agreement to appoint a committee of politically independent technocrats to administer the Gaza Strip after the war. It would effectively end Hamas' rule and could help advance ceasefire talks with Israel. The rival factions have made several failed attempts to reconcile since Hamas seized power in Gaza in 2007. Israel has meanwhile ruled out any postwar role in Gaza for either Hamas or Fatah, which dominates the Western-backed Palestinian Authority. A Palestinian Authority official on Tuesday confirmed that a preliminary agreement had been reached following weeks of negotiations in Cairo. The official said the committee would have 12-15 members, most of them from Gaza. It would report to the Palestinian Authority, which is headquartered in the Israeli-occupied West Bank, and work with local and international parties to facilitate humanitarian assistance and reconstruction. A Hamas official said that Hamas and Fatah had agreed on the general terms but were still negotiating

over some details and the individuals who would serve on the committee. The official said an agreement would be announced after a meeting of all Palestinian factions in Cairo, without providing a timeline. Both officials



spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to brief media on the talks. There was no immediate comment from Israel. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has vowed to continue the war until Hamas is dismantled and scores of hostages are returned. He says Israel will maintain open-ended security control over Gaza, with civilian affairs

administered by local Palestinians unaffiliated with the Palestinian Authority or Hamas. No Palestinians have publicly volunteered for such a role, and Hamas has threatened anyone who cooperates with the Israeli military. The United States has called for a revitalized Palestinian Authority to govern both the West Bank and Gaza ahead of eventual statehood. The Israeli government, which is opposed to Palestinian statehood, is reportedly discussing a postwar plan with the United Arab Emirates, which normalized relations with Israel in 2020 and backs a rival Fatah faction. He Hamas official said the emerging Palestinian agreement would fulfill one of Israel's war goals by ending Hamas' rule in Gaza. It's unclear if Israeli officials would see it that way. The Palestinian Authority, which administers parts of the occupied West Bank, recognizes Israel and cooperates with it on security matters, a policy that is deeply unpopular among Palestinians, many of whom view it as a subcontractor of the occupation.

US President-Elect Donald Trump's Lawyers Urge Judge To Toss His Hush Money Conviction

World. President-elect Donald Trump's lawyers formally asked a judge Monday to throw out his hush money criminal conviction, arguing continuing the case would present unconstitutional "disruptions to the institution of the Presidency." In a filing made public Tuesday, Trump's lawyers told Manhattan Judge Juan M. Merchan that dismissal is warranted because of the "overwhelming national mandate granted to him by the American people on November 5, 2024." They also cited President Joe Biden's recent pardon of his son, Hunter Biden, who had been convicted of tax and gun charges. "President Biden asserted that his son was selectively, and unfairly, prosecuted," and treated differently," Trump's legal team wrote. The Manhattan district attorney, they claimed, had engaged in the type of political theater "that President Biden condemned." Prosecutors will have until Dec. 9 to respond. They have said they will fight any efforts to dismiss the case but have indicated a willingness to delay the sentencing until after Trump's second term ends in 2029. In their filing Monday, Trump's attorneys dismissed the idea of holding off sentencing until Trump is out of office as a "ridiculous suggestion." Following Trump's election victory last month, Merchan halted proceedings and indefinitely postponed his sentencing, previously scheduled for late November, to allow the defense and prosecution to weigh in on the future of the case. He also delayed a decision on Trump's prior bid to dismiss the case on immunity grounds. Trump has been fighting for months to reverse his conviction on 34 counts of falsifying business records to conceal a \$130,000 payment to porn actor Stormy Daniels to suppress her claim that they had sex a decade earlier. He says they did not and denies any wrongdoing. Taking a swipe at Bragg and New York City, as Trump often did throughout the trial, the filing argues that dismissal would also benefit the public by giving him and "the numerous prosecutors assigned to this case a renewed opportunity to put an end to deteriorating conditions in the City and to protect its residents from violent crime." Clearing Trump, the lawyers added, would also allow him to "devote all of his energy to protecting the Nation." The defense filing was signed by Trump lawyers Todd Blanche and Emil Bove, who represented Trump during the trial and have since been selected by the president-elect to fill senior roles at the Justice Department. A dismissal would erase Trump's historic conviction, sparing him the cloud of a criminal record and possible prison sentence.

Trump's pick Chad Chronister withdraws from DEA nomination, cites commitment to local duties

World. Sheriff Chad Chronister of Hillsborough, US President-elect Donald Trump's pick for the role of Administrator of the US Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), has withdrawn his candidacy, citing his ongoing commitment to local initiatives. "To have been nominated by President-Elect @realDonaldTrump to serve as Administrator of the Drug Enforcement Administration is the honour of a lifetime," Chronister wrote in an X post on Wednesday. "Over the past several days, as the gravity of this very important responsibility set in, I've concluded that I must respectfully withdraw from consideration. There is more work to be done for the citizens of Hillsborough County and a lot of initiatives I am committed to fulfilling," he

added. Chronister expressed gratitude for the nomination and vowed to continue serving as sheriff. However, the announcement has sparked mixed reactions. District 1 Lake County Commissioner Anthony Sabatini called the withdrawal a "huge win for liberty," while Republican Congressman Thomas Massie of Kentucky criticised Chronister's past actions during the COVID-19 pandemic. "This sheriff ordered the arrest of a pastor for holding services during the COVID panic. He was tapped by Trump to head the DEA. Glad to see him withdraw from consideration. Next time politicians lose their ever-lovin' minds, he can redeem himself by following the Constitution," Massie wrote on X. Chronister faced backlash in 2020 for arresting Dr. Ronald Howard-

Browne, pastor of The River at Tampa Bay Church, for holding in-person services in violation of public health orders. At the time, Chronister defended the decision. "Announcing the arrest of Dr. Ronald Howard-Browne... who intentionally and repeatedly disregarded state and local public health orders, which put his congregation and our community in danger," he said. The charges were later dropped. Some conservatives, including commentator Liz Wheeler, criticised Chronister's nomination. "Chad Chronister is a COVID tyrant who arrested a Christian pastor... Chronister abused his power; he's unfit to lead the DEA," Wheeler wrote on X. Senator Markwayne Mullin of Oklahoma defended Chronister, "What disqualifies somebody.

Gazans walk miles for bread and flour amid war shortages

World. Faced with major food shortages after nearly 14 months of war, Palestinians describe long days hunting for flour and bread in the conflict-ravaged Gaza Strip. Every morning crowds form outside the few bakeries open in the Palestinian territory, as people desperately try to get a bag of bread at distribution points. Since the outbreak of war in Gaza last year, charities and international aid organisations have repeatedly warned of crisis levels of hunger for nearly two million people. A United Nations-backed assessment last month warned of famine looming in the northern Gaza Strip amid a near-halt in food aid after Israel launched an offensive in the area. Essential goods like water, fresh produce and medicines are also scarce. Gazans across the territory have told AFP in recent months how they wake up at the crack of dawn just to ensure they can get some flour or bread, with current availability reaching an all-time low. In the southern city of Khan Yunis, AFP photographers saw dozens of people at a distribution point, bodies pressed against each other. Over each other's heads, everyone tries to reach out as far as possible to grab the round bread.

A small child, her face covered in tears, squeezes a coin between her fingers as she makes her way through the crowd of adults. Nothing in markets "I walked about eight kilometres (five miles) to get bread," Hatem Kullab, a displaced Palestinian living in a neighbourhood of makeshift tents, told AFP. It was in the middle of one of these crowds that two women and a child were trampled to death in a stampede at a bakery in the central Gaza city of Deir el-Balah Friday. "To get a loaf of bread you need a whole day of eight to 10 hours," said the brother of one of the women killed, describing his sister's ordeal as she tried to get bread to feed 10 family members. "The suffering that my sister went through is suffered by all the Palestinian people," Jameel Fayyad told AFP, criticising what he described as poor management of the bakeries. Fayyad's anger was largely directed at Israel, but he also blamed the World Food Programme (WFP) and "traders who want to make money on the backs of people." Palestinians from across the Gaza Strip told AFP journalists that it is extremely difficult to find the 50-kilogram (110 pounds) bags of flour that would last



them several weeks before the war. "There is no flour, no food, no vegetables in the markets," Nasser Al-Shawa, 56, said, who, like most residents, was forced to leave his home because of the bombings and lives with his children and grandchildren in central Gaza. Shawa, who now lives in a friend's house in Deir el-Balah, says a 50-kilogram bag costs between 500 and 700 shekels (\$137 and \$192). Before the war, it cost around 100 shekels. Inside Gaza where more than half of the buildings have been destroyed, the production is at an almost complete standstill. Flour mills, warehouses storing flour and industrial bakeries are unable to function because they have been so heavily damaged by

strikes. Bullet to the head humanitarian aid is trickling in but aid groups have repeatedly slammed the many constraints imposed on them by Israel, which the country denies. In the latest blow, the UN agency supporting Palestinian refugees (UNRWA) announced Sunday it was halting aid deliveries to Gaza via a key crossing point with Israel. UNRWA said delivery had become impossible, partly due to looting by gangs. For Layla Hamad, who lives in a tent with her husband and seven children in southern Gaza's Al-Mawasi, UNRWA's decision was "like a bullet to the head". She said her family had regularly received "a small quantity" of flour from UNRWA. Every day, I think we will not survive, either because we will be killed by Israeli bombing or by hunger," she said. "There is no third option." The majority of private companies that Israel had in the past allowed to bring in food to Gaza say they are no longer able to do so. The war in Gaza broke out after Hamas's October 7, 2023, attack on southern Israel, which resulted in the deaths of 1,208 people, mostly civilians, according to an AFP tally based on official data.

"Hindus, Minorities getting targeted in Bangladesh streets despite Constitution, Government & Army presence"

RNS I Dhanbad: Hundreds of protesters gathered at Randhir Verma Chowk in Dhanbad on Wednesday to demonstrate against the ongoing violence targeting Hindus and other minority communities in Bangladesh. The rally, organized by various Hindu organizations, was a show of solidarity with the Hindu community in Bangladesh, where reports of increasing attacks on religious minorities have raised serious concerns. Despite Bangladesh having a constitution, parliament, and army, Jains, Buddhists, Sikhs, and Hindus have reportedly been singled out and subjected to violence on the streets. Demonstrators at the Dhanbad protest carried saffron flags and raised slogans denouncing the brutalities taking place across the border,



particularly after recent political turmoil in Bangladesh, including the ousting of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. There have been disturbing reports of Hindu temples being targeted and growing insecurity among minority communities in Bangladesh. The protests were further fueled by the arrest of Chinmoy Krishna Das, spokesperson for the Sanatan Jagran Manch, who was detained after organizing a

rally in Chittagong in October to highlight the violence against Hindus. Das was charged with treason, sparking further outrage within the Hindu community. The Dhanbad protest saw the participation of several local political leaders, including former BJP MP P.N. Singh, Dhanbad MLA Raj Sinha, Jharia MLA Ragini Singh, Bagmara MLA Shatrughan Mahato, and BJP leaders Amresh Singh

and Tara Devi. Protesters marched from Randhir Verma Chowk to the Dhanbad Collectorate, where they submitted a memorandum to the Deputy Commissioner, urging the Indian government to take swift action to address the violence against Hindus in Bangladesh. The memorandum calls for immediate intervention from the Indian government, urging Prime Minister Narendra Modi to press for stronger measures to protect minority communities and hold the Bangladeshi government accountable for the escalating violence. The protest reflects growing anger and concern among the Hindu community in India over the safety of their fellow Hindus across the border.

5G services spread across the country, rolled out in 779 out of 783 districts



New Delhi: The Indian government announced that 5G services have been successfully rolled out in 779 out of 783 districts across the country. In a written response in the Lok Sabha, Dr. Pemasani Chandra Sekhar, Minister of State for Communications and Rural Development, provided details of the nationwide 5G rollout, highlighting significant progress in expanding the telecom infrastructure. Dr. Sekhar stated that more than 4.6 lakh 5G Base Transceiver Stations (BTS) have been installed across India, ensuring that both urban and rural areas, including coastal regions, are covered by the next-generation network. The Minister emphasized that telecom service

providers have gone beyond the minimum rollout requirements, significantly expanding 5G coverage throughout the country. The minister also pointed out that the widespread availability of both 4G and 5G networks has led to a surge in the adoption of various digital services. He noted an increase in online banking, e-commerce, online education, and government services, with more users embracing these platforms due to improved connectivity. The government's push for 5G infrastructure aims to boost India's digital economy, improve service delivery, and enhance technological capabilities across sectors, paving the way for further innovation and growth.

Rahul, Priyanka Gandhi Stopped from Visiting Sambhal Amid Violence Over Mosque Survey



New Delhi: Congress leaders Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi Vadera were stopped by police at Ghaziabad on Wednesday while attempting to visit Sambhal in Uttar Pradesh, where five people were killed in violence linked to a mosque survey. This marks the second time in a few days that a Congress delegation has been prevented from entering the area. The Gandhi siblings tried to visit following an earlier attempt by a Congress delegation led by Ajay Rai, which was also blocked. Tensions have been rising in Sambhal after a local court ordered a survey of the Jama Masjid, a Mughal-era mosque, after a plea claimed a temple existed at the site before it was demolished by Babur. Violence erupted on Sunday during the second round of the survey when a mob clashed with police, injuring 36 officers and damaging vehicles. The Supreme Court intervened last week, halting the survey and calling for peace and harmony. Rahul Gandhi, an MP from Rae Bareilly, protested the police obstruction, asserting, "As leader of the opposition, it's my right to visit, but I am not being allowed." He criticized the government's actions, saying, "This is the new India, where constitutional rights are being ignored." Priyanka Gandhi questioned the Uttar Pradesh government's handling of law and order, saying, "If such situations cannot be managed here, how can the BJP boast of controlling law and order?"

Maha Kumbh Mela district becomes 76th district of UP

by Ajay Kumar

Lucknow: The Yogi government of Uttar Pradesh has declared the Maha Kumbh Mela area as a separate district. With this, the state now has 76 districts instead of 75. On Sunday, a new district was carved out from the boundary of Prayagraj district to form the Maha Kumbh Mela district. Prayagraj District Magistrate Ravindra Kumar Mandal issued a notification confirming the establishment of the new district. According to the notification, the boundaries of the new district have also been defined. The Maha Kumbh Mela district will consist of four tehsils: Sadar, Soron, Pulpur, and Karachhana, and will include a total of 67 villages. The district magistrate of this district will also hear cases related to these villages. It is noteworthy that every year, the Magh Mela and every six years the Ardh Kumbh are held in Prayagraj, but the Maha Kumbh, which takes place every 12 years, creates a unique spectacle. During this time, a new city is built within Prayagraj city, which usually has a population larger than that of the old city. In the past, during the Maha Kumbh, this new city has been declared a district, and separate appointments have been made for a district magistrate, sub-district officers, and tehsildars, with the SSP also being deployed. The formation of this new district has been done with the upcoming Maha Kumbh in January 2025 in mind. This district will be known as Uttar Pradesh's 76th district and will be called the Kumbh Mela district.

Archaeological Survey Department Seeks Control of Sambhal Jama Masjid

by Ajay Kumar

Lucknow: After a local court in Sambhal district, Uttar Pradesh, ordered a survey of the district's Jama Masjid, the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has filed its response in court following misbehavior with the survey team and subsequent violent clashes. In its response, ASI has sought control and management of the Mughal-era mosque, stating that it is a protected heritage structure. The court had previously granted permission for the survey of the royal Jama Masjid. Representing ASI, lawyer Vishnu Sharma stated that the agency presented its objection in court on Friday, mentioning that the survey team faced resistance from the mosque management committee and local people during the survey. ASI also referred to an incident on January 19, 2018, when an FIR was filed against the mosque management committee for installing steel railings on the mosque's stairs without permission. Vishnu Sharma stated that ASI had notified the monument as protected in 1920, and since then, the mosque has been under the agency's jurisdiction. Therefore, public access to the structure should be allowed, but ASI rules must also be followed. ASI argues that the control and management of the monument should remain with them, including any structural modifications. The agency has also expressed concern over unauthorized changes made by the management committee to the mosque's structure, and has called for restrictions on such actions. ASI hopes that the court will consider the matter in the coming days.

Viksit Bharat by 2047 & New Kuwait by 2035

New Delhi: External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar met his Kuwaiti counterpart Abdullah Ali Al-Yahya in New Delhi on Tuesday to discuss enhancing bilateral relations. Dr. Jaishankar highlighted India's commitment to strengthening ties with Kuwait in areas such as trade, investment, energy, IT, and culture. The two leaders also exchanged views on regional and global issues, with Dr. Jaishankar expressing concern over the situation in West Asia. He noted the longstanding ties between India and Kuwait and emphasized that both countries' visions—India's Viksit Bharat by 2047 and Kuwait's New Kuwait by 2035—offer shared opportunities for growth. Dr. Jaishankar also praised the Indian community in Kuwait for acting as a "living bridge" between the two nations.

PARIKH— National Survey 2024 concluded successfully



Bokaro: The PARIKH National Survey 2024 has been successfully completed in 89 government and non-government schools across Bokaro district. The survey, aimed at improving the Indian education policy and assessing the current state of education, was conducted in collaboration with the Ministry of Education, NCERT, CBSE, and the District Education Officer of Jharkhand. To ensure smooth execution, 96 observers underwent comprehensive offline and online training sessions. Additionally, 131 field investigators were trained under the guidance of District Education Officer, Jagannath Lohara. The survey involved Vice Principals and PGTs from various schools, who conducted tests for students in classes III, VI, and IX, covering a wide range of educational parameters. A total of 866 students from class III, 974 from class VI, and 1,132 from class IX participated in the survey. The survey was carried out under the supervision of District Coordinator Suraj Sharma, Principal of Chinmaya Vidyalaya, along with CBSE Parikh Survey Coordinator and District Education Officer Jagannath Lohara, and Supervisor from CBSE New Delhi, Sunil Dutt. The successful completion of the survey marks a significant step toward enhancing educational standards in the region.

Shoolini University to Launch New Age Degree Programs Integrated With Job Focused Courses

Delhi/Himachal Pradesh: Shoolini University, a leading research and innovation-driven institution will be launching new age degree programs integrated with job-focused courses such as BBA, MBA and BCA. This initiative enhances Shoolini University's commitment to equipping students with the skills and knowledge necessary for successful careers in today's competitive job market. By integrating academic learning with job-focused interventions, Shoolini University aims to prepare job aspirants for roles in both the government and private sectors. As part of this initiative, Shoolini University will be launching programs integrated with Adda247 test preparation and skill development offerings which are designed to help job aspirants prepare for government and private sector jobs respectively. Additionally, Shoolini University plans to utilize Adda247's vast digital footprint and ecosystem to promote these integrated offerings to job aspirants.

Hyundai Motor Group Partners with IITs to Establish Research Hub for Battery Technology and Electrification

RNS I Kolkata: Hyundai Motor Group announced a major collaboration with three Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) on Tuesday to establish a research framework focused on advancing battery technology and electrification. The partnerships involve IIT Delhi, IIT Bombay, and IIT Madras, marking a significant step in the Group's strategy to foster innovation in the electric vehicle (EV) sector in India. As part of the initiative, Hyundai will fund the creation of the Hyundai Center of Excellence (CoE) at IIT Delhi. The CoE will play a pivotal role in driving research and development efforts tailored to meet the unique needs of the Indian market, particularly in battery technology and electrification. At a ceremony held at IIT Delhi, Hyundai representatives and IIT officials, including Prof. Rangan Banerjee, Director of IIT Delhi, and Deans Sachin C. Patwardhan of IIT Bombay and Manu Santhanam of IIT Madras, formally signed an agreement to establish the Hyundai Mo-



tor Group-IIT Hyundai CoE. Nakup Sung, Head of Hyundai Motor Group's R&D Planning & Coordination Center, expressed enthusiasm about the collaboration, saying, "We are thrilled to collaborate with IITs, renowned for their exceptional education and research. The Hyundai CoE will help build a strong talent network in India's academic ecosystem, fostering innovation and future growth." The CoE will serve as a hub for joint academic and industrial research, focusing on the development of cutting-edge EV technologies. The collaboration will involve technical knowledge sharing, talent exchange, and collabor-

ative workshops. Hyundai's commitment to India's EV ecosystem aligns with the Indian government's push to boost EV adoption and reduce carbon emissions. The initiative will also work closely with the Centre for Automotive Research and Tribology (CART), India's only EV-focused research institute based at IIT Delhi. Through this partnership, Hyundai aims to nurture a new generation of talent and create long-term employment opportunities in the country. The CoE is seen as a critical element of Hyundai's strategy to enhance its research on advanced technologies and to develop products that are tailored specifically to the Indian market.

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This collaboration further strengthens Hyundai Motor Group's growing presence in India, following the recent IPO of Hyundai Motor India Limited (HML). The Group views the CoE as a key component of its commitment to India's growth and innovation, reinforcing its long-term objectives in the EV and technology sectors.

Notorious criminal with Rs 50K reward arrested in Gaya

by Rahul Kumar

Gaya: A notorious criminal, Ram Bhaju Yadav, wanted for several serious crimes, was arrested by the STF and Gaya police on Wednesday in Gaya's Sherghati area. Acting on a tip-off, the police apprehended Yadav, who had been absconding for years, at Kheda village in the Dobhi police station area. Senior Superintendent of Police Ashish Bharti confirmed that a reward of ₹50,000 had been announced for infor-



mation leading to Yadav's arrest. Yadav is accused of multiple crimes, including robbery and involvement in

arms-related offenses. The arrest comes after a robbery on November 22, when six criminals attacked a per-

son traveling from Koderma to Aurangabad, snatching gold, cash, and other valuables at gunpoint near Amouna turn. Following the incident, Bharti formed a special team to track down the culprits. Upon receiving the tip, the STF and local police raided the area where Yadav was hiding. When confronted by police, Yadav attempted to flee but was caught with the help of armed forces. During questioning, he confirmed his identity.

India Leads in Oceanic Transport & Maritime Security: President

New Delhi: President Droupadi Murmu today emphasized India's growing leadership in oceanic transport and its ability to harness monsoon-driven sea capacity, underscoring the nation's commitment to maritime security and economic growth. Speaking at the Navy Day celebration held at the Blue Flag Beach in Puri, Odisha, the President outlined the pivotal role of the Indian Navy in ensuring the country's maritime security, as well as supporting India's goal of becoming a "Viksit Bharat" (Developed India) by 2047. Addressing a large audience, President Murmu highlighted that India's future prosperity is closely tied to its maritime heritage. "Our economy is full of promises and hopes, defined by our seas," she said. "The Indian Navy will continue to safeguard India's economic growth, protect our interests in global maritime trade, and help our nation expand its presence across the world." She also pointed to India's rich maritime history, long coastline, and strategically located islands, all of which contribute to its status as a major maritime



power. Further, the President noted that India has emerged as a leader in oceanic transport, shipbuilding, and leveraging monsoon-driven sea capabilities. "We have made significant strides in maritime infrastructure and are now pioneers in harnessing the full potential of the seas," she stated. The Navy Day celebrations at Blue Flag Beach also marked the anniversary of Operation Trident, a key naval offensive during the 1971 Indo-Pak war. The event showcased the Indian Navy's strength and technological prowess, with over 15 ships and submarines, as well as more than 40 aircraft, taking part in the display. The event also in-

cluded thrilling aerial maneuvers by MiG-29K and Hawk fighter jets, along with combat exercises by the Marine Commandos (MARCOS), submarine operations, amphibious landings, and rocket firing demonstrations from warships. The Navy Day festivities were aimed at showcasing the Indian Navy's advanced capabilities and reaffirming its role in safeguarding the country's maritime borders, while also protecting vital sea lanes for international trade. The President's address underscored the importance of maritime power in the nation's economic and strategic growth as India continues to assert its influence on the global stage.

IIT-ISM Director Prof. Sukumar Mishra Honored as IEEE Fellow

RNS I Dhanbad: Professor Sukumar Mishra, Director of the Indian Institute of Technology (Indian School of Mines) Dhanbad, has been named a Fellow of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE), effective January 1, 2025. This prestigious recognition is in honor of his outstanding contributions to the fields of microgrid control and smart charging technologies. The IEEE Fellow rank is one of the highest distinctions in the field of electrical and electronic engineering, awarded to individuals who have made significant advancements in the profession. Less than 0.1% of IEEE voting members are selected each year, highlighting the exceptional nature of Professor Mishra's achievements. In recognition of this honor, Professor Mishra will receive the IEEE Fellow certificate and a 10K Gold Fellow pin, symbols of his elevation to the highest level of IEEE membership. In addition to this recognition, Professor Mishra was recently honored with the Hingorani



Award 2024 by the Bangalore Chapter of the IEEE Power and Energy Society. The award acknowledges his significant contributions to solar photovoltaic systems, especially his work in developing reliable microgrids for residential areas. Professor Mishra's research focuses on advanced control techniques for grid-forming inverters, which are essential for addressing the complex challenges of modern power grids. His work helps to ensure the smooth integration of renewable energy sources, such as solar panels, wind turbines, fuel cells, and hydroelectric systems, into existing power infrastructure. His findings, published at the 2021 IEEE

Energy Conversion Congress and Exposition (ECCE), have been instrumental in improving the efficiency and reliability of power grids. Given the increasing global demand for sustainable energy solutions, Professor Mishra's research plays a critical role in advancing distributed energy systems that can integrate renewable energy sources into national grids, ensuring a greener and more resilient energy future. IIT-ISM Dhanbad congratulates Professor Sukumar Mishra on this prestigious honor and looks forward to his continued groundbreaking contributions to electrical and electronic engineering.

Fadnavis elected BJP legislature leader, to become Maharashtra CM on Dec 5; Shinde to be Dy CM

Fadnavis was finalised as CM at BJP's core committee meeting before the legislature party met. Mahayuti leaders to meet Governor CP Radhakrishnan today to stake claim for government formation.



MUMBAI. Devendra Fadnavis was unanimously elected as the Maharashtra BJP legislature party leader at its meeting here on Wednesday, paving the way for his appointment as the chief minister. The swearing-in ceremony will be held in Mumbai on Thursday in the presence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and other BJP leaders. Fadnavis' name was finalised for the top post at the BJP's core committee meet held here ahead of the legislature party meeting, sources said. Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader Sudhir Mungantiwar said leaders of the Mahayuti coalition will meet Governor CP Radhakrishnan at 3.30 pm on Wednesday to

stake a claim to form government. Union minister Nirmala Sitharaman, former Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani were present at the BJP legislature party meeting held at the Vidhan Bhawan in Mumbai. The BJP had appointed Sitharaman and Rupani as central observers for the meet. On Tuesday, Fadnavis met caretaker Chief Minister and Shiv Sena leader Eknath Shinde at his official residence, 'Varsha', the first in-person meeting since their discussions in Delhi last week for government formation. Notably, TNIE had earlier reported that Shinde had agreed to take charge as deputy chief minister within the BJP-led new Mahayuti government. While the

hour-long meeting between Shinde and Fadnavis yesterday details remain unclear, some political observers view it as an outreach effort by the BJP to placate an ally which is weighing its options, while others believe it served as a preliminary discussion regarding the swearing-in ceremony set for December 5. The BJP achieved remarkable success in the November 20 Maharashtra elections, securing 132 out of the 288 assembly seats in the state, marking its best performance in the state so far. Together with its allies -- the Shiv Sena led by Eknath Shinde and Ajit Pawar's NCP, the BJP-led Mahayuti coalition has a commanding majority of 230 seats.

Will Omar government restore public holiday on NC founder Sheikh Abdullah's birth anniversary?

SRINAGAR. Whether the Omar Abdullah-led National Conference government will restore the public holiday in Jammu and Kashmir on December 5 remains uncertain. The day marks the birth anniversary of National Conference founder and former J&K Prime Minister and Chief Minister, Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah, also known as Sher-e-Kashmir. After abrogation of Article 370 and the bifurcation of erstwhile J&K state into two Union Territories by the centre on August 5, 2019, the public holiday on Sheikh's birthday was cancelled from 2020 by the Lt Governor administration. Sheikh Abdullah was born on December 5, 1905, in Soura area of Srinagar.

of Jammu and Kashmir. "Sheikh was a bulwark against the tides of despair, championing the cause of dignity, democratic rights, and social justice for the people. His sacrifices and tireless efforts brought an end to despotic rule and paved the way for a prosperous future," Sagar said. Not only Sagar, but many other leaders in NC are in favour of restoring the



Till 2019, Sheikh's birth anniversary was a gazetted holiday in Jammu and Kashmir, National Conference whether in power or opposition used to hold functions at Sheikh's grave at Hazratbal to mark the day. The grand old party used to hold power shows on the day and the Abdullaha (Farooq Abdullah and Omar Abdullah) used to spell out the party's agenda. Now with NC back in power, the J&K's grand old party is making calls to restore the holiday. National Conference general secretary and MLA Ali Mohammad Sagar today called on CM Omar Abdullah to reinstate December 5 as a public holiday. Urging the government to act promptly, he said respecting Sheikh's legacy and courage is not just a matter of historical justice but a recognition of the unshakable bond he shares with the people

holiday. With the pressure from party building in favour of holiday, it remains to be seen whether Omar's government would restore the holiday which is only a day away. The NC enjoys a comfortable majority and it won't be a difficult task for the Omar government to restore the holiday on Sheikh's birth anniversary, political observer said. After taking over reins of the UT on October 16, the Omar government has already taken one major policy decision by restoring the November-December exam session in Valley instead of March-April.

IPS Officer, Who Led CIB Probe Against Chandrababu Naidu, Suspended

There were allegations that the IPS officer was involved in irregularities while serving as Director General of State Disaster Response and Fire Services.

Amaravati. The Andhra Pradesh government, on Tuesday, suspended senior Indian Police Service (IPS) officer and Additional Director General of Police N Sanjay for violation of conduct rules. The General Administration Department issued an order, placing the former Chief of Crime Investigation Department (CID) under suspension under Rule 3 (1) of All India Services (Discipline & Appeal) Rules, 1969. There were allegations that the 1993-batch IPS officer was involved in certain irregularities while serving as Director General of State Disaster Response and Fire Services. The IPS officer has been directed not to



leave the headquarters. During the previous regime of the YSR Congress Party, Sanjay as the CID Chief supervised the probe into the cases related to the Andhra Pradesh Skill Development Corporation scam and alignment of Amaravati Inner Ring Road against the then Leader of the Opposition and Telugu Desam Party

(TDP) President, N. Chandrababu Naidu. These cases resulted in the arrest of Naidu who spent nearly two months in jail. After Chandrababu Naidu assumed office as the Chief Minister in June following the electoral victory of the TDP-led NDA, Sanjay was transferred and asked to report to the office of the DGP. The new government also ordered the Vigilance and Enforcement (V&E) Department to investigate the allegations against the IPS officer. The V&E Department reportedly found that Sanjay misused his official position to facilitate payment of ₹ 1 crore to Sautrika Technologies and Infra Private Ltd. without any progress in the assigned work.

Stopped By Cops On Way To Sambhal, Rahul Gandhi Says Duty To Meet Victims

New Delhi. Congress MPs Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi Vadra were stopped at Ghazipur border when they were on their way to Sambhal in Uttar Pradesh, where violence erupted two weeks back over the survey of a mosque. The Gandhi siblings and several Congress workers were stopped by police officers, citing the sensitive law and order situation in the western UP town. The Leader of the Opposition in Lok Sabha has now requested the police to allow a delegation of 4-5 persons to proceed to Sambhal and meet those affected by the November 24 violence. The police officers have said they would consult their seniors and get back. Later, the officers refused permission to the Congress leaders to proceed to Sambhal. A proposal for Mr Gandhi to go alone was also turned down. "As Leader of the Opposition, it is my job and responsibility to go and

meet the victims. I am being stopped from discharging my job and duty," he said. The Congress leaders have now decided to return to Delhi. The massive traffic jam at Delhi-UP border, caused after cops stopped the Congress delegation, is expected to clear once the Opposition leaders turn back. Prohibitory orders

are in place in the western Uttar Pradesh town after four people were killed and several others injured in violent clashes with police during a court-ordered survey of the Shahi Jama Masjid. The Mughal-era mosque is at the centre of a legal battle after some petitions claimed it was built on the site of a Hindu temple. Local Samajwadi Party MP Zia Ur Rehman, Samajwadi Party MLA Mahmood's son Sohail Iqbal and over 700 unidentified people have been charged in the FIR filed in connection with the violence. Police and administration have said they would not allow outsiders to visit the area, citing the law and order situation. The prohibitory orders have been extended to December 31. Earlier, a delegation of Samajwadi Party MPs was stopped from entering the district. District Magistrate Rajendra Pansia earlier wrote to the police commissioners of Gautam Buddha Nagar and Ghaziabad and the police superintendents of Amroha and Bulandshahr and urged them to stop Mr Gandhi. Besides the Gandhi siblings, five Congress MPs from Uttar Pradesh are part of the delegation.



PM Modi Lauds Rise In Tiger Population, Addition Of 57th Reserve

New Delhi. Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday hailed the rise in the country's Tiger population over the years and hoped the big cats will continue to thrive as a result of the government's conservation efforts. "Wonderful news for environment lovers, in line with our centuries old ethos of caring for nature. Thanks to collective efforts, India's Tiger population has been increasing over time and I am sure this spirit will continue in the times to come," said PM Modi in a message on social media platform X. His comment came in response to Environment and Forest Minister Bhupendra Yadav's post announcing the creation of the country's 57th tiger reserve, acknowledging PM Modi's emphasis on wildlife protection.



Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change Yadav headlined his post "Caring for conservation!" and said, "We continue to make

great strides in conserving our tigers. India has added the 57th tiger reserve to its tally." Commending the National Tiger Conservation Authority's conservation efforts, Yadav said, "The latest to join the list is Ratapani Tiger Reserve in Madhya Pradesh. As a country of nature lovers and worshippers, India offers the best habitat for the

big cat. The feat is a result of the emphasis laid by PM Shri @narendramodiji on wildlife protection alongside economic progress." The Environment Minister attached a tiger's photo along with a map highlighting the area of Ratapani Tiger Reserve and said, "I commend @ntca_india for its relentless efforts in tiger conservation. I also congratulate the people of Madhya Pradesh and wildlife lovers across the country." According to the Ministry, the tiger population in the country has increased to 3,682 (range 3167-3925), as per the All India Tiger Estimation done in 2022. In comparison, the 2018 estimation put the tiger population at 2,967 (range 2603-3346) and the 2014 estimation showed a population of 2,226 (range 1945-2491). A government statement said the tiger population is increasing at a rate of 6 per cent per annum when consistently sampled areas are compared.

"Khalistani Links...": Ex-Akali Dal MP, Others Slam Attack On Sukhbir Badal

The attack on Mr Badal took place as he was serving penance ordered by the Akal Takht, the Sikh religious body, for "mistakes" by his party when in power from 2007 to 2017.

New Delhi. The attack on Sukhbir Singh Badal - a man shot at the ex-Punjab Deputy Chief Minister this morning at Amritsar's Golden Temple - has been slammed across political lines, with Mr Badal's Shiromani Akali Dal, the Congress and the Bharatiya Janata Party uniting to condemn the attempted assassination. SAD leader Naresh Gujral led the charge, suggesting "the attack by extremists on Punjab's moderate forces... has Khalistani connections" and also claiming a conspiracy by foreign actors, including Canada, Pakistan, and the United States in a statement underlining the emotions at play all around. "Today's attack is an attack by extremists on moderate forces in Punjab... among Sikhs and Punjabis. As per preliminary reports, the attacker had Khalistani connections. So-called Khalistanis



want to destabilise Punjab somehow. There could also be a conspiracy by Pakistan," he said. "It is clear that foreign forces... sitting in Canada and America have a hand in this. We want an inquiry by the National Investigation Agency, and people and forces involved should be revealed and interrogated," Mr Gujral told news agency ANI,

"Only then can there be peace in Punjab." **Congress, BJP Slam AAP** Congress leaders Amarinder Singh Raja Warring, the party's Punjab unit chief, and Samajwadi Party MP Ram Gopal Yadav have also reacted. Mr Warring said the attack was "very wrong" but seemed more critical of the ruling Aam Aadmi

Party, holding it "100 per cent" responsible. "I think this is very wrong. This should not have happened. I consider the firing at Sukhbir Singh Badal (because of) 100 per cent negligence of the government. This shows the condition of law-and-order in Punjab. Whoever fired the bullets should be given strictest punishment," he said. Mr Warring also demanded action against senior police officials, particularly the Assistant Commissioner. "Immediate action should be taken against him... how did this happen?" he asked, accusing the AAP of "waiting for someone to be killed and then say it was a 'lapse'." The Congress, which is the main opposition, also reacted through the Leader of the Opposition, Partap Singh Bajwa, who called the attack "deeply unfortunate and unequivocally condemnable." "Such acts of

violence have no place in our society. Such incidents undermine the very fabric of our democratic values and societal harmony. The incident is a stark reminder of the need for responsible discourse and vigilance in Punjab," he said. From the BJP's camp, National Secretary Manjinder Singh Sirsa condemned the attack and, like the Congress, took the chance to also fling mud at the AAP for failing to maintain law-and-order. An attack on Sukhbir Singh Badal in the sacred premises of Sri Harmandir Sahib is not just a security lapse but a grave breach of the sanctity of our religious institutions. AAP government has failed to ensure safety of citizens and uphold dignity of holy places," he said in a video statement on X. The SP's Mr Yadav said, "It is extremely sad an attempt was made to kill him."

Courts letting ancient sores erupt afresh

WHEN in a hole, stop digging further — thus goes the familiar proverb. After the Ayodhya temple judgments, Indian courts are now sought to be engaged in a frenetic digging up of ancient religious grievances of a similar nature.

The underlying primary assumption is that many mosques were built upon temples that had been demolished by invaders. The second assumption is that notwithstanding the passage of centuries of time, there is today a legal right to restore the old temple by demolishing the existing mosque if necessary. The third assumption is that any court anywhere in India can grant executable decrees of change of character of a place of worship of one faith, to a worshipper of another faith. None of these assumptions was upheld by the five-judge Constitution Bench that passed the Ayodhya verdict. The judgment refutes the claim that a temple was brought down to build a mosque in medieval India. It awards decrees to both religions as having established their rights of worship at the spot. However, using the Supreme Court's special powers under Article 142 of the Constitution, it imposed a majoritarian peace by pushing away the mosque to an alternative site and letting a temple be built on the original site.

Thus, all three assumptions listed above stood legally negated by the judgment that ran into over a thousand pages. Implicit in the judgment was the acceptance that the resolution of the Ayodhya dispute was to be treated as a one-off event and not as a precedent for further claims. However, the message that percolated down to the public was that the Supreme Court had upheld the building of a temple where a mosque once stood. Public perception, therefore, was that all mosques were, henceforth, fair game for conversion. What the courts did soon thereafter only added to the public perception. The Ayodhya judgment had barely been delivered that cases were filed for the conversion of mosques in Mathura and Varanasi. The mosque committees responded that the suits had to be dismissed because the Places of Worship (Special Provisions) Act of 1991 prohibited the change of character of any place of worship that existed as on August 15, 1947. The Act of 1991 had been upheld unanimously in the Ayodhya judgment.

Thus, in the fresh Gyanvapi dispute, when an order of the courts in Varanasi was carried to the SC, the court had an opportunity to nip the trouble in the bud. That was not to be. It was an ill-considered remark by presiding judge DY Chandrachud — that the courts could still inquire into what the exact character of the place was on the first day of Independence — that gave a fresh life to the suit and let loose the dragon seeds of fresh hatred.

Running parallel to the Varanasi dispute was the dispute regarding the Eidgah in Mathura. Both suits were allowed by the SC to proceed and work their way through the court system. Some interim orders were also passed, depriving the Muslim side of the use of some portion of the facilities and allowing surveys to be done by the Archaeological Survey of India and various court commissioners. The upshot is that courts are now instruments of an Ayodhyaesque kar seva.

It may well be that the judges of the Supreme Court felt it to be safer for public passions to be expended in the long process of the Indian litigation. They possibly thought that the legal process would help a nation resolve uncomfortable questions from the past. What they did not perceive was that disputes about religious sites are not about religions but about nationalism itself. Are we a nation of unity in diversity or are we a unitarian civilisation? Journalist and author Nilanjana Mukhopadhyay, in his book on Ayodhya, The Demolition and the Verdict, writes: "... 'inclusive' or 'multiple sub-nationalisms' (region and religion) were amalgamated into pan-Indian nationalism by the Congress, especially with the advent of Gandhi.

Shaky Dhaka needs a helping hand

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Developments in the country can be seen in two ways. First, after the iron hand of Hasina's Awami League government has been lifted, the country is reverting to a situation of semi-anarchy, with the Islamists and Pakistan's ISI (Inter-Services Intelligence) holding sway and the Hindu minority being persecuted. The second approach would be to consider that Bangladesh is going through a temporary phase in which the country, which did not have real democracy for the past decade, is trying to find its feet under the aegis of an interim government.

Bangladesh is perhaps the most consequential neighbour of India in South Asia, being 'India-locked' — of its 4,367-km land boundary, just 271 km is with Myanmar and the remaining 4,096 with India. It borders Tripura, Mizoram, Assam, Meghalaya and West Bengal and holds the key to the economic development as well as security of our northeastern region.

Given the nature of the Bangladesh border, it is difficult to completely seal it; as a result, the policies of various governments of the country have had a vital bearing on our security. India's relations with Bangladesh have seen ups and downs. Beginning with India's role in helping Bangladesh emerge as an independent nation, it has been a rollercoaster ride for bilateral ties as dictators Ziaur Rahman and HM Ershad encouraged the Islamisation of the country in a bid to maintain their control. As in Pakistan, the Jamaat-e-Islami (JeI) has played a significant role and grown in the process, despite the fact that it fought against the freedom movement of the country. But what happens in Bangladesh is not just about India but the wider region, including China, Myanmar and South-East Asia. The creeping radicalisation of its large Muslim population could have wider global consequences. Besides the JeI, there are other

radical groups, like the Harkat-ul-Jihad-al-Islami and the Jamaat-ul-Mujahideen Bangladesh, as well as elements of the al-Qaeda and the Islamic State. A network of madarsa leaders, Hefazat-e-Islam, too, wants Sharia rule in the country and is opposed to the establishment of a secular polity there. The JeI's alliance with the Bangladesh National Party (BNP), headed by Begum Khaleda Zia, has been a major



problem. As a result, her tenures as Prime Minister in 1991-96 and 2001-06 have been marked by problems arising out of the virtually free rein given to the ISI and the sanctuary provided to an assortment of insurgent groups active against India in the North-East.

The India-Bangladesh relationship stabilised with the establishment of Hasina's government in 2009. Most importantly, it helped check the use of Bangladeshi territory by anti-India elements, be it the ISI or various north-eastern insurgent groups. This led to the reopening of land routes connecting the two nations and signing of the Motor Vehicles Agreement by BBIN (Bangladesh, Bhutan, India and Nepal) to promote regional movement of traffic. China has developed significant interest in Bangladesh both as part of its larger policy of containing India as well as exploiting the country's

location at the head of the Bay of Bengal, next to the Rakhine state of Myanmar, where it has important investments and from where a pipeline carries oil from the port of Kyaukpyu to Yunnan in China, bypassing the Malacca Strait. Beijing has invested large amounts of money in constructing bridges, roads and power plants in Bangladesh and has also emerged as the biggest military supplier to the country. For many of the reasons cited above, New Delhi needs to handle things with care in Bangladesh. It is true that the situation is extremely volatile and can go out of control, resulting in negative consequences for India. The situation is compounded by the fact that the ISI is likely to be working overtime to impose an anti-India narrative on the popular movement there.

India needs to draw lessons from its successful handling of strained ties with neighbours recently. By providing financial succour to Sri Lanka during its economic crisis, it has bought considerable goodwill, which is paying dividends with the government of Anura Kumara Dissanayake. Likewise, by calmly dealing with President Muizzu of Maldives, New Delhi has managed to blunt his "India out" strategy.

Similar dividends are visible in Nepal — the nominally anti-India Prime Minister KP Sharma Oli, who is on an official visit to China, had made it clear beforehand that his country would not sign any new loan agreement with Beijing under the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI). Indeed, the Nepalese want to sign a new agreement with China that will narrow the scope of BRI in their country.

With Bangladesh, too, India needs to adopt a policy of strategic patience. Bangladesh is a country in transition. New Delhi needs to support the process of restoring democracy there. There has been a tendency to exaggerate the attacks on Hindus. After an initial upsurge, such attacks have come down. We also must understand that our one-sided support to Hasina has resulted in suspicion about our motives and there is need to provide a corrective to our Bangladesh policy.

Population push

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Bhagwat is worried most probably because of the findings of a working paper released by the Economic Advisory Council to the PM a few weeks after Modi's controversial speech. It says that the share of Hindus in India's



population decreased by 7.82 per cent between 1950 and 2015, while that of Muslims increased by 43 per cent. The worst-case scenario for the RSS chief is the majority

community being reduced to a minority. Ironically, Health Minister JP Nadda, while addressing a meeting on World Population Day (July 11), stated that "smaller families" could help India achieve the goal of Viksit Bharat. It's true that India's fertility rate has fallen significantly, in part due to a laudable rise in the contraceptive prevalence rate. A low TFR has prompted Andhra Pradesh to do away with its two-child policy, while Telangana is keen to follow suit. However, various states would be well advised to take stock of the resources available while reversing time-tested family planning measures. Can they handle the additional demographic burden in terms of healthcare, education, job generation and poverty alleviation? It's tempting for political and religious leaders to play the numbers game and stoke communal fires, but they should not overlook the implications of such actions for India's long-term social and economic stability.

What holds back Punjab's draft agricultural policy

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The data — that would have taken a few hours to put together in the private sector — took two years of dogged perseverance and persuasive cajoling to get. It took six months just to get an officer from the department to assist the commission in its work. Having never worked in the government, the chase taught me a vital lesson: the real problem is not the government, it is the bureaucracy. That was lesson number one. The long story short, the commission found many instances of pesticide, fertiliser and seed sample failures where no cases had been filed for the past 10 years or had been time-barred. Consequently, around 150 officers were charge-sheeted. I was informed that the officers had threatened to go on strike. However, the commission's aim was not to penalise anyone, which it ensured, but thereafter, compliance became 100 per cent. The same happened a little later when we proposed that the government create a price stabilisation fund for milk, food and vegetables by imposing a 20 per cent fee on the charges received by the arhtiyas for the procurement of grains for the FCI. The arhtiyas arrived, flexing their muscles. I told them that if they were to agitate at my doorstep, it would do good for the commission's image. However, they easily convinced the government to

ignore my advice. Initially, different departments were to brief me on their working and issues so as to understand how the system worked. Instead, the commission decided to visit all departments and meet the officers and junior staff in their respective offices. It proved to be an eye-opener. It led to the next awakening: "inept governance" holds back progress. Consequently, in the draft agricultural policy, the first chapter is on 'governance'. It was the first-ever policy of any kind to identify governance as a problem and a solution. It was not palatable for many but, with time, my stand was vindicated. The commission only has an advisory role. Yet, I have regrets — not for the work I did, but about the decisions I did not make or was dissuaded from taking. It is hard to quantify all the work in brief here, but some laws that got enacted during my tenure were path-breaking. I was doubtful that the then state Chief Minister, Capt Amarinder Singh, would agree to banning truck unions, but his administrative acumen being outstanding, truck unions were banned. Though they kept operating in some places like Bathinda. That was the third learning: never be afraid to punch above your weight. On regulating the electricity subsidy to the economically better farmers, the CM was persuaded by his office not to tread the politically contentious path, even though the farmers' unions had concurred with this suggestion.

I must acknowledge that farmers' union leaders were supportive of the commission's efforts in policy formation. Making the draft of Punjab state farmers' policy taught us the fourth valuable lesson: a transparent consultation process is a fundamental

requirement for achieving positive policy outcomes. Additionally, we ensured that Punjab banned the sale of herbicide glyphosate, the only state to do so.

There were other remarkable wins. In 2002, the government had allocated over 300 acres of land in Ladhawal near Ludhiana to a business group for a



measly Rs 2,000 per acre for supporting agriculture. On finding out that the land was not being used for the purpose, the commission submitted a report on the issue, based on which the group returned the land without litigation to the state. That was the fifth takeaway: success is only possible if one works as a team as the commission did; not as individuals.

My own experiences derived from my farm at Abohar helped me in my work at the commission. Agriculture college students train at our farm as a part of their degree course. Their practical knowledge is left wanting in many aspects. After joining the

commission, I was shocked to learn that unlike medical colleges that are regulated by the Union Government, agriculture colleges were not regulated. Agriculture is a state subject and the state did not have any such law. On the commission's suggestion, the state government enacted the Punjab State Council for Higher Education Act 2017. Out of the 112 colleges in the state, the Punjab State Council for Higher Education (PSCAE) asked students to avoid taking admission in colleges offering BSc (agricultural) which were not fulfilling conditions under the Act. It also released a list of the institutes that complied with the minimum standards prescribed. The list had only 15 names. The farm experience had also taught me about the difficulty of viably operating a greenhouse. We decided to list each greenhouse subsidised by government agencies. To its shock, the commission documented that over 90 per cent greenhouses had stopped operating within three to four years. There were many other such instances. The commission had a similar experience on the suo motu inquiry report on canal water pollution in the Beas river from the Chadha distillery spill. The sixth learning was that the system tends to turn a blind eye to failures and evidence-based research should influence the policy and action. We, thus, recommended that actual beneficiaries be allowed to assess the programme outcomes. When the commission reached out to district headquarters to follow up on the rehabilitation of families affected by farmers' suicide, it found that, like other laws, it was not even on their agenda.

बेजल सरकार पिछू हटेछे, बाड़खणु थेके बेजले यानवाहनर प्रवेश शुरु

प्राय २८ घंटा पर, बेजल सरकार पिछू हटेछे एबं बाड़खणु थेके बेजले यागना समस्त पण्यवाही यानवाहनर प्रवेश शुरु हयैछे। गत सक्ता १८टां पर बेजल सरकारेर आदेशे बाड़खणु-बेजल मथन सीमाञ्चे पण्यवाही यानवाहनर प्रवेश निषिद्ध करा हयैछिल।

एर फले रात थेके दूपुर पर्यन्त प्राय २० किमी दीर्घ यानजट सृष्टि हय। चालकदेर समस्यार कथा विवेचना करे, MASS बेजल सरकारके चाप देय बाड़खणु सीमाञ्चे थेके बेजले प्रवेश करा समस्त यानवाहन बन्द करार जन्य। एर फले, बेजल सरकार पिछू हटेते बाध्य हय एबं अबशेषे भारी यानवाहनर प्रवेश आवार स्वाभाविक हय।

बेजल सरकारेर एहि अनुमतिर पर, ट्राक चालकरा शक्तिर निश्चय फेलन। प्राखन निरसा विधायक करे, MASS बेजल सरकारके चाप देय बाड़खणु सीमाञ्चे थेके बेजले प्रवेश करा समस्त यानवाहन बन्द करार जन्य। एर फले, बेजल सरकार पिछू हटेते बाध्य हय एबं अबशेषे भारी यानवाहनर प्रवेश आवार स्वाभाविक हय।

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कंपनी ने आज यहां जारी बयान में कहा कि इसके साथ कंपनी कार की खरीद से जुड़े हर पहलु को अधिक स्मार्ट, आसान और सुलभ बनाना चाहती है। 'बैटर ड्राइव्स, बैटर लाईव्स' के दृष्टिकोण के साथ कंपनी ने यह विस्तार किया है, क्योंकि कंपनी का मानना है कि कार, सिर्फ आवागमन का साधन नहीं, बल्कि सपनों, प्रगति और बेहतर जीवनशैली का प्रतीक भी है। इसी के मद्देनजर

आर एण्ड डी, डेटा साइंस, जैन एआई, मशीन लर्निंग, रिपेट नेटिव, एण्ड डेवलपमेंट, डेटा साइंस, इंजीनियरिंग एवं प्रोडक्ट इनोवेशन में



देवऑप्स, इंजीनियरिंग एवं प्रोडक्ट इनोवेशन जैसे नए रोस्स में टेक विशेषज्ञों को नियुक्त किया जाएगा। इन प्रयासों के साथ कंपनी टेक्नोलॉजी के जरिए कार की खरीद से जुड़े हर पहलु को पूरी तरह से बदल देगी। उस विस्तार से रीसर्च

नए रोस्स उत्पन्न होंगे इनमें शामिल हैं- फाउंडर्स ऑफिस के लिए 100एक्स डेवलपमेंट (बैकेंड, फ्रंटएंड और मोबाइल), देवऑप्स इंजीनियर्स, एमएल इंजीनियर्स, एसडीईटी मोबाइल एवं आईओएस डेवलपर्स। ये सभी टीमों आधुनिक

फ्रीचर्स के विकास पर काम करेंगे जैसे रियल टाईम में कार का इवेल्यूएशन, मेटेनेंस पर निगरानी, इश्योरेंस रीन्यूअल, ड्राइवर्स की भर्ती और कार सर्विसिंग- इस तरह सुपर ऐप के जरिए सब कुछ बेहद आसान और सुलभ हो जाएगा। टीम कार की खरीद के अनुभव को आसान बनाने के लिए यूनिफाईड सिस्टम के विकास पर भी ध्यान केंद्रित करेगी।

इसी दृष्टिकोण को साकार करने के लिए कंपनी टेक्नोलॉजी एवं प्रोडक्ट सिस्टम को आधुनिक बनाने के लिए 500 करोड़ रुपये का निवेश भी करेगी। इसका उद्देश्य आधुनिक परिवहन समाधानों, इनोवेशन के जरिए आज के दौर के उपभोक्ताओं की जरूरतों को पूरा करना और उन्हें कार की खरीद का बेहतर अनुभव प्रदान करना है।

पेट्रोल और डीजल की कीमतें यथावत



एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। अंतर्राष्ट्रीय स्तर पर कच्चे तेल की कीमतों में तेजी जारी रहने के बावजूद घरेलू स्तर पर पेट्रोल और डीजल के दाम आज यथावत रहे, जिससे दिल्ली में पेट्रोल 94.72 रुपये प्रति लीटर तथा डीजल 87.62 रुपये प्रति लीटर पर पड़े रहे।

तेल विपणन करने वाली प्रमुख कंपनी हिन्दुस्तान पेट्रोलियम कांपोरेसन की वेबसाइट पर जारी दरों के अनुसार, देश में आज पेट्रोल और डीजल की कीमतों में कोई बदलाव नहीं हुआ है। दिल्ली में इनकी कीमतों के यथावत रहने के साथ ही मुंबई में पेट्रोल 104.21 रुपये प्रति लीटर पर और डीजल 92.15 रुपये प्रति लीटर पर रहा। वैश्विक स्तर पर आज अमेरिकी क्रूड 1.20 प्रतिशत उबलकर 68.92 डॉलर प्रति बैरल पर पहुंच गया। इसी तरह लंदन ब्रेंट क्रूड 1.13 प्रतिशत की तेजी के साथ 72.64 डॉलर प्रति बैरल पर रहा।

21,772 करोड़ रुपये के रक्षा प्रस्तावों को मंजूरी, अटैक क्राफ्ट और हेलीकॉप्टर्स की होगी खरीद

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। रक्षा मंत्री राजनाथ सिंह की अध्यक्षता में डिफेंस एंकिजिशन कार्डिसिल (डीएसी) ने 21,772 करोड़ रुपये से अधिक के प्रस्तावों को मंजूरी दी है। मंजूरी की गई धनराशि से आधुनिक वॉटर जेट फास्ट अटैक क्राफ्ट व हेलीकॉप्टर समेत सशस्त्र बलों के लिए आवश्यक उपकरणों की खरीद की जाएगी। इसके साथ ही टी-72 और टी-90 टैंकों, बीएमपी और सुखोई लड़ाकू विमानों के इंजनों के ओवरहाल के लिए भी मंजूरी दी गई है। इससे इनकी सेवा अवधि में वृद्धि होगी। दी गई इस स्वीकृति के अंतर्गत कुल पांच रक्षा सौदों के लिए आवश्यकता की स्वीकृति (एओएन) प्रदान की गई है। रक्षा मंत्री राजनाथ सिंह की अध्यक्षता में हुई डिफेंस एंकिजिशन कार्डिसिल नेवी के लिए 31 नई वॉटर जेट फास्ट अटैक क्राफ्ट की खरीद को मंजूरी मिली है। 120 फास्ट इंटरसेप्टर क्राफ्ट (एफआईसी-1) की खरीद के लिए भी स्वीकृति प्रदान की गई है। रक्षा मंत्रालय के मुताबिक इलेक्ट्रॉनिक वारफेयर सूट

(इंडेक्स्यूस) की खरीद के लिए एओएन प्रदान की गई है। 6 उन्नत हल्के हेलीकॉप्टर (एएलएच) एम (एमआर) की खरीद के लिए भी मंजूरी प्रदान की गई है। डीएसी ने भारतीय नौसेना के लिए 31 नए



वॉटर जेट फास्ट अटैक क्राफ्ट (एनडिब्ल्यूजेएफसी) की खरीद की आवश्यकता की स्वीकृति (एओएन) प्रदान की है। इन वॉटर जेट फास्ट अटैक क्राफ्ट को तट के करीब कम तीव्रता वाले समुद्री संचालन, निगरानी, पर्यटन और खोज व बचाव (एसएआर) कार्यों करने के लिए डिजाइन किया गया है। रक्षा

मंत्रालय का कहना है कि इसके अलावा ये जहाज विशेष रूप से हमारे द्वीप क्षेत्रों में और उसके आसपास समुद्री डकैती रोधी अभियानों में प्रभावी भूमिका निभाएंगे। डीएसी ने जिन 120 फास्ट इंटरसेप्टर क्राफ्ट (एफआईसी-1) की खरीद के लिए एओएन प्रदान किया है जहाज तटीय रक्षा के लिए विमान वाहक, विध्वंसक और फ्रिगेट्स युद्धपोतों व पनडुब्बियों को एस्कॉर्ट करेगे। इसके साथ ही ये कई अन्य भूमिकाएं निभाने में सक्षम हैं। वहीं, इलेक्ट्रॉनिक वारफेयर सूट (इंडेक्स्यूस) में बाहरी एयरबॉन सेल्फ प्रोटेक्शन जैमर पॉइंट्स, अगली पीढ़ी के रडार चेतावनी रिसीवर और सुखोई-30 एमकेआई विमान के लिए संबंधित उपकरण शामिल हैं। यह प्रणाली सुखोई एसयू-30 एमकेआई की परिवर्तन क्षमताओं को बढ़ाएगी। वायु रक्षा प्रणालियों द्वारा संरक्षित, दुश्मन के लक्ष्यों के खिलाफ एक मिशन को अंजाम देते समय यह विमान को दुश्मन के रडार और संबंधित हथियार प्रणाली से बचाएगी।

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एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। भारतीय बैंकिंग क्षेत्र को मजबूत बनाने, निवेशकों, ग्राहकों और उपभोक्ता की सुविधा तथा सुरक्षा को बढ़ाने संबंधी बैंकिंग कानून (संशोधन) विधेयक, 2024 को लोकसभा ने मंगवार को पारित कर दिया। वहीं इस विधेयक के खिलाफ विपक्ष के संशोधन प्रस्ताव को खारिज कर दिया। इसके साथ ही लोकसभा की कार्यवाही को कल तक के लिए स्थगित कर दिया गया।

केंद्रीय वित्त मंत्री निर्मला सीतारमण ने लोकसभा में बैंकिंग कानून (संशोधन) विधेयक, 2024 पर चर्चा का जवाब देते हुए सदन को बताया कि आज बैंकों को पेशेवर तरीके से चलाया जा रहा है। मॉडर्न स्वस्थ हैं, इसलिए वे बाजार में जा सकते हैं और बॉन्ड जुटा सकते हैं, ऋण जुटा सकते हैं तथा उसी के अनुसार अपना व्यवसाय चला सकते हैं। उन्होंने बताया कि कल ही सभी सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र के बैंक लाभ में आ रहे हैं। वित्त मंत्री ने विधेयक पर चर्चा का जवाब देते हुए कहा कि अनुसूचित जाति/जनजाति बैंकों की कुल बैंक शाखाओं की संख्या एक वर्ष में 3792 बढ़कर सितंबर 2024 में 1,65,501 तक पहुंच गई है। इसमें से 85,116 शाखाएं सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र के बैंकों की हैं। सीतारमण ने सदन को बताया कि पीएम मुद्रा लोन योजना का 68 फीसदी लाभ महिलाओं को मिला है। उन्होंने कहा कि 2014 से हम बेहद सतर्क रहे हैं, ताकि बैंक स्थिर रहें। उन्होंने सदन को बताया कि हमारा उद्देश्य हमारे बैंकों को सुदृढ़, स्थिर और स्वस्थ रखना है, 10 साल बाद आप इसका परिणाम देख रहे हैं। वित्त मंत्री ने कहा कि भारत को अपने बैंकिंग क्षेत्र पर गर्व होना चाहिए। सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र के बैंक पेशेवर रूप से संचालित हो रहे हैं और सरकारी वित्तपोषण पर धन अकाउंट होल्डर में से किसी से भी मिनिमम बैलेंस नहीं रखने पर जुर्माना नहीं लिया गया है। इससे बेहतर केंद्रीय वित्त मंत्री ने लोकसभा में बैंकिंग कानून (संशोधन) विधेयक, 2024 को पेश किया। उन्होंने विधेयक पेश करते हुए कहा कि इसमें बैंक खाताधारक को अपने खाते में अधिकतम 4 नार्मालिज्ड लिमिटेड रखने की अनुमति देने का प्रस्ताव है।

3792 बढ़कर सितंबर 2024 में 1,65,501 तक पहुंच गई है। इसमें से 85,116 शाखाएं सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र के बैंकों की हैं। सीतारमण ने सदन को बताया कि पीएम मुद्रा लोन योजना का 68 फीसदी लाभ



महिलाओं को मिला है। उन्होंने कहा कि 2014 से हम बेहद सतर्क रहे हैं, ताकि बैंक स्थिर रहें। उन्होंने सदन को बताया कि हमारा उद्देश्य हमारे बैंकों को सुदृढ़, स्थिर और स्वस्थ रखना है, 10 साल बाद आप इसका परिणाम देख रहे हैं। वित्त मंत्री ने कहा कि भारत को अपने बैंकिंग क्षेत्र पर गर्व होना चाहिए। सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र के बैंक पेशेवर रूप से संचालित हो रहे हैं और सरकारी वित्तपोषण पर

गोमैकेनिक ने टॉप असिस्ट लॉन्च किया



एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। कार सेवा और मरम्मत प्लेटफॉर्म गोमैकेनिक ने 'टॉप असिस्ट' को शुरुआत की है, जो चौबीस घंटे सातों दिन राष्ट्रव्यापी सड़क किनारे सहायता सेवा है।

कंपनी ने आज यहां जारी बयान में कहा कि किफायती मूल्य निर्धारण, निर्बाध कवरेज और तेज प्रतिक्रिया समय के साथ, टॉप असिस्ट का लक्ष्य देश भर के ड्राइवर्स के लिए आपातकालीन सहायता में कमी को पूरा करना है। ड्राइवर्स को अक्सर

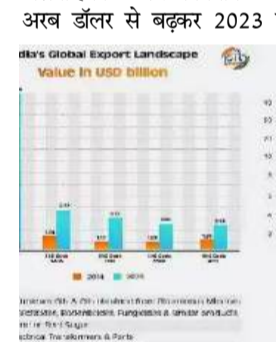
लंबे समय तक प्रतीक्षा करने का सामना करना पड़ता है, खासकर राजमार्गों और ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों में, जिससे वे फसे और चिंतित रहते हैं। गोमैकेनिक के सह-संस्थापक हिमांशु ने कहा, सड़कें बदल गई हैं, लेकिन ड्राइवर्स को जिस सहायता पर भरोसा है, वह नहीं बदली है। ब्रेकडाउन सिर्फ अचानक के बारे में नहीं है - वे ड्राइवर्स को फसे और अनिश्चित छोड़ देते हैं। टॉप असिस्ट सुनिश्चित करता है कि मदद अब कोई सर्वांगीय निशान नहीं है। यह हर समय आपके लिए उपलब्ध है।

भारत दुनिया के शीर्ष 10 उच्च मूल्य वाले उत्पादों के निर्यातकों में शामिल

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। वैश्विक आर्थिक महाशक्ति बनने की यात्रा में भारत ने कई प्रमुख उत्पाद श्रेणियों के निर्यात में तीव्र वृद्धि दर्ज की है। देश ने वर्ष 2023 में 1 अरब डॉलर से ज्यादा के निर्यात मूल्य के साथ शीर्ष दस वैश्विक आपूर्तिकर्ताओं में अपनी रैंक को बनाए रखने के साथ-साथ इसमें सुधार किया है।

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्रालय के जारी आंकड़ों के मुताबिक कीमती पत्थरों के वैश्विक बाजार पर अपना दबदबा बनाने से लेकर सेमीकंडक्टर और इलेक्ट्रिकल कंपोनेंट जैसे उन्नत क्षेत्रों में पैठ बनाने तक भारत का निर्यात प्रदर्शन देश की बढ़ती आर्थिक ताकत को दर्शाता है। मंत्रालय ने बताया कि इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स और सेमीकंडक्टर पर देश के रणनीतिक फोकस ने प्रभावशाली परिणाम दिए हैं। आंकड़ों से पता

चलता है कि 2014 में निर्यात 0.23 अरब डॉलर से बढ़कर 2023 में



जिससे घरेलू विनिर्माण और नवाचार को बढ़ाने के प्रयासों से

ही 1.52 अरब डॉलर के मूल्य के निर्यात में भारत की सदियों पुरानी विश्वकला और रत्न संरक्षण में आधुनिक तकनीक को अपनाने को उजागर किया है। आंकड़ों के अनुसार इलेक्ट्रिकल मोटर और जनरेटर के पुर्जों के निर्यात में भी उल्लेखनीय वृद्धि दर्ज गई है, जो 2023 में 1.15 अरब डॉलर तक पहुंच गई है, जिसकी वैश्विक हिस्सेदारी 4.86 फीसदी है, जिससे भारत 2014 में 21वें स्थान से छठे स्थान पर पहुंच गया है। ये वृद्धि अक्षय ऊर्जा और इलेक्ट्रिकल वाहन घटकों की बढ़ती वैश्विक मांग के अनुरूप है, जो भारत को इस परिवर्तनकारी उद्योग में एक प्रमुख आपूर्तिकर्ता के रूप में स्थापित करती है। मंत्रालय के मुताबिक पेट्रोलियम क्षेत्र (पेट्रोलियम तेल और बिटुमिनस खनिजों से प्राप्त तेल) में नाटकीय वृद्धि देखी गई है।

लगातार तीसरे दिन मजबूती के साथ बंद हुआ शेयर बाजार, सेंसेक्स और निफ्टी की बड़ी छलांग

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। घरेलू शेयर बाजार आज लगातार तीसरे कारोबारी दिन मजबूती के साथ बंद हुआ। आज के कारोबार की शुरुआत भी बढ़त के साथ हुई थी। हालांकि शुरुआती कारोबार में बिकवाली का दबाव बनने की वजह से शेयर बाजार की चाल में गिरावट भी आई लेकिन पहले 15 मिनट के कारोबार के बाद ही तेजियों ने बाजार में अपना जोर बना दिया। तेजियों की ओर से लगातार हो रही लिक्वालि की वजह से शेयर बाजार की चाल में तेजी आ गई। पूरे दिन के कारोबार के बाद सेंसेक्स 0.74 प्रतिशत और निफ्टी 0.75 प्रतिशत की मजबूती के साथ बंद हुआ। आज दिनभर के कारोबार के दौरान पीएसयू बैंक, मॉडिया, ऑयल एंड गैस और मेटल सेक्टर के शेयरों में सबसे अधिक खरीदारी होती रही। इसी तरह पब्लिक सेक्टर एंटरप्राइज, टेक,

हेल्थ केयर, कंज्यूमर ड्यूरेबल, ऑटोमोबाइल और आईटी इंडेक्स भी मजबूती के साथ बंद हुए। दूसरी ओर, एफएमसीजी और रियल्टी सेक्टर के



शेयरों में बिकवाली का दबाव बना रहा। ब्रॉड मार्केट में भी आज लगातार खरीदारी होती रही, जिसके कारण बीएसई का मिडकैप इंडेक्स 0.92 प्रतिशत की तेजी के साथ बंद हुआ। इसी तरह स्मॉलकैप इंडेक्स ने 1.03 प्रतिशत की मजबूती के साथ आज के

कारोबार का अंत किया। आज शेयर बाजार में आई मजबूती के कारण स्टॉक मार्केट के निवेशकों की संपत्ति में साढ़े तीन लाख करोड़ रुपये से 449.69 लाख करोड़ रुपये था। इस तरह निवेशकों को आज के कारोबार से करीब 3.72 लाख करोड़ रुपये का मुनाफा हो गया। आज दिनभर के कारोबार में बीएसई में 4,067 शेयरों में एक्टिव ट्रेडिंग हुई। इनमें 2,738 शेयर बढ़त के साथ बंद हुए, जबकि 1,227 शेयरों में गिरावट का रुख रहा, वहीं 102 शेयर बिना किसी उतार चढ़ाव के बंद हुए। एनएसई में आज 2,509 शेयरों में एक्टिव ट्रेडिंग हुई। इनमें से 1,850 शेयर मुनाफा कमा कर रहे निशान में और 659 शेयर नुकसान उठा कर लाल निशान में बंद हुए। इसी तरह सेंसेक्स में शामिल 30 शेयरों में से 25 शेयर बढ़त के साथ और 5 शेयर गिरावट के साथ बंद हुए। जबकि निफ्टी में शामिल 50 शेयरों में से 41 शेयर हरे निशान में और 9 शेयर लाल निशान में बंद हुए।

शेयर बाजार में लिस्टिंग के जरिए 2 कंपनियों की एंट्री, पहले दिन ही डबल हुए आईपीओ निवेशकों के पैसे

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। घरेलू शेयर बाजार में आज दो कंपनियों ने लिस्टिंग के जरिए जोरदार दस्तक दी। इन दोनों कंपनियों के शेयरों की लिस्टिंग से आईपीओ निवेशकों को जबरदस्त मुनाफा हुआ और उनके पैसे पहले दिन ही लगभग डबल हो गए। नेशनल स्टॉक एक्सचेंज के एएसएमई प्लेटफॉर्म पर आज बायो फ्यूल्स और इसके बाय-प्रोडक्ट्स तैयार करने वाली कंपनी राजपूताना बायोडीजलस

के तहत कंपनी के शेयर 226 रुपये के भाव पर जारी किए गए थे लेकिन आज इनकी लिस्टिंग एएसएमई प्लेटफॉर्म के लिए अधिकतम निर्धारित सीमा 90 प्रतिशत के प्रीमियम के साथ 429.40 रुपये के स्तर पर हुई। लिस्टिंग के बाद खरीदारी के सपोर्ट से ये शेयर थोड़ी ही देर में उछल कर 450.85 के अपर सर्किट लेवल पर पहुंच गया और इस स्तर पर ही बंद हुआ। इस तरह से पहले दिन ही इस कंपनी के आईपीओ निवेशकों के पैसे लगभग दोगुना हो

गए। सी2सी एडवांस्ड सिस्टम्स लिमिटेड का 99.07 करोड़ रुपये का आईपीओ 22 से 26 नवंबर के बीच सस्मक्राइव के लिए खुला था। ये आईपीओ ओवरऑल 125.35 गुना सस्मक्राइव हुआ था। इसमें क्रालिफाइड इंस्टीट्यूशनल बायर्स (क्यूआईबी) के लिए रिजर्व पोर्शन 31.61 गुना सस्मक्राइव हुआ था। इसी तरह नॉन इंस्टीट्यूशनल इन्वेस्टर्स (एनआईआई) के लिए रिजर्व पोर्शन

में 233.13 गुना सस्मक्राइव आया था जबकि रिटेल इन्वेस्टर्स के लिए रिजर्व पोर्शन 132.73 गुना सस्मक्राइव हुआ था। इस आईपीओ के तहत 10 रुपये फेस वैल्यू वाले 43,83,600 नए शेयर जारी किए गए हैं। कंपनी के शेयरों का एलॉटमेंट 29 नवंबर को ही होने वाला था लेकिन एक निवेशक की ओर से गड़बड़ी की शिकायत करने की वजह से शेयरों का एलॉटमेंट टल गया था। निवेशक की शिकायत का निपटारा होने के बाद 2

दिसंबर को शेयरों का एलॉटमेंट हुआ और आज शेयर की लिस्टिंग हुई। आज ही बायोफ्यूल्स और इसके बाय-प्रोडक्ट्स तैयार करने वाली कंपनी राजपूताना बायोडीजलस लिमिटेड के शेयरों की भी नेशनल स्टॉक एक्सचेंज के एएसएमई प्लेटफॉर्म पर धांपी एंट्री हुई। आईपीओ के तहत कंपनी ने 130 रुपये के भाव पर शेयर जारी किए हैं लेकिन इन शेयरों की लिस्टिंग आज एएसएमई श्रेणियों के लिए निर्धारित अधिकतम प्रीमियम सीमा 90 प्रतिशत

के साथ 247 रुपये के स्तर पर हुई। लिस्टिंग के बाद खरीदारी के सपोर्ट से ये शेयर थोड़ी ही देर में उछल कर 259.35 रुपये के अपर सर्किट लेवल पर पहुंच गया और इसी लेवल पर बंद हुआ। इस तरह इस कंपनी के आईपीओ निवेशकों के पैसे भी पहले दिन ही लगभग डबल हो गए। राजपूताना बायोडीजलस लिमिटेड का 24.70 करोड़ रुपये का आईपीओ 26 से 28 नवंबर के बीच सस्मक्राइव के लिए खुला था। ये आईपीओ ओवरऑल 718.81 गुना

सस्मक्राइव हुआ था। इसमें क्रालिफाइड इंस्टीट्यूशनल बायर्स (क्यूआईबी) के लिए रिजर्व पोर्शन 177.38 गुना सस्मक्राइव हुआ था। इसी तरह नॉन इंस्टीट्यूशनल इन्वेस्टर्स (एनआईआई) के लिए रिजर्व पोर्शन में 1,345.96 गुना सस्मक्राइव आया था, जबकि रिटेल इन्वेस्टर्स के लिए रिजर्व पोर्शन 746.57 गुना सस्मक्राइव हुआ था। इस आईपीओ के तहत 10 रुपये फेस वैल्यू वाले 19 लाख नए शेयर जारी किए गए हैं।



बच्चों, कुछ दिन पहले ही यूरोप और एशिया के कई देशों के पहाड़ी इलाकों में बड़े पैमाने पर बर्फबारी हुई थी। अभी भी उसका असर साफ देखा जा सकता है। लेकिन ये बर्फबारी होती कैसे है? आकाश में बर्फ कैसे बनती है और नीचे क्यों गिरती है?

दोस्तों, तुम जानते होगे कि हमारी धरती पर जल एक लगातार चक्र में चलता है। सूरज की गर्मी से नदियों, तालाबों, झीलों से जल भाप बनकर उड़ जाता है और वातावरण में पहुंच जाता है। जब इस तरह के बहुत सारे वाष्प कण इकट्ठे हो जाते हैं तो वे बादल का रूप ले लेते हैं। जब ये बादल आपस में टकराते हैं तो बारिश होती है। लेकिन जब ये बादल वातावरण में अधिक ऊपर चले जाते हैं तो वहां का तापमान बहुत कम हो जाता है और वातावरण बहुत ठंडा हो जाता है। बादल का तापमान बहुत नीचे पहुंचने पर, बादलों में मौजूद वाष्प कण नन्हे-नन्हे बर्फ कणों में बदल जाते हैं। हवा इन बर्फ कणों का वजन सहन नहीं कर पाती और ये कण बादल से नीचे की ओर गिरने लगते हैं। जब वो गिरते हैं तो एक-दूसरे से टकरा कर जुड़ने लगते हैं। इस तरह इनका आकार बड़ा होने लगता है। जब ये कण हमारी पृथ्वी पर गिरते हैं तो हम उसे बर्फबारी कहते हैं। अब तुम यह कह सकते हो कि बर्फ दरअसल जमा हुआ पानी है। बर्फबारी में धरती पर अकसर बर्फ की सफेद चादर-सी बिछ जाती है। गिरती हुई यह बर्फ हमेशा नर्म नहीं होती है। यह बर्फ गिरते हुए एक जगह इकट्ठी न गिरकर हवा के साथ झधर-उधर फैल जाती है, इसलिए यह कहीं बहुत ज्यादा और कहीं बहुत कम गिरती है। कभी यह छोटे-छोटे पत्थर के रूप में, तो कभी बारिश के साथ गिरने वाले सख्त बर्फ यानी ओलों के रूप में भी गिरती है। बर्फ चाहे जिस रूप में भी गिरे, जहां यह गिरती है वहां का तापमान काफी

गिर जाता है। आसपास के इलाके भी सर्द हवाओं की चपेट में आ जाते हैं।

अब तुम्हारे मन में यह सवाल जरूर उठ रहा होगा कि यह बर्फबारी पहाड़ी इलाकों में ही क्यों होती है?

बर्फ उन स्थानों पर अधिक गिरती है जो इलाके या तो समुद्र से काफी ऊपर होते हैं या फिर ऊंचाई पर होते हैं। वातावरण में बर्फ काफी अधिक बनती है, जिसका एक छोटा हिस्सा ही नीचे पहाड़ों पर गिरता है। बाकी हिस्सा बारिश के रूप में नीचे आता है।

अब तुम सोच रहे होगे कि बर्फ बनती और नीचे बारिश गिरती है, वो कैसे? वातावरण में मौजूद ओजोन की गर्म परतों के बीच से जब बर्फ के कण गुजरते हैं तो यह बर्फ पिघल जाती है और बारिश के पानी में बदल जाती है, जबकि ऊंचे पहाड़ों में तापमान पहले से ही शून्य डिग्री से काफी कम होता है, इसलिए वहां पर बर्फबारी होती है।

क्या होता है फायदा

पहाड़ों पर गिरी यह बर्फ गर्मियों में सूरज की तपिश से पिघलकर नदियों में पानी की आपूर्ति करती है, जिसे खेती-बाड़ी, बिजली बनाने और अन्य कामों के लिए उपयोग किया जाता है।

कैसे
होती है

बर्फबारी



हिंदी का निबंध
ऐसे लिखो...

हिंदी में निबंध याद करना तुम्हें कुछ कठिन लगता होगा ना। इतना बड़ा निबंध याद करते-करते थक जाते होगे। अगर खुद लिखना पड़ जाए तो नानी याद आ जाती है। समझ ही नहीं आता कि क्या लिखें, कितना लिखें। चलो आज हम तुम्हें बताते हैं कि इसे कैसे लिखना चाहिए। पहले ये समझ लो कि अच्छे निबंध के गुण क्या-क्या होते हैं

बंधे हों वाक्य

निबंध का अर्थ है बंधा हुआ। निबंध की पहली विशेषता है कि निबंध एक सूत्र में बंधा होना चाहिए। एक क्रम में लिखा होना चाहिए। कोई बात कहीं भी नहीं लिखनी चाहिए। आलतू-फालतू बातों का निबंध में कोई स्थान नहीं होता।

ज्यादा बड़ा न हो

तुम हमेशा यह सोचते हो कि निबंध का अर्थ है 4-5 पेज का लम्बा-चौड़ा। लेकिन ऐसा नहीं है, अगर सटीक, सही बातों को लिखा हो तो वो भी निबंध कहलाता है। निबंध छोटा होना चाहिए।

भाषा

यह निबंध की सबसे महत्वपूर्ण विशेषता है। निबंध की भाषा सरल, सहज, सटीक होनी चाहिए। शब्दों का प्रयोग अच्छा होना चाहिए। व्याकरण का प्रयोग भी सही होना चाहिए।

ऐसे लिख डालो

भूमिका

सबसे पहले आती है भूमिका, अर्थात् निबंध के विषय के बारे में लिखने से पहले तुम निबंध के विषय से संबंधित भूमिका बांधो। परंतु यह अधिक लम्बी नहीं होनी चाहिए, नहीं तो बोरिंग हो जाती है।

विषय से संबंधित

जब कोई निबंध लिखना हो तो रफ लिख लेना चाहिए कि पहले क्या बताना है, फिर प्वाइंट बना लो, इसके बाद उन्हें पराग्राफ में लिखो।

उपसंहार

इसमें निबंध का निष्कर्ष होता है, अर्थात् इस विषय से तुम क्या सोचते हो, यह लिख डालो।

रटो नहीं, समझकर करो तैयारी

बच्चों, ये सच है कि जिस भी विषय को रटकर याद करते हो, वह ज्यादा दिन तक तुम्हारा साथ नहीं देता। इसलिए विषय को समझ कर पढ़ने की आवश्यकता है। वैसे भी अब तुम्हारी परीक्षा पास है। ऐसे में तनाव होना स्वाभाविक है। इस तनाव को दूर करने का एक ही तरीका है, विषय को रटने की बजाए उसे समझकर याद करो। वह विषय चाहे लैंग्वेज हो या साइंस या फिर मैथ्स, हर विषय के साथ तुम इसे आजमा सकते हो। समझने से अर्थ यह है कि विषय को जिसे तुम तैयार करना चाहते हो, उसे स्टेप बाई स्टेप पढ़ो, फिर लिखकर अभ्यास करने से वह विषय पूरी तरह से तुम्हारे साथ हो जाता है। परीक्षा के बाद भी तुम उसे नहीं भूलते। यही तो कमाल की बात है, जो तुम्हें रटने में नहीं मिलता, क्योंकि रटी हुई चीजें जिस रफतार से याद होती हैं, उसी तेजी से वह हमारी स्मृतियों से गायब भी हो जाती हैं। मान लो तुम्हें अंग्रेजी या हिन्दी की तैयारी करनी है तो तुम उसके शब्दों, अर्थों, वाक्यांशों को टुकड़ों में करके याद करो। दुबारा उन्हें लिखकर देखो कि उनमें से कितनी चीजें याद हुईं। जहां भी गलती हुई उसे दुबारा लिखकर अभ्यास करने से हिन्दी या अंग्रेजी के मैटर तुम्हें याद हो जाएंगे। पाठ के अंत में दिए गए सवालों को पढ़कर उत्तर देने होते हैं ऐसे में मूल पाठ को ठीक से पढ़ना चाहिए। फिर उनके उत्तर उन्हीं वाक्यांशों में ढूंढना चाहिए। जो शब्द समझ में नहीं आते हों उन्हें या तो डिक्शनरी में देखो या फिर अपने टीचर से उनका अर्थ पूछ लो। रटने से हमेशा बचना चाहिए, साथ ही पढ़ने-लिखने से विषय की बारीकियों को समझने में आसानी होती है। इसलिए विषय को रटो नहीं, बल्कि उसे समझकर लिखने का अभ्यास करो।



आओ चलें
बर्फ की
दुनिया में



पहाड़ों में बर्फबारी देखकर सभी का मन वहां जाकर बर्फ की बॉल बनाकर खेलने को करता है। चूंकि यह बर्फ कुछ दिन रहती है, इसलिए कुछ लोग जा पाते होंगे तो कुछ नहीं। लेकिन आज हम विश्व के सबसे बड़े, आकर्षक और एक महीने चलने वाले स्नो शो के बारे में बताने जा रहे हैं।



इस दुनिया को बनाने में करीब 15000 मजदूरों ने अपना योगदान दिया है। इस साल इस फेस्टिवल की थीम रखी गई है, ग्लोबल आइस एंड स्नो ड्रीम, वर्ल्ड कार्टून टूर। मतलब तुम बच्चों की कार्टून की दुनिया को यहां हकीकत में बदलने की कोशिश की गई है। एक महीने तक चलने वाले इस फेस्टिवल को अब तक करीब 10 लाख लोग देख चुके हैं। यहां आने वाले पर्यटक हॉट एयर बैलून, बर्फ के स्टेचू, आइस स्विमिंग के अलावा अन्य खेलों का आनंद भी ले सकते हैं।

NEWS BOX

Ben Stokes lashes out at ICC after England's WTC points docked

New Delhi. England captain Ben Stokes lashed out at the ICC after the team faced deductions in the World Test Championship points. The sanctions were put against New Zealand and England during the 1st Test of the series in Christchurch. Stokes took to his Instagram and shared a post over the same and captioned, "Good on you ICC. Finished the game with 10 hours of play still left." Stokes was unhappy with the deduction in points and highlighted that the match ended well within time.

Both New Zealand and England were fined 15% of their match fee and three points were docked in the World Test Championship standing. These penalties come in at a very critical juncture of the WTC 23-25 cycle as the teams are fighting it out to finish in top two.

England's commanding eight-wicket win at Hagley Oval may have been a showcase of dominance, but it does little to alter their fate in the World Test Championship (WTC), as they are already out of contention for the final. However, the victory dealt a



significant blow to New Zealand's campaign. Ben Stokes' Insta story points deduction has pushed the inaugural WTC champions down from joint fourth to fifth place in the standings, leaving them with a reduced points percentage of 47.92%. Even if New Zealand secures wins in both of their remaining Tests against England, their maximum possible points percentage rises to just 55.36%. This leaves the Black Caps in a precarious position, needing more than just back-to-back victories. They must rely on favorable outcomes in other matches to keep their slim hopes of reaching the final alive, making their path to qualification a daunting one. The penalties arose as both sides were found to be three overs short of the target after accounting for time allowances. Under competition rules, teams are penalized one championship point for each over they fall short. Captains Tom Latham (New Zealand) and Ben Stokes (England) admitted to the offense and accepted the sanctions, negating the need for a formal hearing. The charges were brought by on-field umpires Ahsan Raza and Rod Tucker, with support from third umpire Adrian Holdstock and fourth official Kim Cotton.

6mm grass, rain on Day 1: Adelaide pitch curator talks conditions for 2nd Test

Adelaide. Adelaide Oval's pitch curator Damian Hough has confirmed that the wicket will have an even covering of grass - 6mm to be exact in the 2nd Test match of the Border-Gavaskar Trophy. Speaking to the press on Wednesday, 4 December, Hough said that the conditions will help the seamers. Asked if the conditions will be overwhelmingly favourable for fast bowlers in Adelaide, Hough said that him and his team were trying to make a balanced wicket where batters, pacers and spinners can impact the Test match. However, the curator added that under certain parameters such as under the lights or overcast conditions, the seamers will get a lot of help from the wicket. Thundershowers are expected on



Day 1 of the Adelaide Test match, with 88 per cent chances of rain predicted on December 6. Hough said that in those days, the ball will swing and seam but it will not be because of the pitch, but due to the conditions on the venue. "History suggests that it is hard to bat under lights in Adelaide. The pitch will have 6mm of grass. We are trying to produce a pitch that would be a good contest. The pitch did not play a part in the Test match finishing in 3 days last time India were here. I thought that it was really good bowling from Australia. As long as there is something in it for all aspects of the game, I am happy. I just want a good contest," Adelaide Oval curator Damian Hough told the press on Wednesday, 4 December. "The ball hooping around has got nothing to do with the pitch. Under right conditions, right weather, the ball will move," he further added. The last time India played in Adelaide, they were bowled out for 36 - their lowest ever Test total in Test cricket. The team go into the Test match this time around with more confidence. India won the first Test match of the series by 295 runs - their biggest win in Australia by the margin of runs.

The team will try to replicate their success from Perth as they hunt for a spot in the final of the World Test Championship.

Probable top-eight sweat it out ahead of day-night challenge

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New Delhi. With thousands of fans getting a close-in view, India captain Rohit Sharma had two extensive net sessions ahead of the pink-ball Test in Adelaide on Tuesday. Sharma, who missed the first Test, having hinted at batting in the middle-order to allow Yashasvi Jaiswal and KL Rahul remain at the top, did show a lot of resolve while facing the Pink Kookaburra. During the session, Indian team had four nets at the practice arena. In one such net, Jaiswal and Rahul took turns



to bat while Shubman Gill and Virat Kohli were in the second net. It was the third net where Rohit was clubbed with the inimitable Rishabh Pant while the final net was occupied by Nitish Kumar Reddy and Washington Sundar. While nothing is certain

as of now, it could well be the top eight of India's XI for the second Test against Australia that begins Friday. Even as India trained for more than four hours in their attempt to get ready for the day-night challenge, the highlight of the day was fans

getting a close-in view of their heroes in the nets. Just next to the enclosed nets was a viewing area where fans, thousands of them stood in line, to get a glimpse of their sporting stars. As it did in 2018-19, a clipping of Virat Kohli batting with the sound of his bat did the rounds on social media. Meanwhile, Rohit faced a lot of side-arm throwdowns from Nuwan Senewiratne along with usual stuff from the right-arm specialist Raghu Raghavendra and Dayanand Garani. The skipper made a conscious effort to leave deliveries on length but whenever anything short was dug in, he would pull effortlessly.

Bengal fast bowling duo of Akash Deep and Mukesh Kumar (reserve pacer) looked impressive during the session. While Mukesh got his deliveries to move in the air creating some sort of a challenge for Virat Kohli, Akash did ask probing questions to Gill, who looked comfortable.

While there are a few questions left to be answered on India's combination for the second game, some of them might get clear when a member of the team/support staff address the media on Wednesday.

Umesh Yadav reacts to Jayden Seales breaking his record of most economical spell

New Delhi India's veteran speedster Umesh Yadav reacted to West Indies fast bowler Jayden Seales, breaking his record of the most economical spell in Test history. Umesh congratulated Seales for his achievement and was elated to witness Test cricket thrive. The West Indies pacer delivered an extraordinary bowling performance in the 2nd Test vs Bangladesh at Kingstown. He bowled the most economical spell in the history of Test cricket by a speedster. Seales bowled 15.5 overs, including 10 maidens, conceding just five runs while claiming four crucial wickets. He economy rate was 0.30, which is the second best in Test history. "Congrats to Jayden Seales on an amazing performance-4 wickets with an economy of 0.31! You've broken my record, and I couldn't be happier to see Test cricket thriving with such talent. The purest form of the game tests skill, patience, and character, and you've shown it all," Umesh tweeted. Earlier, the record was



held by the Indian pacer whose economy rate clocked 0.42 vs South Africa in 2015 Test match. Until Seales' spell, Umesh Yadav's 0.42 (21-16-9-3) was the best - both among pacers and among any bowler since that Nadkarni spell. Apart from Umesh, the only other 21st-century entry in the top ten is Nathan Lyon's 0.45, set across his 22-17-10-0. Umesh Yadav's tweetSeales scripted his name into the record books by delivering the

most economical spell since 1977. Operating at an incredible economy rate of 0.31, the right-arm pacer did not concede a single boundary. Only six bowlers in Test history (with at least 60 deliveries bowled) have managed a better economy rate than Seales. His wickets included key dismissals of Litton Das, Mehidy Hasan Miraz, Taskin Ahmed, and Nahid Rana.

Bangladesh script history Seales economical spell helped West Indies bundle Bangladesh out for 164 runs in 1st innings. However, this did not prove to be enough. Bangladesh secured a historic victory in the Caribbean, defeating the West Indies by 101 runs at Sabina Park to draw the Test series. This marked their first Test win in the West Indies in 15 years. Set a challenging target of 287, the West Indies fell short, all out for 185 in less than two sessions.

We don't talk anymore: Harbhajan Singh's shocking remark on equation with Dhoni

New Delhi Former India spinner Harbhajan Singh said him and MS Dhoni do not talk to each other. Speaking to News18, Harbhajan has revealed that while he does not have a problem with MS Dhoni, him and the former India captain are not friends anymore.



Harbhajan and MS Dhoni were integral parts of the Indian team that won the 2007 T20 World Cup and the 2011 ODI World Cup. While Dhoni captain the team in both editions and was the team's brains, Harbhajan shined with 7 and 9 wickets in respective tournaments. The spinner revealed that he and MS Dhoni did not speak outside the field during their years at the Chennai Super Kings as well. Harbhajan played for the Chennai-based franchise between 2018-2020. He further added that he only rings those people who pick up his calls. "No, I don't speak to Dhoni. When I was playing at CSK, that's when we spoke, but otherwise,

we haven't spoken. It's been 10 years and more. I have no reason; perhaps he does. I don't know what the reasons are. When we were playing in the IPL at CSK, that's when we used to talk, and that, too, was restricted to the ground. After that, he did not come to my room, nor did I go to his," Harbhajan Singh told News18. "I don't have anything against him. If he has something to say, he can tell me. But if he did, he would have told me by now. I never tried to call him because I have a lot of passion. I only ring up those

Former India spinner Harbhajan Singh has said that he does not talk to MS Dhoni. In a shocking claim, Harbhajan has said that friendship is a two-way street, and he only rings up people who pick up his calls.

who pick up my calls. I don't have the time otherwise. I stay in touch with the ones I am friends with. A relationship is always about give and take. If I respect you, I hope you will respect me back. Or you respond to me. But if I call you once or twice but don't get a response, I will probably only meet you as much as I am needed to," the spinner added. The last time Harbhajan and Dhoni represented India together was in 2015 - in an ODI against South Africa. After the 2015 World Cup, Harbhajan and Yuvraj Singh were sidelined from Indian team. While Harbhajan did not play after 2015, he announced his retirement from all forms of cricket in 2021.



and displace Dhruv Jurel from the playing XI. KL Rahul has batted in a total of 5 positions for India in Test cricket. Apart from the 2 opening slots, Rahul has batted at No.3, No.4, and No.6 as well. "I just want to be in the playing XI, go out there and bat and play for the team. I just go there and try and see what I need to do to get runs in a particular situation. Luckily I have batted in different positions. Early on, when I was asked to bat at different positions, it was a bit of a challenge mentally. How to play those first 20-25 balls? how early can I attack? Those things were a problem earlier, but it has gotten easy with the experience of playing in different formats," KL Rahul said. The right-hander batted brilliantly in the second innings of the Perth Test match alongside Yashasvi Jaiswal, where they notched up a partnership of 200+ runs, the first by any Indian opening pair. Rahul said that he was told by the Indian team management that he might open in the Perth Test match quite early.

WI vs BAN: Taijul stars as Bangladesh draw series with 101-run win in 2nd Test

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this match brought them level in the short series.

Taijul Islam was the star performer for Bangladesh, taking 5-50 in the West Indies' second innings. It was his best overseas bowling performance in 2 1/2 years and his best figures in the West Indies since his Test debut in 2014. With the pitch offering grip and occasional low bounce, Taijul's spin caused the West Indies' collapse, with the last six wickets falling for just 42 runs. Taijul Islam was the star performer for Bangladesh, taking 5-50 in the West Indies' second innings. It was his best overseas bowling performance in 2 1/2 years and his best figures in the West Indies since his Test debut in 2014. With the pitch offering grip and occasional low bounce, Taijul's spin caused the West Indies' collapse, with the last six wickets falling for just 42 runs. In Bangladesh's second innings, Jaker Ali played a crucial role, scoring a career-best



91. His innings included five sixes and eight boundaries, and he was the last man out just before lunch, giving West Indies a challenging target. Jaker's aggressive batting ensured Bangladesh's total was competitive, despite a lower-order collapse. West Indies' Struggle in the Chase West Indies captain Kraigg Brathwaite led a positive start to the chase but could not form a lasting partnership. He was dismissed for 43, and the team struggled to build

momentum. Mikyle Louis and Keacy Carty fell to Taijul and Taskin Ahmed, and Brathwaite's departure further hindered the chase. Kavem Hodge, who scored a half-century, tried to keep the West Indies in the game, but once he fell for 55, the rest of the team quickly followed. Taskin Ahmed, Hasan Mahmud, and Nahid Rana joined Taijul in dismantling the West Indies' lower order. Taijul's brilliant spell earned him his 15th career five-wicket haul, trapping Joshua Da Silva to seal the victory for Bangladesh. The West Indies' chase began with promise, but they failed to maintain consistency. Brathwaite's 43 and Hodge's 55 were the highlights, but they were unable to sustain the required partnerships. Bangladesh's bowlers, particularly Taijul, exploited the conditions expertly, and the West Indies were bowled out for 185, falling 101 runs short.

Ananya Panday

Shares How Moving To Her Own Space Changed Her Life

Ananya Panday stepped into a new chapter of her life last year by purchasing her own apartment in Mumbai. On the occasion of Dhanteras, the actress even held a grihapravesh (house-warming) puja, giving fans a glimpse into her new purchase on Instagram. Living independently has allowed the actress to take charge of her life in a meaningful way. In a recent conversation with her father, Chunky Panday, Ananya shared how this decision brought a wave of positivity into her life. She also candidly revealed that while her parents' concerns came from a place of love, they sometimes added to her struggles. Talking to her dad Chunky Panday on his YouTube channel We Are Yuva, Ananya Panday said, "When I used to stay with y'all, I feel like when I used to get sad, you used to feed into my sadness." What added to the gravity of Ananya's sadness was her mom Bhavana Pandey's incessant questions like "What happened? Are you okay?" Recalling the time when she shifted to her new home, the actress noted, "I was acting also a little bit while crying at home."

Ananya Panday wanted to get her own personal space after making a name for herself in Bollywood. During the same conversation, she mentioned that ever since shifting to her new place, her emotional balance has improved, allowing her to discover what inner peace and true happiness look like. The actress also mentioned that she enjoys spending time with herself, and nothing impacts her the way it used to before. Earlier in 2023, Ananya Panday shared a few pictures and videos from the housewarming ceremony on Instagram. Captioning the post, she wrote, "My OWN home !! need all ur love and good vibes !!! to new beginnings .. happy Dhanteras ." On the professional front, Ananya Panday will next be seen in Chand Mera Dil, which will star her with Lakshya, popular for his role in Kill. Apart from the same, the star kid has also begun working on the second season of the popular series Call Me Bae. That's not all. She also has another project lined up in her kitty. In the film, she will share screen space with Akshay Kumar and R Madhavan. On the other hand, her father, Chunky Panday, is gearing up for Housefull 5.



Janhvi And Khushi Kapoor Spread Holiday Cheer While Decorating Their Christmas Tree In Pyjamas



Bollywood sisters Janhvi and Khushi Kapoor are the epitome of sibling goals, always inspiring with their unbreakable bond and support for each other. The duo recently gave fans a glimpse of their festive cheer when Orly shared an adorable snapshot of them decorating their Christmas tree together in cozy pajamas. The heartwarming moment not only showcases their holiday spirit but also sets the bar for sibling plans this season! Taking to Instagram Stories on November 30, Orly shared a delightful collage of Janhvi and Khushi putting up Christmas decorations. The tree, adorned with elegant green and white ornaments, radiates festive vibes.

Janhvi, casually dressed in a simple t-shirt and black-and-white checkered pants, is caught mid-decoration, while Khushi assists in her comfy pajamas, adding a cozy touch to the frame. Orly, ever the playful presence, sneaks into the picture with his signature 'shy fingers' pose, capturing the fun and joy of the moment. Together, the sisters and their friend radiate holiday vibes, reminding us all to embrace the festive season with family and loved ones. In an earlier interview with Lifestyle Asia India, Khushi Kapoor opened up about her special bond with Janhvi. She revealed that Janhvi is her go-to person for advice and has always been a pillar of support. Whether it's life's bigger challenges or smaller dilemmas, Janhvi takes on the role of a guiding figure—sometimes even feeling like a parental presence. Khushi also shared how being Janhvi's sister has its perks, particularly when it comes to sharing wardrobes! From pep talks to shoes, their relationship is a blend of love, wisdom, and fun.

The Archies actress, who recently made her fashion runway debut, also spoke about Janhvi's advice before the event. Speaking to ANI, Khushi revealed how her sister encouraged her to stay calm, be in the moment, and immerse herself in the music. Janhvi's words gave her the confidence to shine on the runway, further proving that their bond goes beyond just sibling camaraderie—it's a deep-rooted friendship. As Janhvi and Khushi usher in the festive season with warmth and togetherness, they remind us to cherish the special relationships in our lives, making their sibling bond one to aspire to this Christmas.

Aamir Khan's Daughter Ira Khan On How Her Parents' Divorce Changed Their Lives 'I Was 4 When We Moved Out..'



Ira Khan, daughter of Aamir Khan and Reena Dutta, has been open about her mental health struggles. Aamir and Reena divorced in 2002 when Ira was five. In an interview with Pinkvilla, Ira talked about how her parents reacted to her struggles and how she dealt with their divorce. She said that both her parents were concerned when she shared her struggles. "I don't think I told him (father, Aamir) that I was putting it on Instagram. When I told both my parents, they were worried. You don't figure it out all at the same time. It's not like I said one sentence and it was over. There was concern because I was studying in the Netherlands, wanting to drop out, so there were a lot of decisions to be made. My dad has put this faith or belief in us that mental health issues are not shameful," she said during a chat with Pinkvilla. Ira mentioned that while her parents, Aamir Khan and Reena Dutta, never openly blamed themselves for her struggles, she felt they might have. She recalled that when she started medication, both her parents were very worried, focused on their own fears. Ira said, "I started my medication when I came home in 2018. During that time, I could tell that both of them were extremely worried because they were going on their own fears and tangents. And I was like, 'I am the child, I need help right now, we can deal with your fears later'. They never said that or openly blamed themselves, but I am sure they felt those things. Even though they know that it's not in their control, it's a culmination of many things. I hope they don't blame themselves." When asked about how her parents' divorce affected her, Ira said it changed their lives. She said, "My parents' divorce wasn't one day, it was something that changed all our lives since that day. Many good and not good things happened since that day, many things happened that we maybe even didn't know happened." Ira added, "We moved out of the house after the divorce. I was 4 when we moved out but we lived very close by, just like 50 metres away. My dad's job involves a lot of travelling, it's a little hard to say if shifting houses affected the dynamic. I am sure it did. But, it was fine! My grandma also lived in the same building, so were were always around there."

Sherlyn Chopra

Reveals Her Struggle With Lupus And The Impact On Motherhood

Actress Sherlyn Chopra has recently unveiled the illness she is struggling with. She claimed that she could never be a mother because of the illness she has been battling since 2021. She shared that she has an autoimmune disorder called Systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE), which resulted in her kidney failure in 2021.

In an interview with Bollywood Bubble, Sherlyn shared that her doctor told her to keep this health disorder under control and she needs medication for the rest of her life. Following this, she added, "I take it three times a day, morning, afternoon and evening. They also advised that I should never contemplate getting pregnant because it could be life-threatening for both the baby and the mother". Despite this, the actress shared her strong desire to be a mother. Though she cannot be a mother naturally, she is looking for other options and hopes to have at least three or four children. She further added that she wants her child's name to start with the letter A, as she is very fond of names starting with A. Additionally, Sherlyn added, "I think I was born to be a mother because whenever I think about children, I feel an indescribable happiness. Even before they arrive, I'm so happy. Just imagine how much joy I'll feel after they're here".

The actress further decides to balance motherhood with her career. She stated that she would continue her

work and take care of her child together. She said, "I will continue working, but I'll carry them along with me. Initially, I'd hire a nanny who could take care of my kids in my presence". She made headlines in 2012 by becoming the first Indian woman to pose for Playboy magazine. This move garnered both controversy and admiration. She began her career in Bollywood in the early 2000s and appeared in several films like Time Pass (2005), Dosti: Friends Forever (2005) and Raqeeb (2007). She also participated in several reality shows, including Bigg Boss Season 3 in 2009.

